

# Yachting family from SA fall into Renamo hands

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LISBON — Right-wing Renamo guerillas admitted yesterday they were holding a South African family of four in the Mozambican bush while awaiting contacts from Pretoria to arrange their repatriation.

Lisbon-based rebel spokesman Mr Manuel Frank said a guerilla unit "discovered" holidaymakers Mr David Muller, his wife Sandy and two sons, Tony and Seth, on Tuesday on a beach along the southern Mozambican coast after their yacht ran aground with engine problems.

"The family is in good health and receiving the best possible treatment, given the circumstances," Mr Frank said. "We are now waiting for the South African Government to contact Renamo so we can arrange for their repatriation."

The Mullers, he said, had visited Maputo and had been on a sailing holiday along the coast when their yacht suffered mechanical problems and ran aground near the former resort town of Vilanculos in southern Inhambane province.

"We had to take them into custody," Mr Frank said, "because otherwise they might have come to harm and we would have been blamed."

The rebel spokesman said he did not know exactly where the family was being held but assumed "they are being taken to a major provincial base" in the interior.

SA's Embassy in Lisbon, contacted by phone, said it had not been advised of the incident but would investigate.