Mozambique

Renamo Accuses Government of Napalm Attacks

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[Text] Lisbon, June 8 (AFP) — Government forces in Mozambique massacred 217 villagers and wounded 391 in napalm attacks last week, the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) alleged here Wednesday.

It said the International Red Cross had told people to gather at three townships in Zambezia and Manica provinces for food distribution.

"But in place of the expected aid, the populace was napalm-bombed by MiG, Antonov and Dakota planes and helicopters," Renamo said in a communique.

It said paratroopers from Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania, led by British officers, made drops in the region in the period from last Friday to Monday.

Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama had accordingly barred International Red Cross personnel and its vehicles and planes from rebel-held areas in Zambezia, Nampula and Manica.