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**Mozambique: captured MNR member tells of foreign supplies for rebels**

*(Text)* A teenage former member of the MNR terrorist gang, Armando Zacarias, has said that he knows of supplies being flown to the MNR from outside Mozambique until at least the end of 1988. Thirteen-year-old Zacarias told journalists in the southern province of Inhambane that he lived with the terrorists for two years. He is one of many children in southern Mozambique who have been forcibly recruited into MNR ranks and forced to live a life of crime. He said that planes unloaded war materiel at the dead of night. Zacarias said he and other child bandits were not allowed to come close to the site where the unloading was taking place. This took place at an MNR central base at [name indistinct], on the coast of Vilanculos in northern Inhambane. Zacarias added that a white man occasionally appeared at the base at night. He said he once saw a white man, who was not in uniform, who was carrying a pistol and wore marks of rank on his shoulders. Zacarias was trained for reconnaissance missions together with seven other kidnapped children. He was taken prisoner by Mozambican forces earlier this month at the village of Tequete in Vilanculos district. *(Radio Maputo in English for abroad, 1800 gmt 25 Jan 90)*