

Maputo Power Supply 'Sabotaged'

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[Text] Saboteurs presumed to be South Africa's MNR bandits knocked out the power supply to Maputo yesterday afternoon. The attack was confirmed in a communique from the Mozambique State Electricity Company.

The sabotage against the transmission lines carrying electricity to Maputo from South Africa took place at about 0200 local Mozambican time. This is the fourth time in less than 2 months that the lines have been sabotaged. the previous occasions were on 8 October, 10 November and 16 December.

The latest sabotage took place about (?30) km east of the town of Ressano Garcia, on the border with South Africa. Currently, Maputo is getting its electricity from (?its) back-up [words indistinct] and [words indistinct] power stations.