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2 dead in Renamo attacks this morning

Two people were killed in a Renamo attack on trucks on the EN1, the main north-south road, this morning, according to Radio Moçambique and @Verdade's Twitter feed (Verdade Democracia @DemocraciaMZ)

http://www.rm.co.mz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10180:renamo-ataca-e-mata-na-en-1&catid=1:ultimas&Itemid=50

Details remain scanty, but one attack took place on the EN1 near the Ripembe river in Machanga district, about 50 km north of the Save River. At least two trucks were hit, with 2 dead and 4 injured. Verdade reports a bus was also shot at, and that the road is now closed at the Save River bridge.

Radio Moçambique reports a second attack this morning in Muanza on the road between Dondo and Inhaminga. RM says a bus was shot at, but with no damage or injuries. It says the bus, from Empresa de Transportes Mussagy Gopal (ETRAGO), continued its trip to Quelimane.

The attack in Machanga occurred about 50 km south of Muxungue, where 8 people were killed in Renamo attacks in early April. Muanza is close to Savana, where there was an attack Monday on a Mozambican military post and arms depot at Savana; five government soldiers were killed and an unspecified quantity of arms captured.

Both areas are heavily wooded and good guerrilla country. In our Bulletin two days ago, we pointed to Muanza as a likely site for attacks. Both places were used by Renamo to attack traffic during the 1980-92 war.

Renamo in a press conference Wednesday said it would cut road and rail traffic in the centre of the country. Brigadier Jeronimo Malagueta said Renamo was creating a "security perimeter" from the River Save to Muxungue in Sofala province. This is to prevent the government from sending riot police and the military from the south to attack the base of Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama at Satunjira, Gorongosa, Sofala, he said.

The @Verdade says that Renamo's Rahil Khan has confirmed the arrest of Brigadier Malagueta this morning. @Verdade also reports the arrival of military vehicles from Maputo at the Save.

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