

Bandits of the South African backed MNR murdered five people in an attack on the town of Massangena, in the southern Mozambican province of Gaza, on 30 March, reports the daily paper 'Diario de Mocambique'. Since Massangena is a remote area, the news has only just reached Maputo. The town is on the south bank of the Save River, about 65 kilometres east of the Zimbabwean border, and 500 kilometres north of Maputo.

The bandits burnt down ten houses in Massangena, abducted an unspecified number of people, and stole a truck full of goods belonging to Mozambique's relief body, the Disasters Control Office, DPCCN. They unloaded the goods some ten kilometres from the town and then burnt the truck. Two cars and a tractor belonging to a private farmer were burnt inside the town. The raiders also stole medicines from the local health post.

According to the Massangena District Administrator, Antonio Tinguissa, Mozambican troops stationed in the district killed ten of the bandits in pursuit operations.

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