

Bandits murder 17 people

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MNR bandits killed 17 civilians and wounded 41 in a weekend attack north of the capital Maputo, the Portuguese news agency Lusa, quoted Radio Mozambique as saying that the raid by the bandits occurred on Sunday morning in the town of Bilene, 200 km north of the capital.

The conflict which has been raging between the bandits and the government since shortly after independence from Portugal in 1975 has killed tens of thousands of people and crippled Mozambique's economy.

The two sides have been holding peace talks under Italian and church mediation for more than one year but a truce has been elusive so far. — Ziana-Reuter.
