

Further reports on kidnapping of Portuguese nationals in Mozambique (ME/7156/B/5: excerpts) Armed gangsters . . . kidnapped three Portuguese technicians, their wives and one child in Gondola region, Manica Province, very early yesterday morning. According to the Mozambican news agency [AIM] the Portuguese workers were kidnapped following an attack by the quizumbas [meaning "hyenas", the Mozambique Government's name for the Mozambique National Resistance movement] on a pipeline pumping station at Maforga, near Gondola. . . During the attack the installations at the pumping station were destroyed. The Mozambican armed forces have already launched a hot-pursuit operation against the kidnapers. (Maputo in Portuguese 1900 gmt 12 Oct 82)