

Renamo massacres 26 — report

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MAPUTO — Mozambican rebels massacred 26 people in an attack nine days ago in the outskirts of the southern city of Inhambane, according to a military spokesman cited by the Maputo daily Noticias yesterday.

The spokesman said that two groups of the Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) infiltrated Inhambane at the same time on the night of June 15. One attacked the suburb of Chihenguene, killing

one person and wounding four others.

The massacre took place in the coastal suburb of Salela, where Renamo killed 25 people and left most of the bodies scattered along the road from Inhambane to the beach resort of Tofo.

One fisherman courageously resisted the rebel incursion, but paid with his life. He was armed and managed to shoot dead one of the raiders, but the rest of the attackers then overpowered and killed him and burnt down his home.

The raiders also attacked a maternity unit in Salela, where they set fire to eight beds, a stretcher and various medicines. —Sapa-AFF