

# Bandits not in vacated positions

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**STRATEGIC** positions vacated by the Zimbabwe National Army in Gorongosa, Mozambique, are still intact despite heavy attacks from MNR bandits, the ZNA said in a statement released in Harare yesterday.

Briefing the Army Commander, Lt-General Tapfumaneyi Mujuru, at Special Task Force headquarters in Chimoio, Mozambique, this week, the Commander of 3 Brigade, Col Clever Chiramba, denied earlier reports that areas vacated by Zimbabwean troops in Gorongosa had fallen to MNR bandits.

Col Chiramba said the last MNR offensive launched three weeks ago, had been repelled by the Mozambique Armed Forces (FAM). Strategic positions were still intact and "the situation along the Beira Corridor is generally quiet", he told the army commander.

Lt-Gen Mujuru visited the troops along the Beira Corridor this week to assess morale among troops and the security situation following the signing of a partial ceasefire between the Mozambican government and MNR bandits in Rome last year.

Under the terms of the Rome accord, all Zimbabwean forces in Mozambique are restricted to the Beira and Limpopo corridors and it was clear to the commander (Lt-Gen Mujuru) that they were aware of their role as stipulated in the partial ceasefire agreement.