

Zambia kills 17 bandits

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ZAMBIAN troops killed 17 MNR bandits in a retaliatory attack inside neighbouring Mozambique, the defence ministry said yesterday.

The attack came after the bandits mounted a cross-border raid near Katate in eastern Zambia, killing two Zambian villagers, a defence ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said Zambian troops recovered 29 stolen cattle and seized weapons after a gun battle in the border area.

He did not specify when the action took place but said it was the latest in a series. — Ziana-AP.