

**'Armed Bandit Group' Kills 2, Abducts 33 in Gaza**  
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[Text] At dawn on Sunday, an armed bandit group attacked Marien Ngouabi communal village in the outskirts of Xai-Xai city in Gaza Province, hacking 2 persons to death and abducting 33 others. Citing sources in the Gaza provincial capital, AIM says that most of those abducted are students at the communal village's high and handicraft schools. The sources added that the bandit group was 150-strong, and plundered property belonging to the residents.

One of the survivors of the attack told AIM that the criminals wore camouflage uniforms similar to the type issued to the Mozambique Armed Forces with the aim of deceiving the village's vigilance. The Xai-Xai police force mounted a hot pursuit operation, freeing five of the abducted civilians. AIM reports that the situation has returned to normal.