

MOZAMBICAN ARMED FORCES KILL 50 REBELS IN THREE PROVINCES

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A source with the Chief of General Staff cited by 'Noticias' said yesterday that 50 armed bandits were killed by the Mozambique armed forces (FPLM) in operations carried out in the Sofala, Manica and Gaza provinces over the past weekend. According to the source, 24 bandits were killed on Sunday night [10th] when their group was detected by military units near the Cheringoma district headquarters in Sofala province. . .

On Sunday four bandits were killed in clashes in Vanduzi, Manica province.

Citing the Gaza provincial command, the source said that on Sunday an FPLM unit killed 22 bandits and captured assorted war material in Combomune in Mabalane district. The bandits had attacked Combomune and murdered more than 30 peasants.