

# Forces net 127 MNR bandits along border — Sekeramayi

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ZIMBABWE security forces captured 127 MNR bandits last month in the eastern border area with Mozambique, Security Minister Sydney Sekeramayi said in the Senate yesterday.

Responding to issues raised by senators during the Presidential speech, Cde Sekeramayi said more operations to screen Mozambican refugees and weed out the enemy among them would be carried out.

"I would like to take this opportunity to inform this

House that in August along the border 127 MNR bandits were captured," said the minister.

Cde Sekeramayi was replying to Senator Dzikamayi Mavhaire, who proposed speeding up of the establishment of refugee camps and the screening of those "who play refugees by day and MNR by night".

Cde Sekeramayi also warned people who worked for the enemy that "their time is limited".

"We have increased our

vigilance and will weed out any Kanes (Airforce defector Gerry Kane) that might still be in our midst.

"I would like, however, to assure Senators that in the process of weeding out any Kanes we will not paint all whites with our brush," he said in his reference to the white Zimbabwean pilot who defected to South Africa after an abortive attempt to spring from custody six alleged South African agents.

Cde Sekeramayi said the Government could not arbitrarily confiscate privately-owned airstrips suspected of serving enemy interest because of constitutional restrictions.

The minister also said dissidents were owed nothing by the State and that they "should be grateful that they are not being rounded up for the gallows". — Ziana.