

Awarded 25 September Order

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[Text] The president, Comrade Robert Mugabe, has been awarded one of Mozambique's highest honors, the 25 September Order. The honor was bestowed on Comrade Mugabe in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a fighter for the freedom and independence of Zimbabwe. Comrade Mugabe becomes the first foreign head of state to receive this prestigious Mozambican award. The award was presented to him by the president of the People's Assembly of Mozambique, Comrade Marcelino dos Santos.

Accepting the award, President Mugabe said he is overwhelmed at being the first Zimbabwean to receive the honor. Earlier, President Mugabe praised Mozambicans for successfully implementing farming cooperatives which are now being run skillfully. He was speaking after a tour of Maputo's greenbelt, an area on the outskirts of the city where there are small garden cooperatives.