

DESTABILISATION CALENDAR

July 28: Mozambican troops killed 11 Renamo bandits and took one prisoner in a clash at **Chihulu**, in Malema district in the northern province of Nampula. Renamo burnt down 28 peasant huts in the area.

July 29 - August 4: Renamo bandits killed 11 people and wounded nine others in a series of raids against communal villages in the districts of **Massinga** and **Morumbene** in the southern province of Inhambane.

August 3: Troops attacked a bandit position in **Malema** district, and set free 130 people held captive by Renamo.

August 5: Mozambican troops retook the town of **Lalaua**, in Nampula, which had been in the hands of the Renamo bandits since 29 June. They killed at least 43 bandits in the operation.

August 5: Renamo murdered six people, including a six-year-old child, and injured seven others in an attack on a tractor and trailer travelling on the road from **Makhaze** to **Chimoio** in the central province of Manica.

August 7: Renamo bandits killed three people in an ambush against a works train travelling from South Africa to Maputo. The attack took place 15 kilometres from the South African border. The bandits had loosened the rails, and succeeded in derailing the train. They then opened fire and set the locomotive ablaze.

August 8: Renamo stole 203 head of cattle in a raid against a private agricultural company in **Monapo** district in Nampula. They also destroyed a sisal processing plant, three tractors and the company offices.

August 8: The Mozambican army destroyed what Renamo called its "seventh sector" in **Mossuril** district, in Nampula.

August 9: Renamo killed 41 people, and injured 89 others in an attack on the town of **Chibuto** in Gaza province. Although Chibuto houses the Gaza provincial military command, Renamo held the town for six hours and looted the warehouse belonging to the state agricultural marketing board, Agricom. The raiders looted 77 houses and shops in the town.

August 10: Troops killed 40 bandits when they destroyed what was described as an "important Renamo base" in **Mecuburi** district, in Nampula.

Early August: Renamo killed 11 civilians and kidnapped two others in an attack against the **Hlomane** communal village, in the Limpopo valley district of Guija, in the southern province of Gaza.

August 11: Renamo ambushed a food aid convoy returning from the district of **Massangena** to **Chicualacuala**, on the border with Zimbabwe, in Gaza province. The bandits set fire to three trucks, all owned by the Disasters Control Office (DPCCN).

August 11-13: Renamo killed four people and wounded three others in raids against the towns of **Sussundenga** and **Machaze** in the central province of Manica.

August 13: Troops killed three bandits when they stormed a Renamo base at **Mujongo**, in Massinga district, in the southern province of Inhambane.

August 15: Mozambican troops killed two bandits when Renamo mounted an unsuccessful assault against the town of **Guija**, in Gaza.

August 16: Troops killed six bandits when they overran a Renamo camp at **Balabala** in Chokwe district, in Gaza.

Mid-August: The Mozambican armed forces frustrated an attempt by Renamo to seize the town of **Chidzolomon-**

do in the northwestern province of Tete. The bandits burnt down 102 houses in this small town, but there were no reports of casualties.

Mid-August: Renamo ambushed and destroyed a vehicle in **Marracuene** district, about 40 kilometres north of Maputo, just ten metres from the Limpopo railway line. The ambush was thus a clear violation of the partial ceasefire in the Beira and Limpopo rail corridors that was signed in Rome between the government and Renamo on 1 December. The vehicle belonged to a project seeking to provide agricultural employment for Mozambicans who had formerly worked in the South African gold mines.

Mid-August: Renamo killed three people and wounded a further three in an attack on the **Chambaluca** village in Guro district, in Manica. They burnt down 19 houses and stole 147 head of cattle.

August 10-18: Troops killed 18 bandits and took two others prisoner in a series of clashes in the central province of **Sofala**. During these operations 12 Renamo members surrendered to the authorities, and over 400 civilians were freed from bandit control.

August 18: Renamo massacred at least 25 people at the **Chonguene** crossroads in Gaza. Among those killed were two three-year-old children.

August 19: Renamo killed six people and wounded seven others in an ambush against a convoy of civilian vehicles at **Mecua**, in Mogovolas district, Nampula. The convoy consisted of trucks belonging to the state agricultural marketing board, Agricom, carrying goods to be used as incentives to persuade peasant farmers to sell their surplus crops.

August 19: Troops killed 12 bandits in a clash at **Calipo** in Mogovolas district.

August 19: Renamo kidnapped three children in an attack on the **Chihango** orphanage and educational centre, 20 kilometres from central Maputo. Four other children they abducted managed to escape. The bandits broke into the Chihango storehouse, and stole the maize, vegetable oil and soap they found there.

August 20: Renamo killed two people and wounded a further two in a raid on the **3rd February** communal village, 15 kilometres outside the Gaza provincial capital, Xai-Xai. They kidnapped a large number of villagers and looted two shops.

August 20: Troops killed at least eight bandits when they drove back a Renamo attack on the town of **Namaacha**, on the border with Swaziland. The bandits killed three civilians during the raid and did serious damage to a local restaurant and hotel.

August 21: Troops attacked a base referred to as Renamo's "presidential office" at **Nhazuazua**, in Gorongosa district, in Sofala, capturing a Renamo "district political delegate".

August 23: Troops killed 25 bandits in a clash at **Coba**, in Gorongosa.

August 24: Troops killed 21 bandits when Renamo attacked the town of **Macla**, in Gaza. When they withdrew, Renamo killed 17 civilians and wounded a further 41.

August 24: Renamo murdered nine people and wounded four in a raid against **Chilembene**, in Gaza.

Late August: In what were described as "pursuit operations", troops killed 28 bandits in **Muldumbe** district in the northern province of Cabo Delgado.