Mozambican troops killed two whites and 80 "bandits" in Ulongue (Text) Two white men were killed by the FPLM forces when a group of armed bandits, of which they were a part, attacked Ulongue, the Angonia District headquarters, near the border with Malawi, on 8th November. Eyewitnesses who had been kidnapped by the armed bandits in that area of Tete province told Radio Mozambique that they had seen four white men in similar uniform among the bandits. One of these white men spoke fluent Portuguese and the remaining three were identified by the civilians who managed to escape from the bandits as South African military.

During the operation, the FPLM forces also killed 80 bandits and wounded several others. According to witnesses interviewed by Radio Mozambique, the bandits took a large number of cattle into Malawi, where they sell every head of cattle for 10 kwacha which is about 500 meticals. Every head of cattle is sold for 15,000 to 20,000 meticals in Tete. The markets where cattle and other stolen products are sold are just inside the Malawian border with Mozambique.

Early this month, a Mozambican security source denounced the presence of seven South African commandos, who were directing armed bandit operations in Mutarara, which is in Tete province. The source added at the time that the commandos were members of the South African commando reconnaissance group. During his last visit to Tete province, President Samora Machel was told by Angonia district officials that Malawi had held contacts with the peasants of the area without the knowledge of Mozambican authorities. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1030 gmt 29 Nov 86)