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EN-1 reopened; traffic only in convoy

The main north-south road (EN-1) between the River Save and Muxunge has been reopened. There is a heavy military presence and traffic is moving along the 100 km segment of road only in military convoys, and only during daylight. Substantial backlogs of traffic are reported.

Gunmen ambushed traffic along the road early Friday morning, causing at least two lorries to crash and burn. Frelimo blames Renamo, which on Wednesday had said it would close the road.

Many details remain unclear. The Portuguese press agency Lusa says 3 people were killed and 6 injured. Noticias this morning said 2 dead and 2 injured.

It is also not clear if there was just one ambush, or two or three. Radio Mozambique's report yesterday that a bus was attacked in Muanza appears to have given an incorrect location; the bus was shot at in one of the ambushes on the EN-1 but continued to drive on without injuries or damage.

Rail service on both lines to Beira appears to be running normally.

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