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Harare returns MNR rebels

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HARARE. — Zimbabwean "law enforcement agencies" have arrested and handed over 10 MNR rebels to the Mozambican authorities.

The 10 infiltrated refugee camps in eastern Zimbabwe.

In a rare disclosure of the extent of the security problems on Zimbabwe's 700km eastern border, the State-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation said the Minister of

Home Affairs, Mr Simba Mubako, had announced the capture of the 10 in Harare yesterday.

Infiltration of Zapu dissidents on Zimbabwe's western Matabeleland border has been widely publicised in recent years.

Mr Mubako said the rebels against President Samora Machel's government were on missions to abduct Mozambicans who took refuge in Zimbabwe from the war and from

famine conditions caused by three years of drought.

Attempts by MNR rebels to use Zimbabwe as a base for supplies and recruits led to tighter security and closer screening of refugees at the Zimbabwean camps, he said.

Mr Mubako also disclosed the Zimbabwe national army had recently repulsed an incursion by armed MNR gangs from across the eastern border.