FPLM Reportedly Kills 427 'Bandits' During April MB0305113288 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 3 May 88

[Text] In nationwide operations during April, the FPLM forces killed 427 armed bandits and captured another 23. This was disclosed to Radio Mozambique today by a senior military source.

The source also said that during the same period our forces destroyed 44 armed bandit camps and freed 1,547 people from the clutches of the criminals.

According to that source, in Zambezia Province alone during April our forces killed 129 armed bandits, destroyed 17 camps, and freed 205 people who had been abducted by the outlaws.

Operations in Niassa Province during the same period are also worthy of note. In these operations, our forces annihilated 84 armed bandits.

The senior military also disclosed to Radio Mozambique that, within the context of the amnesty law, 94 armed bandits turned themselves in to the FPLM during April. Thirty-nine of these criminals surrendered in Sofala Province. The majority of them also handed in their weapons.