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GOVERNMENT troops captured 12 armed Mozambique National Resistance bandits inside Zambian territory, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

Defence Minister General Malimba Masheke said in a statement the armed bandits were caught on Tuesday in the eastern area bordering Mozambique.

The arrests brought to 37 the number of MNR bandits detained by Zambian troops deployed along the eastern border in recent weeks, Gen. Masheke said.

He said an unspecified number of bandits crossing into Zambia to steal food and supplies, were also killed in "almost weekly" skirmishes with government forces in the area where the frontiers of Zambia, Mozambique and Malawi meet. — Ziana-AP.