

Renamo Claims Zimbabwe Army Killed Civilians

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[Text] Lisbon, 14 Aug (EFE) — The National Resistance of Mozambique (Renamo) anti-government guerrilla group has reported that troops from Zimbabwe operating in Mozambique killed 1,237 and wounded 3,579 civilians in 1 week.

In a communique released in Lisbon, Renamo said that the alleged slaughter took place in central Sofala and Manica Provinces, and that there will be probably many more victims in areas not yet under guerrilla control.

In each case, the guerrillas accused the repressive internationalist forces operating in Mozambique of keeping Samora Machel in power.

According to the communique issued by Renamo, there are 10 battalions of the Zimbabwean Army operating in Mozambique supported by armored tanks, helicopters, and helicopter gunships operated by British pilots.

Four battalions operate in the Vanduzi area, Manica Province, and two others operate in the Changari sector in the same province.

The other four battalions have been assigned to an area starting from Semacueza in the central coast's Sofala Province.

According to residents of Mozambique, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has reported that he is willing to send up to 30,000 men to Mozambique who, according to Renamo, will be financed by a British financial source and will have logistical support from Tanzania.