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# BANDITS CAPTURED

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THE Mozambican armed forces have captured 200 bandits of the South African-backed MNR in recent weeks in the southern province of Inhambane, according to a report on Radio Mozambique.

The radio, citing the Inhambane Provincial Military Commander, Lt-Col Eusebio Lambo, said that the army had launched an offensive against the bandits in the province culminating in the seizure of several MNR camps.

Lt-Col Lambo mentioned four districts in

particular — Jangano on the coast, just south of Inhambane city, Panda and Homoine in the central interior of the province, and Funhalouro in the north. It was in the town of Homoine that, on July 18 the MNR committed their most horrific massacre to date, slaughtering 424 people, including patients at the local hospital.

The radio gave no further details of these operations. It quoted Lt-Col Lambo as reaffirming the determination of his troops to return the province to stability. — Ziana-AIM.