

T13: Radio reports

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MNR admits capture of headquarters AFP reported from Lisbon on 11th September that the rebel Mozambique National Resistance had acknowledged that a joint Mozambique-Zimbabwe force had seized its base in the Gorongosa mountains (see Section B to ME/8051). It claimed that 366 Mozambican and 102 Zimbabwean soldiers had been killed in the operation, together with two Soviet advisers and an East German. The MNR had also shot down three Zimbabwe and two Soviet Mi-24 helicopters, a government MiG-17 and an Ethiopian MiG-21. Maputo radio cited an editorial in the 10th September 'Noticias' as saying the capture of the MNR's main base was a "decisive move but not the end of the struggle against banditry".