

Maputo troops capture MNR base

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GOVERNMENT troops have captured a strategic base of the MNR bandits, the Maputo newspaper Noticias reported yesterday.

The report said the base, near the town of Macia, which is 100 km north of the capital, was

HEAVY BANDIT CASUALTIES

overrun on Monday in heavy fighting.

The MNR suffered heavy casualties while a number of government soldiers were wounded.

Mozambique has re-

ported a recent upsurge in attacks by the MNR near the capital.

Nine days ago, the MNR attacked a forestry complex and villages about 20 km north of Ma-

puto, killing at least 25 people and setting fire to the unit, funded by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Food Programme (WFP).

The Mozambique news agency, AIM, said the bandits who carried out the attack were believed to be the same gang which killed 20 people in an attack on civilian traffic in Manica district, 80 km north of Maputo a week earlier. — Ziana-
Reuter.