

Firing squad deaths please

MAPUTO. — Four self-confessed Mozambican rebels have been executed by firing squad before an approving crowd of 2 000 people. Including two senior Government Ministers.

The four, executed on Tuesday, last week, admitted taking part in attacks by the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM).

A public meeting at the town of Macia, 120 km north of Maputo, was addressed by Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano and Deputy Defence Minister Sebastiao Mabote.

Lieutenant-General Mabote asked the crowd what should be done with the four, who had confessed to raids in the surrounding province of Gaza.

"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 so that spectators could kill them with their own hands.

But he said there might be RNM agents watching who could single out people for vengeance. He summoned a group of soldiers to form a firing squad and the four were summarily executed.

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