

1 000 rebels killed in push into Sofala

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MAPUTO — Mozambican troops killed about 1 000 Renamo rebels last year in central Sofala province but captured only 200, according to a military spokesman.

This illustration of the savagery of the war being waged by Renamo was reported by the government news agency, Aim, which was quoting Radio Mozambique.

During the year government forces destroyed 23 Renamo camps, the report said.

Sofala was at the heart of a major Mozambican offensive at mid-year. Mozambican and Zimbabwean forces overran the internal headquarters of Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama in the Maringue district just north of Gorongosa mountain, Aim said.

The small towns of Maringue, Muanza, Chemba and Inhamitanga were recaptured.

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