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Mozambique oil refinery attacked

GUERRILLAS fighting against the Mozambican government yesterday claimed responsibility for sabotage of a large oil storage depot in Beira, cutting supplies of oil to landlocked Zimbabwe, already in the grip of a serious fuel shortage.

Fires broke out early yesterday morning at the British Petroleum transit terminal at the port, but the extent of the damage is still not known, according to a BP official in London.

An official of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement, which the Mozambique Government claims is backed by the South African Government, said in Lisbon that the attack was intended as a warning to Zimbabwe.