Zambian security forces in hot pursuit operation against MNR

A statement by the Zambian Ministry of Defence, reported by Lusaka radio on 20th May, said seven 'MNR bandits' penetrated three kilometres into Zambian territory on 18th May when they attacked the village of Tafelongoni in Chadiza district in eastern Zambia, killing eight villagers and seriously injuring five before returning to Mozambique with 28 stolen cattle. The statement said Zambian security forces pursued 'the bandits' 20 km inside Mozambique, killing 73 of them, recovering 24 cattle and destroying two ' bandit camps'. The situation in the border areas of Chadiza district had now returned to normal, the statement said. Reporting the incident, Radio Renascenca (Lisbon) said this was the first time the Zambian authorities had confirmed the involvement of their forces in the fight against the MNR inside Mozambique.