

# MNR camps close to SA border destroyed

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**MASSINGIR**  
(Mozambique).

TROOPS of the second brigade of Mozambican frontier guards destroyed two camps of the South African-backed MNR bandits close to the South African border in January, AIM has learnt from officers of this brigade.

On January 7, the Mozambican forces knocked out a bandit camp at Mapulanguene, in Magude, the northernmost district of Maputo Province. On January 13, the frontier guards seized a camp at Ma-

candazulo, in the thinly-populated district of Chicualacuala in Gaza Province.

In these clashes, Mozambican forces killed 12 bandits, three in Mapulanguene and nine in Macandazulo. One of those killed at Macandazulo, who was carrying a pair of binoculars, is believed to have been the chief of the bandit group.

In this action the frontier guards recovered various goods stolen from local people, including 53 head of cattle.

Among the weaponry captured were a bazooka, three 81mm mortar shells and a large quantity of light arms and ammunition.

The chief of staff of the frontier guard brigade, Capt Quizito Fulai Charlito, related how the bandits normally removed serial numbers and other markings from their guns in an attempt to hide their origin.

Capt Charlito said that in the frontier district of Massingir, many villages and localities are now defended by

their own militias, trained and equipped by the armed forces.

In the past the MNR destroyed several villages in the district because they were not garrisoned. A major effort had been made to provide the villages with their own self-defence forces.

Capt Charlito said that the militias were also supported by Mozambicans from this area working in the South African mines. "Our miners send back sacks of maize flour for the militias defending their villages," he said. — Ziana-AIM.