

Inhambane province - The MNR massacred at least 50 people and castrated nine men during an attack on 12 May against the town of Massinga in the southern province of Inhambane. The victims of castration were taken to the provincial hospital in Inhambane city, according to a report on 26 May by Radio Mozambique. Earlier this week, the radio had spoken of two bandit attacks on 12 May against two localities of Massinga district. During these attacks the MNR castrated seven men, and first raped and then killed three women.

One of the seven castrated men, Zefanias Walsone, told the radio that the attackers gave them a photo of MNR bandit leader Afonso Dhlakama and ordered them to show it "to the leaders of Frelimo...We are cutting off your testicles because from them. Frelimo soldiers are born," the bandits told them, according to Mr. Walsone.

According to Radio Mozambique, the attack on Massinga was aborted due to local military resistance. It added that the MNR suffered heavy losses, but gave no details.

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