

**Mozambican government military claims** (Excerpts) The fight against armed bandits is at a crucial phase now that the people are electing their representatives. Aspects of this combat in Manica Province come in a report from Manica: [Unidentified correspondent] In various parts of Manica Province, where the most recent signs of bandit activity are still apparent, our armed forces continue vast military offensives aimed at restoring peace and tranquillity. During its last expanded meeting held in this city between 23rd and 31st July, the Manica provincial military command reported that in the first half of 1986, some 132 armed bandits were killed and seven camps destroyed in this part of the country. As a result of other military operations during the same period, 32 armed bandits were captured and six others surrendered to our armed forces. . . During the same period the Mozambique armed forces freed 4,887 residents of various parts of Manica Province, while 467 others surrendered voluntarily to military authorities, fleeing from the bandit's atrocities. . . (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1030 gmt 15 Sep 86)

(Text) The people's militia has destroyed an armed bandit logistical centre at Chitende, in Nampula Province's Memba district. A total of four armed bandits and their weapons were captured as they were moving toward Chitende from Alua [phonetic] in Namapa district. The operation was effected by the people of the Mazua administrative post in Memba district together with the people's militia. More than three tons of maize were recovered at the camp. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1500 gmt 15 Sep 86)