

8 die in MNR raid

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AT least eight people died and 23 others were wounded in Tuesday's raid by bandits of the South African-backed MNR against the town of Manjacaze in the southern Mozambican province of Gaza.

According to a Gaza correspondent for the Maputo daily paper Noticias, in the clashes 10 of the raiders were killed and two captured.

He said that the bandits destroyed 12 shops and 18 houses. They broke into a local bank and burnt all the documentation there.

The attack against Manjacaze, which is about 200 kilometres north of Maputo, began at about 04.00 local time. The bandits withdrew from the town at about 15.30 after clashing with Mozambican units who arrived at Manjacaze from nearby regions.

The bandits took with them 39 people whom they had kidnapped in Manjacaze. — Ziana-AIM.