

Border people told to take SM care in marrying strangers ^{11/12/88}

THE Provincial Governor for Mashonaland Central, Senator Joseph Kaparadza, has warned collaborators of Renamo bandits to stop the practice forthwith.

He told over 1 000 mourners at the funeral of Cde Kasmurori Kasherri (37), of Chigango village in the Mukumbura area, that they should report the presence of bandits to the security forces. Cde Kasherri was murdered on December 4 by the South African-sponsored MNR bandits.

The governor urged the Chigango communities to report to the authorities any sightings of unknown persons.

Cde Kaparadza said the bandits had arrived at Chigango village at about half-past-six in the evening when Cde Kasherri had just returned from a church service. He was discussing some religious issues with

some of his fellow churchmen when strangers who looked like soldiers approached them. They challenged the intruders to identify themselves but, without any warning, the bandits fired indiscriminately, hitting Cde Kasherri many times.

Although badly injured, Cde Kasherri was still conscious when police details arrived soon after the departure of the bandits. They bandaged and took him to Mukumbura Clinic but, sadly, he died before admission.

The bandits burnt down one of the village huts and looted clothes and food before vanishing from the scene under cover of darkness.

Cde Kaparadza warned the locals against intermarrying with people living along the country's borders. He said it had caused the murders of many innocent people by the bandits who came into the area under the pretext of looking for their relatives.

He said the President had recently promised that more reinforcements would be sent to the security forces operating along the borders.

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