

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN PROVINCES

The armed forces radio programme 'Voz de Combate' has reported heavy fighting in the southern three provinces in the first week of June. It said that from 1 - 7 June the Mozambican army had overrun five bandit camps in the provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane. In these clashes 150 MNR bandits were killed and 12 were captured. Of particular importance was the elimination of a group of 30 bandits based in the Mangave hills north of the town of Namaacha on the Mozambique/Swaziland border. The radio said that this group had been responsible for ambushes of civilian vehicles on the main road between Maputo and Swaziland.

'Voz de Combat' also reported a substantial clash on 4 June at Inhomussue in Guija district, which is on the northern bank of the Limpopo in Gaza province. In this incident 28 bandits were killed, and about 50 others wounded. An MNR ammunition dump was completely destroyed in the fighting.

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