

MOZAMBIQUE News reports & clippings

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@Verdade says military 'may be preparing' attack on Dhlakama

There are now more than 1000 heavily armed soldiers in the centre of Mozambique, who "may be preparing an offensive against the headquarters of the Renamo leader", Afonso Dhlakama, reported @Verdade last night. In particular, the military has reinforced its control of the Gorongosa airstrip, "and is ever closer to controlling the region of Santujira, where Afonso Dhlakama has been living since October."

<http://www.verdade.co.mz/newsflash/37911-soldados-das-fadm-proximos-de-santujira-rio-tinto-parou-exportacao-de-carvao>

COMMENT: This report is not confirmed, but @Verdade on-line and on Twitter has been accurate and early in its reporting of attacks and military incidents in the centre of the country. *jh*

More attacks on EN-1 but fewer convoys

There were two further attacks Monday evening on the main north-south road (EN-1) between the River Save and Muxunge, despite a heavy military presence and traffic moving along the 100 km segment of road only in military convoys, and only during daylight. The attacks occurred at 1600 and 2100; vehicles were damaged but there were no injuries. In the second attack, shooters were in three different positions along the road, reports O Pais. (<http://www.opais.co.mz/index.php/politica/63-politica/25942-renamo-intensifica-ataques-a-colunas-de-viaturas-entre-muxungue-e-rio-save.html>)

In effect, the military has admitted its inability to protect traffic, and has cut the number of convoys from five to two in each direction. It is also using a light plane to look for guerrillas in the bush along the road. (Noticias 27 June).

There were no reports of attacks Tuesday or Wednesday.

COMMENT: These attacks should be put in context. Germany has just arrested a man who has fired 762 shots at motorway traffic over more than five years. The police had huge difficulty finding him, and last year even offered a 100,000 Euro reward. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23045280>)

New army head

Graça Chongo was yesterday named head of general staff of the military (Chefe do Estado-Maior General das Forças de Defesa de Moçambique, FADM). He replaces Paulino Macaringue, whose five year term should have ended in March.

Former Renamo guerrilla Olímpio Cambona was reappointed for another five year term as deputy head of general staff.

Macaringue has probably been blamed for the military's lack of preparation for the incidents over the past months.

Rio Tinto stops shipments

Faced with falling coal prices and widespread reports that it is trying to sell its coal operations in Mozambique, Rio Tinto has stopped coal shipments, blaming the security situation. Rio Tinto has denied very widespread reports that one of its trains was derailed in Doa, Moatize, Tete following sabotage of the railway line.

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