

# Children beheaded in Mozambique

Aid agency *Save the Children* says militants are beheading children as young as 11 in Mozambique as part of an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands and forced many more from their homes



## INSURGENCY

■ More than **2,600** people killed in Cabo Delgado province and **670,000** displaced since insurgency began in 2017

■ Insurgency rooted in grievances of Mozambique's poorest province – locals say they do not benefit from some of world's biggest gas reserves

## WHO ARE THE MILITANTS?

■ **Ahlu Sunnah Wa-Jama (ASWJ)** – known locally as ***Al-Shabab***, but unconnected to Al Qaeda-linked Somali group of same name

■ Believed to have up to 800 fighters. Staged first attack in 2017 and declared allegiance to so-called ***Islamic State*** group in 2019

■ Conscripts young people to join group, killing them if they refuse

## U.S. INVOLVEMENT

■ **Mar 10:** ASWJ and its leader, ***Abu Yasir Hassan***, named Specially Designated Global Terrorists

■ **Mar 15:** U.S. Special Forces start training Mozambican marines to repel insurgency

