

French journalist on Renamo

ERIC GERARD, a French journalist well connected in Paris government circles, has just returned from a visit to Renamo controlled areas in Mozambique noting that the rebels "lack virtually everything: few arms and less equipment".

However he reported they were highly disciplined and drew on considerable local support in the areas under their control. One of the reasons for this support is that Renamo has reinstated traditional village structures.

He rejected reports of rebel massacres against the population saying that if these charges were true the rebels would have lost all popular support and be unable to absorb the refugees flooding into their areas.

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