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**Health official says half of population could be AIDS carriers** (Tex) Baldina Matavel [phonetic], head counsellor of the National AIDS Control Programme, has estimated that some 50% of Mozambican people could be carrying the AIDS virus. Only 502 AIDS cases have been detected in the country so far. She described that figure as far too low in view of sexual behaviour in Mozambique. Baldina Matavel said weak diagnostic capabilities, scarce chemical products in national laboratories and a lack of trained personnel made it virtually impossible to make a realistic assessment of the evolution of AIDS in this country. (Radio Mozambique, Maputo, in Portuguese 1030 gmt 30 Oct 92)