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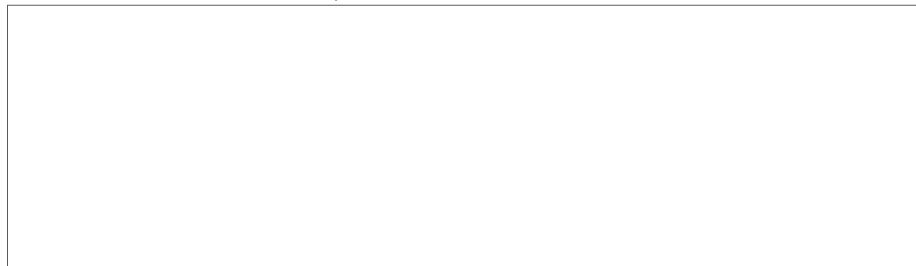
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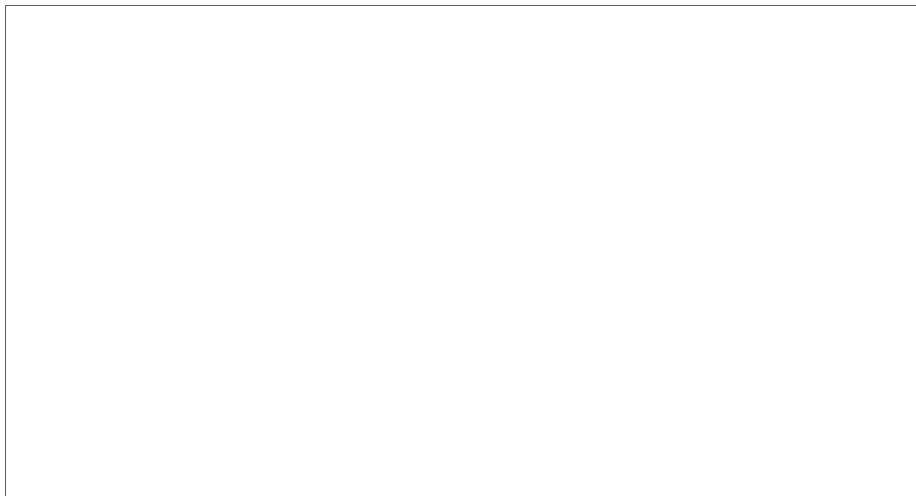
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Malawi: A guerrilla warfare campaign to overthrow Prime Minister Banda apparently has begun.

During the night of 12 February, anti-Banda rebels led by former minister of education Chipembere attacked two police posts at Fort Johnston in south-eastern Malawi, cut communications, and captured arms and vehicles before fleeing back into the hills. Chipembere is one of six ex-ministers seeking to oust Banda who fired them last fall.

The ex-ministers fell out with Banda for various reasons, but mainly because he would not share authority with them and refused to adopt a more neutralist foreign policy. In particular they criticized Banda for his close and friendly relations with the Portuguese in neighboring Mozambique. Five of the ex-ministers have been living in Tanzania, while Chipembere--their ostensible leader--has stayed in Malawi, eluding intensive efforts to capture him.

Banda appears to have the advantage with a 2,800-man police force and an 800-man army, both under British officers. The rebels, however, can probably keep a terrorist campaign going for some time, and they may obtain help from Tanzania and from Mozambique nationalists. [REDACTED] (b)(3)  
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