

*(Text)* By last year, a total of 235 primary schools had been closed in Niassa province because of armed bandits' acts of destabilisation. The Niassa provincial education directorate told our regional station in Lichinga that the closing of these schools affected over 30,000 children and 550 teachers. According to other statistics, 600 secondary school students and 29 teachers have also been affected by the closing of five secondary schools in some districts of the province. The Maica secondary school in Maua district was the first school to close down in Niassa province because of criminal actions by armed bandits in the pay of the Pretoria regime. *(Maputo home service in Portuguese 0800 gmt 11 Jan 88)*