

CHRONICLE *4/01-88* MNR kill 6 on highway

MAPUTO — Six civilians died when their vehicle was ambushed by bandits of the Mozambican National Resistance, north of Maputo on Saturday, the official AIM news agency said.

AIM quoted police sources as saying the attack took place in mid-afternoon in the area of Maluana, 50 km north of Maputo on Mozambique's main north-south highway.

Four men, a woman and a child died in the ambush close to where the bandits killed 71 people in an attack on a convoy on November 28.

Four other people in the vehicle travelling from Manhica town to Maputo, were taken to hospital in a critical condition, AIM said.

Meanwhile, the funeral of 21 of the 22 people murdered by MNR bandits in an attack on a train on New Year's Eve, took place in Maputo on Saturday.

At the cemetery Cde Augusto Mecamo, the general secretary of Mozambique's trade union organisation, stressed that in this attack it was Mozambican workers whom the bandits had chosen as their target. Most of the 1 500 people on board the train were workers from the Corumane Dam, being built in Moamba district near the South African border, who were travelling to Maputo to spend the New Year holiday period with families and friends. — Ziana-Rtr-Pana-AIM.