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**TWO policemen were shot and killed by MNR bandits in the early hours of Wednesday when their base in the Tamandai area of Chipinge was attacked.**

A police spokesman in Mutare yesterday confirmed the incident and said a bandit was shot dead in the attack. The dead policemen, whom he declined to name, will be buried today.

The spokesman said the bandits attacked the base at about 1am.

In Nyanga, other bandits robbed a B and C bus of \$966 and later robbed Mopani Store in the Ruangwe area.

Last month, bandits ambushed another B and C bus in the Zamchiya area in Chipinge killing three passengers and injuring four others.

Meanwhile, two children who were hacked to death by MNR bandits in Nyanga last week were buried on Saturday in the Katerere area.

Although more details were not immediately available at the time of going to Press, it is reliably understood that the girls, aged eight and 11 were from the same family.

The funeral was attended by the Manicaland

Provincial Governor Bishop Joshua Dhube and the District Administrator for the area and several other Government officials.

A boy was injured in the attack and is recovering at the Elim Mission Hospital.

There was a strong feeling that the man at whose home the girls were sleeping was the one who collaborated with the bandits, said the Governor. The man was picked up by the police for questioning. Efforts to contact Nyanga police for comment were in vain late yesterday.

Governor Dhube gave a stern warning against those who collaborated with bandits. "The collaboration is too much in this area," he said.

He added that it was difficult to monitor the people in the area as they were engaged in barter deals with those across the border in Mozambique some of whom could be bandits.

He suggested that a way around the problem would be to introduce planned villages in the affected areas. Bishop Dhube also expressed concern at the absence of the army in the area where the bandits attacked the children.

The bandits also looted a store and got away with goods whose value was not disclosed.