

'More bandits sneak into Mozambique from Malawi'

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MOZAMBIQUE reported a huge infiltration of bandits from Malawi into its borders. # 7/10/86

According to that country's news agency — AIM — quoting a military spokesman — the operation was directed particularly against the provinces of Tete and Zambezia, two of the three provinces which border Malawi.

The military spokesman said the latest raids by the South African backed MNR bandits had caused thousands of Mozambicans to flee their homes and seek refuge inside Malawi.

It appears that aggression via the MNR has been escalated following the September 11 talks in Blantyre with Presidents Samora Machel of Mozambique, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Kamuzu Banda of Malawi and Prime Minister Mugabe.

On his return to

Maputo President Machel threatened to close the Mozambique-Malawi border and install missiles along it.

After the Blantyre meeting, President Banda recognised publicly that there were indeed bandit bases inside Malawi.

Meanwhile about 16 000 people in the district of Panda, in the Southern Mozambican province of Inhambane are facing serious food shortages as a result of drought and MNR bandit activities. — Ziana-AIM.

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