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MNR Says Attack Repelled
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[Text] Lisbon, 7 Sep (EFE) — Today the Mozambican National Resistance Movement (RENAMO) will release 10 religious people, 2 Britons, 2 Italians, and 3 Portuguese which it is holding hostage, according to an announcement made in Lisbon by Jorge Correira, RENAMO's representative in Europe.

The hostages, who were captured during a RENAMO attack on the Luabo Sugar Central, in the central province of Zambezia, will be released near the Malawi border, the spokesman said.

The Italian hostages are Gaetano Pasqualichio and Filippo Guarniel; the Britons are Malcom Blakey and John Cunell; and the religious people are 10 missionaries — 7 nuns (5 of whom belong to the Saint Joseph of Cluny Order and 2 to the Doroteas Order) and 3 Jesuits.

The Portuguese citizens are Alberto Macedo, Henrique Miranda, and Tome Xavier. Miranda and Xavier were born in Goa, India. RENAMO is still holding two unidentified Soviet citizens.

It has also been reported that RENAMO will also deliver Antonio Soares, a Portuguese, and his wife and four children who had been voluntarily living with the movement for the past year.

RENAMO states in a communique that the attacks launched by Mozambican and Zimbabwean forces against their central base in the Gorongoza mountain range, in the central province of Sofala, were violently repelled. The Maputo government announced today that this base has been occupied.