

'SA infiltrated 250 MNR bandits into Mozambique'

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EARLY this month South Africa infiltrated 250 MNR bandits over the border into the frontier district of Massingir and Chicualacuala, in the southern Mozambican province of Gaza, according to Capt. Quizito Fulai Charlito, chief of staff of the brigade of frontier guards stationed at Massingir.

Capt. Charlito also said in early January South Africa had moved a "large number" of bandits from Phalaborwa, in the eastern Transvaal, South Africa (where the MNR's main training

camp is), through the Kruger National Park and into Gaza and Maputo provinces.

"These bandits trained in Phalaborwa are the ones who carry out criminal acts along national highway number one," he said. This is the main south-north road running from Maputo to Xai-Xai and Inhambane, and eventually Beira.

He added that the same people "practise acts of terror in the north of Maputo province and the south of Gaza province".

Massingir district has a 130 km long frontier with South Africa. Ban-

dit actions began here in 1983 with small-scale ambushes along the road linking the district to Chokwe in the Limpopo Valley.

"The bandits moved between the districts of Chokwe and Massingir when they were going from the north of the country to the south and vice versa." — Ziana-AIM-Pana.