

Zimbabwean troops complete redeployment

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ZIMBABWE has completed the redeployment of its troops to the Beira Corridor in compliance with the December 1 agreement which resulted in a partial ceasefire agreement between the Mozambican government and MNR and confined Zimbabwean troops to the Beira and Limpopo corridors.

Speaking to Zimbabwean journalists at the weekend in Chimoio, the commander of the Zimbabwe Special Task Force along the Beira Corridor, Colonel Clever Chiramba, said the exercise had been completed

before yesterday's deadline as had been stipulated by the Rome Agreement between the Mozambican government and the bandits.

Zimbabwean troops from the Casa Banana, Villa Paiva de Andriade, Fabrica, Machesse and Cavalho forward bases in the Gorongosa area had been concentrated in the Beira Corridor. In the whole of Mozambique, a total of 6 200 troops were expected to be affected by the redeployment.

Col Chiramba said this number would be split in two and authorities would distribute the troops between the two

corridors of Beira and Limpopo according to the needs of each corridor.

The STF command in Mozambique was keeping both the Joint Verification Commission and Zimbabwe National Army headquarters informed about the developments in Mozambique, he said, adding that the JVC had also been informed about MNR attacks last week.

The JVC, set up to supervise the implementation of the accord, is expected to send a military sub-commission to Beira and Limpopo corridors this week and assess the redeployment of ZNA troops and review the military situation there.