

SA blamed for deaths of two Russians

MAPUTO -- Mozambique has blamed South Africa for the deaths of two Russian geologists slain by anti-Frelimo MNR rebels and the kidnapping of 24 others.

A Ministry of Defence communique issued in Maputo described the Sunday morning attack as "barbarous" and said the choice of foreign workers as targets was South African Government strategy, implemented by the MNR.

The communique said the two Russians did not have a chance to defend themselves when the Mozambique National Resistance guerillas stormed the mining complex at Morrua, about 200 km north of Zambezia's provincial capital, Quelimane.

Mozambican security forces were making "every effort" to free the 24 other Russian geologists and four Mozambicans kidnapped in the attack.

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