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War within a war still rages among black Rhodesia rebels

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KEZI, Rhodesia — From the air, Matabeleland is a picture of granitic hills and green valleys. From the ground, what stands out in this area of southwestern Rhodesia are the scars and the hatred.

The hate is not directed at white-lead government forces who punished black civilians for assisting guerrillas, but at Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army, which for two years sought control over a population loyal mostly to Joshua Nkomo and his separate guerrilla army.

Speaking a different language, using brutality to counter civilian hostility, the Mugabe guerrillas — ZANLA for short — were much like foreign occupiers. They were treated as such by Nkomo's Zimbabwe Peo-

ple's Revolutionary Army, known as ZIPRA.

The British-sponsored Rhodesian cease-fire largely put a stop to the fighting, including the conflict between rival guerrillas. Spokesmen for both camps insist the battle between them has ended.

But Rhodesian intelligence experts assert it has barely begun.

The "war within the war" raged despite the technical alliance of the two armies within the Patriotic Front, formed in 1976. But attempts at military unity never got beyond the stage of rhetoric. One reason was a long history of tribal hatred. Another was personal rivalry between Nkomo and the Marxist-leaning Mugabe.

Political unity was virtually ruled out when Mugabe's party rejected

Nkomo's appeals for a joint campaign in the independence election scheduled for late February.

Between last April and December, when the cease-fire went into effect, police recorded 44 faction fights in Kezi — Nkomo's home district — compared with 63 between Mugabe guerrillas and Rhodesian troops.

For 10 months, police say, Nkomo's men avoided conflict with Rhodesian forces, encouraged civilians to report the movements of Mugabe's guerrillas to the authorities and concentrated on flushing out Mugabe's ZANLA forces.

ZANLA's thrust into Matabeleland began in 1977. Mugabe, committing three times as many men to the struggle as his rival, complained that Nkomo was not doing his share.

The scores of ZANLA guerrilla diaries that fell into Rhodesian hands tell not only of clashes with Nkomo's men but of systematic attempts to indoctrinate civilians politically.

The political split goes back to the 1964 breakaway of a faction Mugabe came to rule. Mugabe charged that Nkomo was too soft on white rule. But an underlying factor was — and is — tribal.

Mugabe's adherents mostly are from Shona-speaking tribes which form the bulk of the population. Nkomo's main support is from the Sindebele-speaking Matabeles and Kalangas.

The Matabeles, an offshoot of the Zulu nation, invaded this country from South Africa in the 1800s, slaying men of the Shona tribes and taking their women as wives. Today

the Matabeles and Kalangas — Nkomo is a Kalanga — make up about 20 percent of the population.

The Matabele raids still rankle among Shona-speaking tribesmen.

"ZANLA kept telling us they would kill all the men and take the women just like the Matabele did," said Shieka Buklalo, a refugee living at Kezi village.

Mrs. Buklalo said she and her five children fled because of ZANLA harassment and lived three weeks in the bush — "like animals, covered with ticks" — until they reached the village.

Lucia Moyo, another refugee, said, "I ran away because they made me sing from sunrise to sunset. I couldn't sing in Shona. Sometimes I refused. I was kicked in the stomach and for two weeks I passed urine full of blood."

Black nationalists blame a traditional white policy of divide-and-rule for much of the factional fighting.

They point to former white Prime Minister Ian Smith's attempts to wean Nkomo from the Patriotic Front alliance, once meeting Nkomo in secret. Mugabe made no attempt to conceal his anger when the news leaked.

Gold prices rise; dollar up and down

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LONDON — The price of gold rose in Europe Monday, and the dollar gained in some European countries and fell in others.

Gold opened in Zurich at \$707.50 an ounce, an increase of \$15 over Friday's closing price of \$692.50. In London gold opened at \$718.50 an ounce, a \$21 increase over Friday's \$697.50 closing price.

"There was only moderate business despite the rise in the gold price," said Samuel Montagu, a dealer for bullion brokers.

"The dollar eased on speculation

that the central banks were selling dollars. This also pushed gold higher.

The dollar fell in West Germany, France and Britain, but increased slightly in Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and Italy.

In London the pound sterling rose from \$2.2985 to \$2.3040.

The price of gold closed at \$698.50 an ounce today at the Hong Kong Chinese and Silver Exchange in quiet trading. Market sources said there were no fresh news developments to initiate an upsurge.

Arab and Jewish women live in peace — in prison

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RAMLE, Israel — Inside Israel's only women's prison, Lt. Col. Raya Epstein looked fondly at a color snapshot of a smiling Palestinian terrorist.

"This is Rima," she said. "Rima was definitely one of my favorites."

Rima Tannous was one of two Palestinians left alive after Israeli troops stormed a hijacked Sabena jetliner at Tel Aviv's Lod airport in 1972. She was released from Neve Tirza women's prison in a prisoner exchange last year.

Epstein, 57, a lieutenant colonel in Israel's prison service, has been director of Neve Tirza prison since 1968, ushering through its imposing green gates a stream of women captured by Israel for guerrilla activity.

"As soon as these girls come through the gates, they become just plain human beings," Epstein said. "We have to forget what they've done as terrorists."

A locked gate and fence separate the building housing security prison-

ers from those sentenced for other offenses like prostitution, drug abuse and theft. Security is as stringent for the 70 women now locked inside its high walls as at the men's prison next door, Epstein said. Visits by outside observers are rare.

One of 20 current security inmates is Zakia Ashamut, 33, stirring a pot of potatoes in the prisoners' kitchen. She is serving a life sentence for helping plant bombs in crowded Haifa streets in 1971. Her five children, one born in the prison, are wards of the United Nations.

The only security prisoner currently at Neve Tirza who is not Israeli or from the occupied territories is Brigitte Schulz of Heidelberg, West Germany. She was captured in 1976, part of a group that tried to shoot down an El Al jetliner in Nairobi, Kenya.

For her first 18 months in the prison, beginning in June 1977, she was isolated from other prisoners. An Israeli military court sentenced her to a 10-year prison term in Septem-

ber. She takes a cold view of Neve Tirza.

"It's a prison, with everything that does to your thinking and character," she said.

About one security prisoner — Terri Fleener from San Antonio, Texas, who spent 20 months in the prison for photographing Israeli military installations for the Palestinians — Epstein has no sentimentality.

Fleener, released in June, "was childish," Epstein said. "She would lie to me and get into fights with the other prisoners over things like magazines."

One prison official said discipline is most difficult to keep after reports of successful Palestinian guerrilla attacks in Israel. Arab and Israeli prisoners are then separated to prevent fights.

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