

Zambezia road may be opened

Mozambique's Zambezia provincial authorities said last week they were optimistic that the road linking the provincial capital, Quelimane, to the western district of Mopeia, in the Zambezi Valley, will shortly be reopened. The road, about 150km long, has been closed to traffic for the past 15 months due to sabotage. Rebels have dug no fewer than 135 trenches across the road, making it totally impassable. The reopening of the road would allow Mopeia to be supplied overland rather than by air. Meanwhile saboteurs have disrupted Maputo's electricity supply for third time this month.