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FPLM Forces Kill 25 'Bandits' in Provinces *MB1605195488 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 16 May 88*

[Text] An FPLM General Staff source reported today that at least 25 armed bandits were killed by FPLM forces following operations mounted in various regions of our country last week.

Ten bandits were killed last Friday evening when a group of criminals tried to sabotage the powerlines between South Africa and Maputo.

Six criminals were killed in Mapulanguene, Magude District, Maputo Province, following clashes between a unit of the Mozambican border guard troops and a group of bandits.

The FPLM General Staff also reports that the residents of Mapulanguene have been pointing out that the armed bandits carrying out terrorist actions in the area come from South Africa.

The remaining nine criminals were killed in the provinces of Manica and Zambezia.