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THE Mozambican armed forces have regained control of the districts of Ca'a, Maringue, Muanza, Cheringoma and Marromeu from the South African-backed bandits of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) in operations carried out in recent weeks in the northern part of the central province of Sofala.

This announcement formed part of the report given at the weekend by Sofala provincial governor Francisco Masquil in the port city of Beira to Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano.

The report states that South African destabilisation has profoundly affected the Sofala peasantry, and that about half of the province's 1 280 000 people are facing drastic shortages.

Ode Masquil said over the last five years Beira itself had been paralysed for 430 days due to bandit sabotage of the transmission lines carrying power to the city. -- Ziana-Aim-Pana.