

## DESTABILISATION CALENDAR

**January 1:** Mozambican troops killed 12 Renamo bandits when they overran a Renamo base at **Chidide**, in Mutarara district in the northwestern province of Tete, just five kilometres from the Malawian border.

**January 2:** Renamo wounded nine people and burnt down 112 homes in a raid against the **Cancune** communal village, in Changara district, Tete province. The raiders kidnapped 14 villagers, stole foodstuffs and burnt down several grain stores. Local militiamen mounted a counter-attack in which one bandit was killed.

**January 3:** Renamo bandits killed four people and wounded two others in an ambush against a bus owned by the private transport company, Oliveiras. The bus came under fire on the country's main north-south highway, near the town of **Macia** in the southern province of Gaza.

**January 3:** Renamo killed three people in a pre-dawn raid against the small town of **Rapale**, about 20 kilometres west of the northern city of Nampula. The raiders looted shops, schools, the local hospital, and a centre for veterans of the independence struggle.

**January 6:** Renamo killed three people and wounded two others in a raid on the outskirts of **Macia**, in Gaza.

**January 6:** Renamo burnt down 20 homes in an attack against the town of **Marromeu**, on the south bank of the Zambezi river, in the central province of Sofala.

**January 7:** Renamo returned to **Macia** and massacred at least 50 people. A further 25 were wounded, and an undetermined number of residents were abducted. Entire families were murdered on the outskirts of the town, and bodies were still being recovered from the bush two days later. Mozambican troops killed two of the bandits.

**January 8:** Renamo ambushed a train travelling from Maputo to Swaziland, killing the driver and wounding two other people. The train was pulling 23 empty wagons back to Swaziland, when it was attacked some 25 kilometres west of Maputo.

**Early January:** Troops killed five bandits and 26 Renamo collaborators when they destroyed two camps at **Muchungo** and **Muvamba Santa Ana** in Massingao district in the southern province of Inhambane.

**January 11:** Renamo killed two patients and severely injured a third in an attack against the hospital of **Chicumbane**, in Gaza. One patient was burnt alive in his bed in a hospital emergency unit. Two others were stabbed with bayonets, and one died later while they were being transferred to the hospital in the provincial capital, Xai-Xai. The raiders wrecked several of the wards, destroyed the hospital clothing store, and looted goods from people living nearby. In the area near the hospital, the bandits killed a further three people. Eye-witnesses said the raiders were boys aged between 12 and 16.

**January 13:** Renamo killed at least eight people and wounded a further 11 in an ambush against a truck in Nhangau on the outskirts of the central city of **Beira**. The truck was carrying between 30 and 40 people, many of whom were going to work on their fields at Chipendene, in the Beira green belt.

**January 14:** Renamo massacred 17 people at **Chonguene**, in Gaza. The killings took place on the country's main north-south road at almost exactly the same place where Renamo had massacred 26 people on 30 November. The killers mutilated the corpses: they cut the penises off their male victims, and placed the severed sexual organs into the mouths of the bodies. 16 of the victims were kidnapped in nearby localities and marched to Chonguene: the 17th stepped on a Renamo mine. Local people managed to take some revenge, and after the massacre succeeded in killing the commander of the Renamo group. The commander, allegedly drunk, was

overpowered and disarmed by a young man recently demobilised from the army. He handed the commander over to an angry group of Chonguene residents who killed him, burnt the body, and placed it on the road beside the massacre victims.

**January 14:** Troops killed seven bandits who were part of a Renamo group raiding the settlement of **Chissano** on the main north-south road in Bilene district, Gaza. On the same day the army killed a further seven bandits when it stormed a camp at **Hati-Hati**, in Chibuto district, also in Gaza.

**January 15:** Two people died and five others were injured in a Renamo raid against the urban district of **Machava**, about 10 kilometres from central Maputo. The bandits kidnapped eight people destroyed two cars, and looted two shops, a bakery and a hairdressing salon. Militiamen put up a brief resistance, but then ran out of ammunition. Soldiers guarding a nearby military workshop fired rockets against the raiders, but one of these fell into a hut, killing a woman and wounding two children. Two of the other people wounded had their legs blown off by mines planted by Renamo.

**January 16:** Renamo used what seems to have been a chemical weapon against Mozambican troops at **Ngungwe**, near the South African border (see full story elsewhere in this issue).

**January 16:** Troops killed two bandits and took a third prisoner when Renamo tried to attack the **Nalazi** communal village, in Guija district, Gaza province.

**January 16:** Troops killed five Renamo bandits at **Incassane**, in the locality of Catembe, which faces the Mozambican capital across the bay of Maputo.

**January 18:** Renamo killed five people and kidnapped 16 others in a raid against the **Suza** communal village, in the Limpopo valley in Gaza province. After the raid angry villagers beat to death a man suspected of being a Renamo collaborator.

**January 21:** Armed men, suspected of being Renamo members, killed four people and wounded 13 in an attack against the "7th April" suburb of **Chimoio**, capital of the central province of Manica.

**January 23:** Renamo killed one person and burnt down six peasant huts in an attack against the locality of **Chilembene**, in Gaza.

**January 23:** Renamo occupied the small town of **Imala**, in Muecate district, in the northern province of Nampula. The bandit group outnumbered the military unit stationed at Imala and seized part of their weaponry and other equipment.

**January 27:** Renamo wounded two soldiers in an attack against the Nkomati suburb of **Namaita**, a small town some 25 kilometres southwest of Nampula city.

**January 28:** Renamo killed 18 people in raids on the Maputo suburbs of **Ndlavela**, **Patrice Lumumba**, and **T-3**. The raiders killed most of their victims with clubs, knives and similar weapons, and only fired shots when moving out of reach of the suburbs they attacked.

**January 29:** Troops killed 13 bandits when Renamo tried to attack the **7th September** communal village in Guija district, Gaza province.

**January 29:** Renamo attacked and looted the mining locality of **Muiane**, in the central province of Zambezia. Several homes and a warehouse were burnt down.

**January 31:** Renamo murdered two people and wounded nine others in an attack against **Machava**. They attacked a police station where they destroyed equipment and stole a bazooka and a radio transmitter. They also destroyed two civilian vehicles and looted a bakery and a consumer cooperative.