

Dozens die in MNR ambush

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DOZENS of passengers were killed or wounded when MNR bandits ambushed a crowded bus on the Swaziland/Maputo road inside Mozambique yesterday afternoon.

Eight Swazis were feared to be among the dead.

The incident, the second in a week, occurred as the bus was returning from Mozambique to Mbabane. Eyewitnesses told border officials at Lonchasha border post that the attack involved a heavy exchange of fire between the bandits and Frelimo soldiers who escorted the bus.

After killing the occupants and looting the bus, the bandits set it on fire. The driver, a Mr Pereira, was reportedly among those shot dead.

Last week, two Swazi women were shot and wounded and a Swazi truck driver was shot dead and his body and truck burned. In another attack on the same road last month, a truck driver was shot dead and his truck burnt by bandits a few kilometres inside Mozambique on the Maputo road — Ziana-
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