

Foreigners missing in Mozambique

MAPUTO. — Three foreigners have gone missing in southern Mozambique.

Lieutenant-Colonel Emilio Alvarez, Uruguayan commander of UN peacekeeping forces guarding the main north-south highway said one of the foreigners was French.

He was unable to give the nationality of the other two.

They set out last week from Xai-Xai, 140km north of Maputo, and have not been seen since.

"The vehicle has been found but not the people," Colonel Alvarez said.

Traffic on the highway was often attacked by Renamo rebels

No attacks have been reported this year and foreigners and Mozambicans alike have been using the road without fear.

Neither the French embassy nor the UN peacekeeping mission's headquarters in Maputo were able to give any more information about the missing people. — Sapa-Reuter.