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The refugees told grueling stories of torture and harsh treatment to civilians by the MRM terrorists.

Mr. Chitanga Kasawane showed scars on his arms and said he had been shot by the rebels after they had accused him of "lying about his son who was in the people's militia".

"They asked if my son was in the militia. I said I did not know. They abducted me and said I had lied. They shot me in the arm. The bullet went through," he said.

Another refugee, Mr. Phineas Chirilele, said he had brought his family of eight and several cattle after reports that the bandits were coming to "get him".