Envoy Denies UK Troops Died in Renamo Combat MB0606050388 Johannesburg SAPA in English 2141 GMT 5 Jun 88

[Text] Maputo June 5 SAPA — The British ambassador to Mozambique, Mr James Allen, has denied claims by the Renamo movement of Mozambique that two British paratroopers had been killed in fighting against Renamo.

A spokesman for Renamo said in Lisbon two Britons were killed in a battle in the Zambezia Province in central Mozambique near the border with Malawi on Wednesday.

Addressing newsmen in Maputo, Mr Allen denied there were any British troops serving in Mozambique.

It is the second time in a week that a Renamo spokesman in Lisbon has been quoted as saying that British troops had been killed in fighting in Mozambique, SABC's Africa desk reported.