

Military Tallies Results of Zambezia Offensive
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[Text] Mozambican security forces killed 350 MNR bandits in the central province of Zambezia between the months of June and July this year. In the same period, strategic areas which housed MNR bases were recaptured from the bandits. This was said by the provincial armed forces commander, Brigadier Lagos Lidimo. Brig Lidimo was addressing cadets at the Nampula military school in the north of the country.

He told the cadets that since the armed forces' offensive against the bandits, calm had returned to the province. Roads that were impassable can now be used. Brig Lidimo said that hundreds of people who had been captured and forced to live with the bandits have been freed.

He said the task of the army now was to consolidate and maintain the offensive in the province. He said measures are already under way to reorganize the army in the province.