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Renamo Guerrillas Claim Capture of Marrupula *AU292008 Paris AFP in English 2008 GMT 29 Feb 88*

[Text] Lisbon, Feb 29 (AFP)—Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) guerrillas said Monday that they seized the town of Marrupula, in northeastern Mozambique Saturday killing 21 government soldiers and seven Tanzanians.

Renamo, which said in a statment here that it also seized a large amount of equipment in the attack, also denounced the presence of Tanzanian troops.

The rebels added that in a second operation on the same day, Renamo atacked a military column of 21 vehicles on the road from Beira to the capital Maputo in the southern Inhambane region.

Renamo said it destroyed the vehicles, killed nine government soldiers and took three prisoners.