

## **Mugabe on recent student demonstrations, Renamo threat near Mozambican border**

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The President, comrade Robert Mugabe, has called on the youth to shun and reject those who wish to manipulate them to rise against the leadership. He criticised some lecturers at the University of Zimbabwe for their part in the recent student demonstrations, describing them as counter-revolutionaries. Addressing a youth convention in Harare today, comrade Mugabe said if the youth had grievances, they should make the leadership aware of them through the right channels ...

After the youth convention, comrade Mugabe travelled to Matoko district in Mashonaland East province, where he toured development projects. Addressing a rally at Mudzi Growth Point after the tour, the President urged the people living near the border with Mozambique to be united in order to defeat the South African backed Renamo bandits. He noted that the Renamo bandits are the greatest threat to people living on the frontier. Comrade Mugabe also called on the people to forge strong ties with the defence force, to enable the armed forces to track down and deal ruthlessly with the bandits. He added that the people should form militia units to protect themselves against the bandits.

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