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Mozambique: MNR rebels accuse Zimbabwe of attack on civilians (Text) Mozambique's anti-government Renamo movement has accused Zimbabwe of killing 35 civilians and wounding a further 95 in an attack on the Mozambican town of Chemba. A Renamo statement released in Lisbon has said the Zimbabwean soldiers had parachuted into Chemba in the central Manica province, and attacked civilians awaiting a relief shipment from the International Red Cross. The statement said more than 800 civilians had been killed by Zimbabwean troops this month, mainly to prevent them from receiving relief aid. There has been no official comment on the allegations. Red Cross officials say their organisation does not operate in either of the two provinces mentioned in the statement. (*Johannesburg home service in English 1500 gmt 29 Jun 83*)