

Mozambique: three MNR attacks on one town reported Armed bandits killed five people, abducted several others, and burned about 15 houses in Xinavane on 19th January. This follows another recent attack on Xinavane in which the bandits destroyed part of a local hospital, damaged installations at the Inkomati sugar plantations and caused human losses. (*Maputo home service in Portuguese 1730 gmt 21 Jan 89*)

For the third time in less than six weeks, armed bandits attacked the sugar town of Xinavane, 100 km from Maputo on 22nd January. It is feared that people were killed and many others abducted, judging from the extent of the attack which lasted for more than five hours. The attack resulted in the total destruction of 12 shops and the power station and an undisclosed number of vehicles were destroyed.