

MNR rebels attack Zimbabwe village

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ABOUT 30 rebels attacked a village in eastern Zimbabwe, abducting a man and his son, the domestic news agency Ziana reported in Harare on Monday.

The agency, quoting police, said that after Friday's raid the rebels severed their captives' ears and other parts of their bodies, leaving them bleeding profusely.

The victims were taken to hospital in the eastern provincial capital of Mutare, it said.

Ziana did not identify the attackers, but the government has blamed previous raids along the eastern border with Mozambique on Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) guerrillas fighting to topple the Maputo government.

Last year the MNR began attacking Zimbabwean border settlements in retaliation for the Harare's military involvement in Mozambique.

Landlocked Zimbabwe has an estimated 12,000 troops in Mozambique

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