MNR bandits kill 4 in border raid

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SOUTH African-backed MNR bandits attacked and killed four members of a Zimbabwean family at Kaingiza Village in Rushinga, 16 km from the border with Mozambique, before looting the village.

The attack last Sunday is the third to be carried out by the bandits in the areas near the Mozambican border in the last two months, resulting in the death of a total of eight people. In May, the bandits murdered two people at an isolated village in Rushinga. A month later they killed a mother and her child at a village in Mount Darwin, says Cde Paddington Zvorwadza, the Member of Parliament for Rushinga.

The latest victims have been identified as Cde Simon Chitembo (43), his wife Cde Magarina (38), their seven-year-old son, Nyandoro, and two-year-old daughter, Chapenya. A fifth member of the family, a five-year-old boy, survived unhurt.

The bandits moved into the village at around 7 pm and shot Cde Chitembo and his two children before axing Mrs Chitembo to death. The bandits also looted the home and that of 15 other villagers. When the attack was carried out the other families had already moved into the bush where they have been sleeping since the MNR started attacking the village.

The four members of the family were buried on Friday.