

**Mozambican military claims** (Excerpts) The Mozambique armed forces destroyed two armed bandit bases in the districts of Magude and Manhica, Maputo province, on 21st and 25th May. Following the operations, 57 armed bandits were killed. . . The operations also led to the freeing of 32 people who had been forced to live with the bandits. One of the bases destroyed in Macaiene area, Magude district, served as a logistical support and transit centre for the bandits to Magude, Manhica and Moamba.

In Zambezia, the armed forces killed six armed bandits when they were trying to carry out acts of intimidation and pillage in (?Manges), in Maganja da Costa district. . . In

Macuze, Namacurra district, also Zambezia province, two armed bandits were captured by the armed forces. Information received from that province reveals that the two criminals were part of a group involved in a foiled attempt to destroy the installations of the Boror pesticide factory in Macuze on 22nd May. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1030 gmt 4 Jun 86)

(Text) The Mozambican army has destroyed two major MNR camps in Central Zambezia Province. Forty five bandits were killed and 15 were captured when the army stormed the terrorist hide-outs situated in the Namacurra district about 50 km from Quelimane, the capital of Zambezia Province. This brings to more than 60 terrorists killed by the Mozambican security forces in four clashes over the last few days. A few days ago 12 bandits were killed in an army attack in the same district. Two camps destroyed last [see ME/8275/B/2] weekend had been used as bases for MNR terrorist attacks on the main road and railway line from Quelimane, on the Indian Ocean coast, to the Zambezia hinterland. Life in Zambezia has been badly disrupted by the MNR banditry over the past year. Zambezia province has a long border with neighbouring Malawi and during a visit to Japan last week President Samora Machel said the terrorists were being infiltrated across the border from Malawi.

In another development, the Mozambican security forces attacked an MNR group near Matola, killing five bandits. The group was spotted near the metal [words indistinct] plant in Matola on the outskirts of Maputo city. One terrorist was captured and about 20 others escaped, leaving behind war materiel which included explosive devices indicating that the group may have planned to sabotage the plant. (Maputo in English for abroad 1100 gmt 4 Jun 86)

[Note: At 0400 gmt 4 Jun 86 Maputo home service reported (in Portuguese) that, after the attack at Matola, two "bandits" were wounded but were able to escape]