

Zambia: MNR raids affecting development in Eastern province

(Text) Secretary of State for Defence and Security Alex Shapi said in Lusaka today that people in certain parts of the Eastern Province fear going to their fields due to Renamo raids. Comrade Shapi said this state of affairs was affecting development, and the Zambian government had held talks with the Mozambican government at which it had been agreed that Zambian security forces can pursue the bandits into Mozambique whenever they make their raids. He told reporters that Renamo was treading a dangerous path since South Africa, which trained them, is trying to make peace with its neighbours. He said with the coming of Namibian independence next year and South African efforts at peace, the bandits will soon have no supporters on whom to count.

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