

# DESTABILISATION CALENDAR

Note: Due to the poor state of communication in the country, many Renamo bandit attacks in remote areas do not come to the attention of the media. This record is therefore incomplete. Where a report does not give the exact date of the incident, the period of the month is indicated.

**April:** Mozambican troops killed 32 of the South African backed Renamo bandits in clashes in the districts of **Inharrime** and **Zavala** in the southern province of Inhambane.

**Late April:** Units of the Mozambican armed forces (FPLM) destroyed a Renamo camp, known as "base Malawi" in the area of **Tulo**, near Lake Niassa in the far north of the country.

**Late April:** Mozambican troops destroyed an important Renamo base in the district of **Barue** in the central province of Manica. During the operation, in the area of **Nhangade**, troops captured a Renamo official, named as **Tobias Maemepenzi**, and described as a bandit "administrator".

Elsewhere in Manica, in **Machaze** district, troops overran a bandit camp at **Muengi**, capturing a quantity of arms and ammunition, and freeing several dozen people from bandits control.

**April 28:** A group of bandits abducted a South African family, whose yacht ran aground on the coast of **Vilankulo** district, in Inhambane province. After kidnapping **David** and **Sandy Muller** and their two children, **Tammy** and **Seth**, the bandits set the yacht on fire.

**January - May:** The FPLM killed a total of 223 Renamo bandits in clashes in the southern province of **Gaza**. The army destroyed 18 bandit camps in the province in this period, and freed about 800 people from Renamo captivity.

**Early May:** Mozambican troops recaptured the locality of **Umbuane** in the central province of **Zambezia**. The area had been in Renamo hands for over a year. About 7,500 people were freed from bandit control in this operation. They are completely destitute, and in critical need of food, medicines and other basic supplies.

**May 1:** A group of South Africa's Renamo bandits murdered a Swiss doctor, **René Gagnaux**, in an ambush on the main north-south road in the district of **Manhiça**, about 75 kilometres north of Maputo (see full story elsewhere in this issue).

**May 4:** Renamo bandits killed at least three people in an attack on the village of **Nicolomua**, about 30 kilometres west of the northern Mozambican city of **Nampula**. The bandits also kidnapped nine villagers.

**May 6:** Renamo bandits murdered four civilians in a pre-dawn raid against the town of **Mandlakazi** in the southern province of **Gaza**. The bandits also wounded 11 people, four of them seriously, but did not succeed in causing serious damage to the town.

**May 7:** Bandits murdered eight people in an ambush against three vehicles near the town of **Nacarua** in **Nampula** province. One vehicle, belonging to the local branch of the country's relief body, the **Disasters Control Office (DCCO)**, was set on fire and completely destroyed.

**May 9:** Renamo bandits murdered one person and wounded three others in an attack against the communal village of **Nhampoca**, in **Nhamatanda** district in the central province of **Sofala**. They burnt down 42 huts in the village before a unit of Mozambican troops intervened, and forced them to withdraw.

**May 10:** Bandits attacked the **Carapira** industrial school and a nearby health centre in the district of

**Monapo**, about 100 kilometres east of **Nampula** city. The bandits destroyed equipment in the school and looted medicines from the health post. This was the third time that **Carapira** had come under attack in 1990.

**May 12:** Renamo bandits massacred at least 11 people and wounded 53 others in an attack on a train travelling from South Africa to **Maputo**. The attack took place in the **Movene** area, 72 kilometres north-west of **Maputo**, and just one kilometre from the site of a similar ambush on 14 February in which 66 people lost their lives.

**May 12:** Bandits murdered one person and injured five others in an attack on a passenger train on the line between **Zimbabwe** and **Beira**. The attack occurred 89 kilometres west of **Beira**, at about 19.00 local time.

**May 14:** Saboteurs knocked out a pylon on the transmission lines carrying electricity from South Africa to **Maputo**, in the **Tenga** area about 25 kilometres from the Mozambican capital. This was the 13th incident of sabotage so far this year against the line (see full story elsewhere in this issue).

**May 14:** The FPLM captured a bandit base at **Ngungwe**, in **Magude** district, 180 kilometres north-west of **Maputo**, and almost on the South African border. This base was used to distribute weaponry from South Africa to Renamo groups in the three southern province of **Maputo**, **Gaza** and **Inhambane** (see full article elsewhere in this issue).

**May 1 - 15:** The FPLM killed 21 Renamo bandits in a series of clashes in Inhambane province, in the districts of **Panda**, **Vilankulo**, **Morrumbene** and **Jangamo**. When troops overran a Renamo camp at **Chawene** on the northern Inhambane coast, they seized a radio transmitter, skin diving equipment and signal flares.

**May 18:** Bandits seriously injured one civilian in a raid against the outlying suburb of **Chingussura** in the city of **Beira**. They set a booby trap with an anti-tank mine buried in one of the **Chingussura** dirt roads. It was set off by a Mozambican armoured vehicle patrolling the area.

**May 19:** Renamo bandits killed three people in an attack against the town of **Namaacha**, on the border with **Swaziland**, about 70 kilometres west of **Maputo**. The 300 or so bandits in the raiding party looted and destroyed ten shops.

**May 21:** Bandits launched a pre-dawn raid against the Portuguese-owned livestock company, "**Alfredo Luis Herdeiros**", on the outskirts of the town of **Xinavane**, about 100 kilometres north of **Maputo**. The bandits stole 300 head of cattle, valued at 12 million meticais (about US\$13,000), destroyed the company's electrical power supply, and looted assorted goods from its warehouses.

**May 25:** Bandits killed seven people in an ambush on the road between **Maputo** and **Swaziland**, and set the vehicle concerned, a mini-bus, on fire.

**May 28:** Bandits looted a shop in the **Inhamizua** suburb of the central city of **Beira**. They stole almost all the goods, including clothing, foodstuffs, and school equipment and burnt those sacks of maize that they were unable to carry with them. They also raided the home of a local resident and abducted his 19 year old son.

**May 28:** Bandits killed two children in a raid against the area of **Matola-Rio** on the outskirts of **Maputo**. Shells fired by the raiders landed in the neighbouring district of **Matola-C**, killing the children, aged 13 years and 18 months, in the house where they were sleeping. Four adults were injured.