Maputo Denies AIM Report

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[Text] Quoting a source in the Mozambique Railways, AIM disclosed yesterday that the Limpopo Corridor railroad remains operational and that there have been no stops whatsoever in the stretch between Maputo and Chokwe. In Lisbon yesterday, an armed bandit spokesman said that the bandits had destroyed the Limpopo Corridor railroad at Magude last Sunday, thus interrupting railroad traffic between Maputo and Chokwe. The Limpopo Corridor railroad links Maputo Harbor to Zimbabwe.

In the same communique issued in Lisbon, the bandits also announced an attack on the Magude army barracks in which (Richard Town), a British instructor, allegedly died. James Allen, British ambassador to Mozambique, has told AIM that he is not aware of any British citizen in Mozambique dying or being wounded. He also disclosed that the British Embassy has no record of any citizen called (Richard Town).