

# Mozambicans die of suspected bubonic plague

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MAPUTO. — Three people have died from suspected bubonic plague in central Mozambique, the health ministry said today.

It said 127 suspected plague cases had been reported between September 21 and 29 in Tete province's Mutarara district

bordering Malawi. Three people had died.

A team from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the health ministry and the Belgian wing of Medecins Sans Frontieres was travelling to Mutarara to bring back blood samples

to establish whether plague had broken out, UNHCR provincial head David Kapya said.

If confirmed, the outbreak would be the first reported in Africa since India announced its first death from plague on September 19. — Reuter.