

MOZAMBIQUE: GOVERNMENT MILITARY CLAIMS

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Text of reports

(i) In Inhambane province last Tuesday [19th January] the FPLM forces destroyed an armed bandit camp in the area of Boningo [phonetic], in Morrumbene district. According to our Inhambane correspondent, our armed forces killed 10 armed bandits and captured seven collaborators in this operation. The source disclosed that the FPLA troops captured 24 clips for light weapons and four anti-personnel mines. Quoting a source in the provincial military command, our reporter said the bandits carried out actions against Morrumbene and Massinga districts from the camp destroyed by our forces.

(ii) Between 18th and 20th January, 249 peasants who were forced to live with the armed bandits surrendered voluntarily in Sanga, Gondola district in Manica province. Information from Chimoto indicates that with the arrival of these peasants, the number of people who have surrendered themselves in that district has risen to over 6,300 since the first quarter of last year. Currently, teams made up of party, government and mass democratic organisation members are giving political and organisational assistance to the peasants, who lack food and clothing.