

Zimbabwe denies involvement in Mozambican offensive against rebels (ME/7041/B/5 - text of S African report) Zimbabwe has denied that former Rhodesian bush fighters are involved in Mozambican military actions against the Mozambican Resistance Movement. The Zimbabwean Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office said without elaborating that the reports [words indistinct] were untrue. The Mozambican Resistance Movement claims that 5,000 Mozambican soldiers backed by 1,000 Tanzanians and 500 former Zanla fighters of the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Mugabe, are trying to obtain control of the key border areas in western Mozambique. (Johannesburg home service in English 0600 gmt 2 Jun 82)