

# Bandit H base <sup>31/5</sup> seized <sup>90</sup>

NGUNGWE  
(Mozambique).

MOZAMBICAN troops have recaptured one of the principal bases of the Pretoria-sponsored MNR bandits near the South African border.

Ngungwe base fell on May 14, after bombardment by the air force and by heavy artillery. At least 12 bandits died in the fighting.

Ngungwe, 180 km north-west of Maputo, was a reception point for arms from the South, less than 1½ km away.

The arms were then distributed to bandits in the southern provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane.

Ngungwe, which covered four square kilometres, lies in an area which is rich in agricultural potential. Around the base there are fields of ripening maize, cultivated by peasant families held captive by the bandits.

The bandits had built a dirt road linking the base to South Africa. — Ziana.