

MAPUTO - Four Mozambican rebels have been executed by firing squad before a crowd of 2 000 people

The four had admitted taking part in attacks by the Mozambique National Resistance

The radio said the public meeting at Macia was addressed by Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano and deputy Defence Minister Sebastiao Mabote

They asked the crowd what should be done with the four.

"Kill them," came the reply

General Mabote won a roar of approval when he asked if the crowd wanted him to hand over the men

'KILL THEM'

Villagers give thumbs down... and 4 rebels shot

so that spectators could kill them

But instead he summoned a group of soldiers to form a firing squad and the four were summarily executed.

The radio said Mr Chissano and General Mabote were carried from the scene of the execution on the shoulders of an enthusiastic crowd.

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