

**Government denies MNR attack near Maputo** (Text) Mozambican government officials have denied rebel claims of attacks near the capital, Maputo. The rebels said 28 people were killed in the attacks. A military official says the claims are pure fiction. He says traffic is running as usual along the Maputo-Namacho route and there are no signs of any attack. A Maputo news agency quotes witnesses saying the rebel attack on a suburban police station in the capital had been foiled by troops who killed six of the rebels before they got near the building. In [a] statement issued in Lisbon yesterday, the MNR said its fighters struck three government positions near the capital and seized a key military base in central Mozambique. (Capital Radio, Umtata in English 1500 gmt 18 Oct 86)