

# Frelimo troops threaten mutiny

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MAPUTO. — Government troops who recently moved into a UN assembly point near the northern city of Nampula are threatening to mutiny for unpaid gratuity, a local newspaper reported.

The paper said 300 soldiers were threatening to block road and rail traffic on the vital transport routes to the port of Nacala if their pay demands were not met by December 15.

A soldier told the paper that the government had promised to pay each of them a lump sum of 250 000 meticais (about R150) as a reward for the dangerous conditions they endured during Mozambique's civil war.

But, according to the soldier, the money was never paid, and instead "diverted" by a commander. Despite the fact that their guns have already been surrendered to the UN, the soldier said they were "prepared to retake their guns by force".