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# Maputo forces kill 228 bandits

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MOZAMBICAN armed forces have killed 228 bandits of the South African-backed MNR in the southern provinces of Gaza and Inhambane and the central province of Zambezia, according to Mozambique's weekly armed forces radio programme Voz de Combate.

On June 14 and 15, Mozambican troops killed 102 bandits and wounded a further 83 in clashes at Ingomasane in the Gaza district of Guija, on the north bank of the Limpopo River.

This is the same area where 28 MNR bandits were killed, their base destroyed and an ammunition dump blown up on June 4.

Voz de Combate also said that Mozambican units have frustrated an attempt by the MNR to recapture the town of Mutarara in Tete province. Seventeen bandits died in this clash.

● South Africa is still continuing to supply the bandits, according to a young Mozambican who defected from the MNR, and is interviewed in the latest issue of the armed forces monthly magazine, 25 De Setembro.

Nhone Sabino Ngala, a peasant from Moamba district in the southern most province of Maputo, says that he was kidnapped by the MNR and forced to work for them in camps near the South African border.

He said that he had seen bandit leaders talking with South African soldiers .—  
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