

Mozambicans quarantined

AFP in Blantyre

MALAWI'S government has erected tents at Marka, in southern Nsanje district bordering Mozambique to quarantine all Mozambicans entering the country following an outbreak of bubonic plague this week.

The quarantine centre is 40km from Mozambique's Mutarara town where more than 100 cases of the disease and three deaths have been reported in recent weeks.

A source at Nsanje district hospital

said two people had now tested positive for the plague and had been admitted to the hospital.

The plague has forced the temporary suspension of repatriation of Mozambican refugees from Malawi, which hosted 1.2-million refugees at the peak of the civil war between the government and Renamo rebels.

The plague has also been reported in Zimbabwe. Neighbouring Zambia — which borders Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe — has banned all Mozambicans from entering the country.

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