

Mozambique security minister on activities of special units (Excerpts) Today is People's Vigilance Day. Minister of Security Sergio Vieira said that people's vigilance will be strengthened in the struggle to end armed banditry in our country. This is contained in a message addressed to Marshal Samora Machel, C-in-C of the Mozambique armed forces, which was read during a ceremony marking the 11th anniversary of the creation of the People's National Security Service [SNASP].

[Recording of Vieira] The main task at this moment is the destruction of armed banditry and the neutralisation of the plans of external aggression against our fatherland. . . In view of the war situation faced by the country and in response to an order from the C-in-C, SNASP has created special operations units. These units have been conducting reconnaissance missions, inflicting partial blows and providing the Mozambique armed forces with intelligence which has resulted in shattering blows to the armed gangs. The special operations units are in all of the country's provinces and their activities have been integrated into the guidelines and strategy of the provincial military commands. So far their action has been positive and useful. We have been strengthening the training of specialists in the struggle against the bandits. . . (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1700 gmt 11 Oct 86)