British ambassador in Mozambique denies deaths: MNR claim The British ambassador to Mozambique, James Allan, has been cited by the Mozambican agency on 5th June as saying that "we have had no reports of any injuries to British personnel. I know of no British personnel in Milanje." The ambassador was reacting to claims by the MNR rebel movement that two British paratroopers had been killed on 1st June (see Section B of ME/0168 for details of earlier reports). The ambassador added that British soldiers did train Mozambican officers but in eastern Zimbabwe rather than in Mozambique. The only serving British officer in Mozambique was the military attache in Maputo.

Capital Radio (Umtata) reported on 4th June that the MNR had claimed to have killed 60 Mozambican and "allied soldiers" in a battle at Milanje near the border with Malawi. The rebels said that the Mozambicans were being assisted by British, Tanzanian and Zambian troops. The radio added that Britain was assisting the Mozambican government although it denied stationing troops in Mozambique.