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## Help our forces beat MNR bandits, country people told

THE Minister of State Security, Cde Sydney Sekeramayi, yesterday appealed to people in sensitive communal and commercial areas to help security forces with information to counter banditry.

Replying to a question in the Assembly, Cde Sekeramayi said the deployment of security forces in sensitive areas was taking place but the success of their operations depended on the co-operation of the local people.

"People should therefore feel obliged and duty-bound to assist the security forces with information on the enemy.

"In that vein, Cde Speaker, I would like to appeal to the people in communal and commercial areas in the sensitive areas to assist the security forces by not only giving information on the enemy, but also by not harbouring as well as employing them," Cde Sekeramayi said.

The Government, he said, was aware that some people were avoiding paying the stipulated minimum wage by employing people from across the border.

"Cheap labour might be attractive, but the cost of that cheap labour to Zimbabwe can be in the loss of lives of our citizens that would be at risk, and the economy that would be damaged," he said.