

Mozambican government military claims (Text) The FPLM forces killed 25 armed bandits in Tanninga region, Manhica District, Maputo Province, between May and June [as heard] this year. Over the same period, our forces freed more than 50 people living under the yoke of the criminals.

According to a source in the FPLM forces, there is information on the presence of two English-speaking whites among the armed bandits. This information was confirmed to Radio Mozambique by three youths who fled after two weeks in captivity. Speaking to Radio Mozambique, these youths also confirmed the identity of two armed bandits who were killed in Tanninga region last Sunday [15th June] night. They were ringleaders of the criminals. Also in Manhica district, 11 people were murdered by the armed bandits near Kanhica village on Thursday night. The bandits used cold steel weapons to murder these defenceless people. It is known that the armed bandits have been using these methods to terrorise the people. This action is also a consequence of the offensive which the defence and security forces have been carrying out to eliminate armed banditry in that area of Maputo province. (Maputo in Portuguese 1500 gmt 17 Jun 86)

(Text) The FPLM forces have killed 116 armed bandits in Chiringoma district, Sofala province, during the first two weeks of May. According to the Sofala provincial military command, 80 assorted calibre weapons and 900 rifle magazines and ammunition boxes were captured during the same period. The source also revealed that two armed bandits were captured. Our forces also destroyed the armed bandits camp in (?Maganga) area, Chiringoma district, and they freed 21 citizens living under the yoke of the armed bandits. (Maputo in Portuguese 1700 gmt 17 Jun 86)
