

# Renamo claims Maputo hit Red Cross centre

MPD/70000 Mozambique has denied claims by Right-wing rebels that it attacked a Red Cross centre last week, saying it was a communications base of the guerrillas.

An army communique issued said government forces had destroyed a base of the rebel Mozam-

bique National Resistance Movement (Renamo) and captured sophisticated communications equipment in the central Sofala province.

Renamo reported this week from Lisbon that Mozambican troops and their Zimbabwean allies had attacked an aid distribution centre of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at Senga-Senga, 50 km south of the Zambezi river.

Mr Marco Weil, deputy chief representative of the ICRC in Maputo, could not confirm the report, saying only that a delegate and a medical worker had been evacuated from the rebel-held area "for security reasons" last Friday.

The government authorised the Red Cross to operate in areas control-

led by Renamo in December. "We are proceeding quite well and this was the first incident for us since we began the operation," Mr Weil said.

Under an agreement reached last year between Renamo and the government, Zimbabwean forces helping the government are to stay within the Beira and Limpopo transport corridors, well to the south of Senga-Senga.

In return, the rebels agreed not to carry out attacks in the corridors.

An Italian-led international monitoring commission says it has no evidence to support Renamo's charges that Zimbabwean forces are continuing to operate outside the corridors and has blamed Renamo for all violations of the accord so far. — Sapa-Reuter.