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# Maputo may buy British

Britain has offered to sell military equipment to Mozambique.

Lieutenant-General Chipende, Mozambique's Minister of Defence, is in London at present as a guest of the Ministry of Defence and is visiting military research and training establishments.

Yesterday, he visited Rascal Tactics, the electronic experts, in Berkshire.

He was invited to Britain last year by Colonel Clinton Henshaw, the British military attaché in Harare, Zimbabwe, who is also accredited to Mozambique. The Mozambicans are particularly interested

in buying British communications systems in order to coordinate their defence efforts with Zimbabwe in fighting the Mozambique Resistance Movement.

This is the South African-backed guerrilla group, operating in the south of the country. The Zimbabweans use British communications systems and so, ironically, do the South Africans and the guerrillas.

The Mozambican delegation is also hoping to buy personal equipment, but weapons are not on the agenda at this stage. A British Army parachute team will visit the country next year.