

# Troops free Sofala from MNR control

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~~AFTER~~ a major military offensive against bandits of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance, the district of Machanga in the southern part of the central province of Sofala is now totally under the control of the Mozambican authorities.

According to a report in the daily paper *Diário de Mocambique*, published in the Sofala provincial capital, Beira, the people of Machanga are now able to travel throughout the district, on foot or by car, without any difficulty.

Yesterday's issue of the Maputo daily *Noticias* reported that Mozambican troops had captured a bandit camp at Magule, in the district of Inharrime, in the southern province of Inhambane. In this operation, the date of which was not given, 17 MNR bandits were killed and a further six taken prisoner.

On Monday night the bandits attacked a health centre in the outer Maputo suburb of Machava, according to eyewitnesses contacted by Aim.

A group of bandits entered the Machava health centre and looted various medical equipment, including drugs, linen, and uniforms, before being driven back by Mozambican troops. —  
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