

MNR attack toll rises

THE death toll in the MNR attack on a passenger train near the South African border over the weekend has risen to 11.

More bodies were recovered from the site of the ambush at Movene on Monday, 55 kilometres northwest of Maputo, and transported to the capital.

A further 16 were wounded -- 14 of them seriously -- in the ambush which took place last Sunday afternoon.

Most of the wounded were women who attempted to escape through the train's windows when the attack began.

The train was heading towards Maputo from Ressano Garcia on the border with South Africa.

"Women, children, old people and mineworkers were on board the train", according to a survivor, Joaquina Alberto.

Alberto told Mozambique's official news agency, AIM that the attack began at about 3 pm.

Another survivor, Lucinda Mathe, said that the bandits opened fire from both sides of the track with bazookas and light arms.