

**“Bandit activity” closes 59 schools in north-east Mozambique** (Text) Out of 105 primary schools which were operating at the beginning of the current academic year in the district [NE Mozambique, 100 miles east of Malawi's border] of Zambezia province,

only 46 remain open at present. This is because of acts of destabilisation by armed bandits instigated by South Africa. According to a report released by the District Director for Education and Culture, the number of children attending school has dropped from (23,740) to about 16,500. Zambezia is one of the provinces most affected by the bandits who infiltrate the country from Malawi. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1700 gmt 30 Nov 86)