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The **Mozambique-Rhodesia** border closure (p. 3801) has resulted in the resumption of direct flights between Lusaka and Johannesburg. An *Air Malawi* spokesman said **Zambia** had given permission for *Air Malawi* flights from Blantyre to Salisbury to overfly Zambian territory following the border closure. But the Blantyre-Salisbury flights have been temporarily suspended, and the route will now be Blantyre-Lusaka-Johannesburg and back again.

This is the first time there have been direct air links between Johannesburg and Lusaka for more than 10 years. The normal route is through Blantyre or Gaborone and Francistown (**Botswana**).

Air Malawi and *Air Rhodesia* operated about eight passenger flights each a week between Blantyre and Salisbury. There were also several cargo flights. The route overflew Mozambique's Tete district. Mozambique's actions against Rhodesia include anyone dealing with Rhodesia, and it is believed the Malawian action in suspending the Blantyre-Salisbury service was a precaution to avoid incidents involving *Air Malawi* aircraft.

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