

# Guerrillas

## destroy UN

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**station**

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A UN agricultural research station has been destroyed by the anti-Frelimo Mozambique National Resistance — the first attack on a UN project since the MNR killed a Food and Agriculture Organisation scientist and his wife three years ago.

The allegedly South-African backed guerrilla group has also kidnapped an Italian priest. The Italian Embassy in Maputo said yesterday that the MNR raided the Maimalane mission in northern Inhambane province last Monday, July 19, took food and kidnapped the mission's head, Father Giuseppe Allesandria.

The destroyed research station is the Muabsa Centre for Training and Research in Trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) and Tsetse Control in Inhambane province. Resident foreign FAC staff were pulled out from the centre last year on security grounds, and even visits by foreigners were halted in April. The centre is an important research facility, with 700 cattle, laboratories, and a school.

Meanwhile, Mozambique's second largest city, Beira, is still without electricity after the MNR destroyed more than 15 pylons two weeks ago.

Despite President Machel's criticisms of the foreign press for failing to publish reports of MNR atrocities, the government continues its policy of complete silence on MNR actions. Information is available only from travellers and aid agencies.