

Manica province - Radio Mozambique reported on 17 May that Chimoio, the capital of Manica province which borders on Zimbabwe, had no lights between 15 - 16 May, due to sabotage by the MNR. An MNR group, Radio Mozambique said, brought down a pylon in the main energy supply line which carries electricity from Mavuzi to Chimoio. The saboteurs used explosives.

Zambezia province - A 23 year old Mozambican woman Jordina Morais, said she witnessed bandits of the South African sponsored MNR killing an Italian missionary shortly after the MNR attack on Inhassunge, in the centre-north province of Zambezia, at the end of March. Ms. Morais, who has three children, is quoted in the 19 May edition of the Maputo daily 'Noticias'.

After the attack on Inhassunge, she said, the bandits marched with all those they had kidnapped, including herself, towards Mussangane. "Before we arrived in Mussangane we passed by Benagira where we met two cars. One of them was driven by one of the (Italian) priests." She added that the bandits saw the car was stuck in the mud "and, at that point, they decided to kill the priest". The latter tried to escape, she said, but "one bandit ran after him and knifed him to death. After he had died we continued the march."

Ms. Morais did not identify the priest by name. It is possible that he was Antonio Saltori since, of the three other priests working in Inhassunge, two - Francesco Bartolloti and Camillo Campanolli - were killed by the bandits in Inhassunge itself, and the other, Giocondo Bagliari, was kidnapped and later released in Malawian territory. Saltori's body was discovered a few days after the raid in Inhassunge, some 20 kms. away from this small town.

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