

**(Text) At dawn yesterday, the Mozambique armed forces killed eight armed bandits when the criminals attempted to storm the Manhica district headquarters, 78 km north of Maputo. Our forces captured a 12 year old child who was part of the bandit group and witnessed the murder of 11 people during the attack. A total of 28 people were wounded. In their attack, the armed bandits set three civilian vehicles on fire, and plundered medicines from the district hospital as well as merchandise from a shop in the Manhica district headquarters. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 0400 gmt 14 Jan 88)**