

## DESTABILISATION CALENDAR

**Note:** Due to the poor state of communications in Mozambique, many Renamo attacks in remote areas do not come to the attention of the media. This record is therefore incomplete. When the original source did not give the exact date of an incident the period of the month is indicated.

For Renamo attacks on the Limpopo Corridor, in violation of the Rome partial ceasefire, see separate list on page 7.

**January 1-March 14:** The Mozambican Armed Forces (FPLM) killed 173 Renamo bandits in operations in the central province of **Zambezia**. The troops retook the small towns of **Derre** in Morrumbala district, and **Namanjavira** in Mocuba district, which had been in Renamo hands for many years. Over the same period troops destroyed 30 Renamo camps, and rescued 576 people from bandit control.

**March 1-25:** Mozambican troops killed 149 Renamo bandits in clashes throughout the country, and took a further 30 prisoner. Nine bandits surrendered to the authorities.

**March 1:** Renamo sabotaged the railway from Maputo to Salamanga in the far south of the country. This is a branch line to limestone quarries that supply raw material for cement production. The bandits set fire to 41 timber sleepers on a bridge over the **Tembe river**, 55 kilometres south of Maputo.

**March 2:** Renamo attacked the village of **Chitundo** in the central province of Manica, and burnt down over 100 houses.

**March 6:** Mozambican troops killed 15 Renamo bandits who were trying to attack the village of **Ntomanine** in Guija district, in the southern province of Gaza.

**March 6:** Renamo murdered 12 people in an ambush against a tractor and trailer at **Thaula** in Maracene district, some 30 kilometres north of Maputo.

**March 7:** Renamo murdered four people in an ambush against three trucks at the **Matalane** crossroads, 40 kilometres north of Maputo, on the main road linking the capital to the centre of the country. Two trucks were partially destroyed by fire, and the cargo of sugar was looted.

**March 8:** Renamo attacked the small town of **Nipepe** in the northern province of Niassa, killing two civilians, but losing 20 of their own men in fighting with Mozambican troops.

**March 10:** Renamo massacred 25 people, and wounded a further 19, in an ambush against a convoy in the **Tete Corridor**, the main road between Zimbabwe and Malawi that passes through the northwestern Mozambican province of Tete. The convoy came under attack 64 kilometres north of Tete City, as it was returning from Zobue on the Malawian border. Many of the dead and wounded were Mozambican soldiers. The bandits let the first vehicle, an armoured car, drive past, and then fired a bazooka into a truck carrying troops of the convoy's military escort.

**March 13:** Renamo attacked the town of **Liupo**, capital of Mogincual district, in the northern province of Nampula, burnt down several houses on the outskirts of the town and kidnapped eight people.

**March 14:** Renamo murdered six people and wounded three others in an attack against a truck in

**Inhambane** province, on the main north-south road, between the small towns of Chissibuca and Zandamela.

**Mid-March:** Renamo bandits killed one person and seriously wounded another in a raid on the small town of **Macate** in the central province of Manica. The bandits attacked the local offices of the Frelimo Party, and stole all the documentation they found there. They also looted all the medicines from the Macate health centre, and burnt a tractor and a truck.

**March 17:** Renamo murdered six people and wounded a further 25 in an attack against the town of **Marara**, in Tete province. The bandits stole foodstuffs and other goods from local people, and looted all the medicines from the Marara health post.

**March 18:** Renamo murdered two people and wounded an unspecified number of others in a raid against **Zobue** in Tete province, on the border with Malawi.

**March 20:** Renamo ambushed and wounded two South African citizens in **Gaza** province. Despite their injuries, the two men, Joe Odendal and Hendrick Fourie, managed to drive on in their truck. They then hid in the bush for two days before being found by Mozambican soldiers who took them to Maputo Central hospital. They were later evacuated to Nelspruit in the eastern Transvaal, where Mr Odendal's leg was amputated.

**March 21:** Renamo murdered five people and wounded three others in an attack against a tractor and trailer on a road in **Chibuto** district, in Gaza. The bandits set fire to the tractor which was carrying cashew nuts harvested by the local peasantry.

**March 28:** Mozambican troops captured a base described by Renamo as its "regional general staff headquarters" at **Gorondene** in the Inhambane interior, near the border with Gaza province.

**March 28:** Renamo massacred 14 people and wounded five others in an attack on **Muidelo** village in Maganja da Costa district, in the central province of Zambezia.

**March 28:** Renamo bandits killed one old man and kidnapped three other peasants in **Namiungo** communal village, in Mandimba district in the northern province of Niassa.

**March 29:** Renamo injured at least six people, three of them seriously, in an ambush against three trucks near **Namaacha** on the Swazi border. The trucks were travelling from South Africa to Maputo via Swaziland. After forcing the trucks to stop, the bandits looted them and set them on fire.

**March 30:** Mozambican troops destroyed a Renamo communications centre at **Senga-Senga** in the central province of Sofala.

**March 30:** Renamo murdered a child and kidnapped 11 villagers in a raid against the **7 April** communal village, in Balama district in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.

**March 31:** Renamo raided the **Calipo** communal village in Mogovolas district, Nampula province, where they burnt down 12 houses, and hacked off the arm of one peasant farmer.

**Late March:** Renamo killed one person and kidnapped nine others in an attack against **Pateguana** communal village in Guro district, Manica province.