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maputo, 16 nov (aim) - bandits of the south african backed mnr derailed a train early this morning on the goba line, which links maputo to swaziland.

according to a source in mozambique railways' southern division, the train was travelling from Maputo to the district of boane, about 30 kilometres to the south west when it hit a mine.

the train driver was injured in the derailment, and about 50 metres of track were damaged. Several wagons overturned in the incident.

the goba line is one of the principal routes used by swaziland for its trade. This is the third time in less than a month that it has been subject to bandit sabotage.

the bandits have stepped up their attacks against this line, and the railway to south africa, as well as the transmission lines carrying power to maputo in the last three weeks.

the increase in acts of destabilisation in maputo province followed immediately after south african foreign minister roelof botha had offered words of peace and cooperation on 25 october when he inaugurated new installations for the south african trade mission in maputo.

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