

Soldiers

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WIPE OUT

bandits

MAPUTO — More than 2 200 bandits of the South African backed MNR have been wiped out in a major military offensive in four central provinces of Mozambique.

A communique from the general staff of the Mozambican Armed Forces said that the military offensive took place in Zambezia, Tete, Sofala and Manica provinces from December to last month.

"In the last three months of 1986, the South African backed armed bandits stepped up their destabilisation activities against our people's state, particularly in the centre of the country."

The communique said that terrorist gangs had tried to take over the Zambezi Valley in order to guarantee receiving supplies by sea and up the river. — Ziana-Pana-AIM.