Mozambique captives pledge

MOZAMBICAN right-wing rebels said yesterday that as a goodwill gesture they would release before Christmas more than 50 foreign captives, most of them Portuguese, Reuter writes from Lisbon.

Mr Paulo Oliveira, Lishon spokesman for the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) said the captives — 40 Portuguese, 10 Pakistanis, a Briton, a West German and his wife and daughter — would be released before December 17.

Mr Oliveira said they would be released at the Mozambican frontier but he did not specify exactly where.