

# Mozambique clash leaves 16 wounded

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in Maputo

South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance troops struck into Mozambique on Sunday and wounded 16 people before being forced to retreat, the official news agency Aim reported yesterday.

It said an unspecified number of soldiers penetrated six miles into Maputo province in the south-west of the country, reaching a cattle farm at Mapulanguene. The agency said the raiders also destroyed three tractors on the farm.

One of those injured was a Bristol teacher, Miss Jeanette Geraghty, who is employed at the secondary school in Chimoio. She was driving from Chimolo to Beira with her fiancé, Mr Oliver Mandengwa, when their car was hit by a bazooka shell. The couple were rescued by Zimbabwean troops,

who took them to Chimoio Hospital.

Mapulanguene is just over the border from South Africa's Kruger National Park, and there have been several incidents in the area. Roads have been mined and cattle stolen.

The Mozambique and South African Governments have recently been exchanging charges about border incidents. In a letter to the Mozambique Government, Mr Pik Botha called for a resumption of direct talks between Mozambique. He cited three such meetings in 1980 and 1981, but complains that none have been held this year. Mr Botha says that "acts of violence by the African National Congress who enjoy facilities in Mozambique may lead to follow-up operations

In Pretoria, the South African Defence Force denied the Mozambican reports.