

MNR hostages released (Excerpt) Lisbon, 7th September: The rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) movement today freed 27 of the 29 foreign hostages it had been holding in the country, the group's European spokesman said here today. MNR spokesman Jorge Correia said those freed were 20 Portuguese missionaries, a Portuguese voluntary worker, two Britons, two Italians and two people from Goa, a former Portuguese colony which is now part of India. The released Britons were named as Malcolm Blakey and John Cunell, the Italians as Caetano Pasqualichio and Filipe Guarniel and the Portuguese voluntary worker as Alberto Macedo. The two from Goa were Henriques Miranda and Tome Jose Xavier, he said. The missionaries, whose identities were not given, included three Jesuit priests and seven nuns, he added. . . The hostages were released in north-western Mozambique, near the border with Malawi, Mr Correia said. The MNR spokesman said the only foreign hostages now being held by the movement were two Soviet citizens, whom he did not identify. . . (AFP in English 1509 gmt 7 Sep 85)