

MOZAMBICAN rebels said they had captured three garrison towns, killing at least 124 defenders. Officials of the government said the rebels were operating out of Malawian territory.

The Mozambique National Resistance said in a statement distributed in Lisbon that its forces had seized the strategic towns of Sena and Tica, in central Sofala province, and Dombe in neighbouring Manica province. MNR said the attacks were part of a nationwide offensive launched last month and involving over 22,500 guerrillas.