

Bandits Killed in Tete

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The Mozambican armed forces have killed over 200 bandits of the South African backed MNR in the north-western province of Tete in the first six months of this year, according to a report on the armed forces radio programme 'Voz de Combate'. The radio added that over the past three months the army had liberated the small towns of Fingoè and Tsangano, and the localities of Zambue, Cazula, Domuè and Calomue. These are all areas north of the River Zambezi. Tsangano, Domuè and Calomue are all very close to the Malawian border. These successes were largely due to the destruction of two major MNR bases at Matenje in the northern Tete district of Macanga, and at Chintola, in Zumbo district, which is the westernmost corner of Mozambique.

The Tete Provincial Governor, Cadmiel Muthemba, said on 9 July that it is now an urgent task of the local authorities to revive agricultural production in the areas liberated from bandit control. In his report to Prime Minister Mario Machungo, on a working visit to Tete, he also pointed to the need to involve people displaced from their original homes in farming. There are about 300,000 displaced people in Tete, and a similar number have fled over the borders into neighbouring countries, mainly Malawi.

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