

Mozambique ^{MStar} 31/5/ 85 bridge blasted

THE South African-backed rebels in Mozambique have blown up a railway bridge linking the country's capital of Maputo with South Africa, Mozambique's official news agency AIM reported yesterday.

It said the metal bridge in Ressano Garcia area, a few miles from the South African border, had been cut off since last Friday by rebels using explosives.

AIM said both sides of the border were patrolled by troops of the two countries, adding that the latest rebel action led to "suspicion that only with the complicity of the South African side is it possible to carry out this type of specialised attack."

The agency noted that last month an attack on another railway bridge had been carried out a day before a shipment of vital coal supplies from South Africa for Maputo's power needs.