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Mozambique: "armed bandits" again attack railway near Maputo *(Text)* A group of armed bandits attacked the Pessene railway station, 50 km from Maputo, yesterday evening, killing at least six people. This was learned from AIM, citing a source from the southern Mozambique railways. AIM also pointed out that the criminals kidnapped an unspecified number of civilians, including station workers, in addition to damaging the railway. In yesterday's attack, the armed bandits stole money obtained from ticket sales, destroyed a number of documents and burned houses near the railway station. This is the third attack in less than 15 days that the bandits have carried out on the railway linking Maputo to South Africa. *(Maputo home service in Portuguese 1730 gmt 11 Nov 88)*