

MNR Claims 60 FPLM Killed Near Malawi Border
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[Text] Mozambique's MNR rebels say they have killed more than 60 government and allied soldiers. They say the troops were killed in a battle at the town of Milanje near the Malawi border on Thursday. The rebels say they easily fought off the attacking government soldiers, who they claimed were assisted by Tanzanian, Zambian, and British troops. More than 30 civilians are also reported to have died in the fighting around the town, which the MNR claims to have controlled for almost 2 years.

As regards the British soldiers to have been killed, diplomats say the MNR has been giving similar unsubstantiated claims in the past. Britain denies any of its soldiers are stationed inside Mozambique, even though it aids the Marxist government.

The Mozambican Government seldom comments on MNR claims.