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Zimbabwe to push out Maputo rebels

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BURY. — Zimbabwe is
unt operations to crush
elimo gangs using its
ry as a sanctuary, from
frican forces.

two countries are work-
t a joint strategy to ham-
the Mozambique Resis-
Movement, which oper-
n southern parts of the
r Portuguese colony.

was confirmed at the
nd by the Zimbabwean
e Minister, Mr Robert
be, who flew to Beira for
ay talks with President
ra Machel of "antique
Friday.

two leaders agreed on
used to work for peace.

security and stability in the
region.

The meeting, at President
Machel's request, followed re-
ports of more clashes in south-
ern Mozambique and the arri-
val in Zimbabwe of a number
of refugees from the area dur-
ing the past week.

There are suspicions in offi-
cial circles in Zimbabwe that
the guerrilla movement is now
being supplied from South
Africa since the change of gov-
ernment in Salisbury.

It is believed that many of
the former Rhodesian govern-
ment's top-secret security files
were dispatched to Pretoria
immediately after Mr Mu-
gabe's victory at the polls.

Asked at his weekend Press
conference whether action

against the resistance move-
ment could bring Zimbabwe
into conflict with South Africa,
Mr Mugabe said: "How does
this offend South Africa, unless
it is promoting these dissident
elements?"

Mr Mugabe said he did not
know what the actual situation
was, but there had been reports
of the "dissidents" operating
on Zimbabwe's border and
receiving supplies.

"We are not giving them
those supplies, and one wonders
who is flying supplies to them,"
he said.

He said it was known that
counter-revolutionary forces
and some "elements" from
Zimbabwe went to South Africa
after his election victory.

He said if counter-revolution-

ary forces were operating on
Zimbabwean soil, it was an
infringement of the govern-
ment's authority and he had a
duty to get rid of them.

If they were allowed to con-
tinue it would imply that Zim-
babwe was acting against a
good neighbour.

"We will remove criminals
from our soil and the dangers
from Mozambique, which is
entitled to get rid of subver-
sive elements."

Mr Mugabe says it is
believed that the resistance
fighters seek shelter in Zim-
babwe when they are hit by the
Mozambican forces.

"We have the right to clear
them on our side of the bor-
der."

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1 Zimbabwe..

2 Forret, David.

3 Mugabe....

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4 Mozambique.

5 Machel, S....

6 Beuryding...

7 Freilimo.....

8 M.R.M.....

9 Sowid-afrika

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