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50 MNR bandits killed

MAPUTO — Mozambican forces killed 50 MNR bandits in Sofala and Manhica provinces last week.

The bandits were reported to have attacked the Com-bomune region in the Gaza province on January 9, killing more than 30 villagers. They also raided the county town of Manhica 78km north of Maputo on January 11, setting three cars on fire and killing 11 residents.

Another report reaching here yesterday said that Mozambique has begun talks with South Africa, which is backing the MNR bandits.

The liaison committee of the two countries, set up last August, met in Pretoria and discussed the issuance of visas, security and other matters, according to the report.

Representatives attending the meeting decided to hold a second session in Maputo. No date has been set yet. — Ziana-Xinhua.