

MNR kill

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near Beira

MAPUTO — Sixteen people including a militia man, were gunned down last Saturday night when a group of 50 MNR bandits opened fire indiscriminately on a group of people holding a party at Inhamizua, a suburb 12 km near the port of Beira in central Mozambique, AIM reported yesterday.

Seventy two others were taken to hospital in critical condition after the attack, the news agency said.

The gang arrived at midnight at the village where the festive function was taking place and opened fire, killing the people as others fled in panic.

According to witnesses, the bandits wore ragged civilian clothes but with military type caps and guns.

A communique from FRELIMO's provincial committee linked the massacre to South Africa's bandit war against Mozambique. — Ziana-Pana-AIM.