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Mozambique

Rebels kill 278

MILITARY sources in Tanninga have reported that 278 people had been killed in the massacre in Inhambane provinces and that the National Defence Minister Gen Alberto Chipande had visited the site to present his condolences to the Manhica district government. A communiqué issued

by the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee on 31 October, said that the attack demonstrated that the "large-scale assassination of peaceful people" had become the "principal tactic" of the "bandits" in Mozambique. The communiqué added: "This tactic is obviously conceived and planned by the racist South African regime, which has recently carried out a massive infiltration of bandits into southern Mozambique with the specific mission of carrying out this particularly horrible and inhuman form of terrorism."