

'Bandit' Camp Destroyed; Clashes Detailed

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[Text] In a coordinated action between the Gaza and Inhambane Provincial Military Commands, FPLM forces recently destroyed an armed bandit camp in (Chichococha), in the Panda district of Inhambane Province. This camp was used by the armed bandits to launch attacks against Gaza and Inhambane provinces. During the assault, our forces killed 100 armed bandits and captured assorted light equipment which had been buried in the area.

In the same operation, 550 families who had been forced to live with the bandits were released. They are now living with the FPLM forces until they can be resettled in communal villages in more fertile zones. After the assault, the FPLM pursued the fleeing armed bandits, killing six and capturing another. According to our source, a witch doctor called Matacuene was responsible for kidnapping people and stealing food, as the armed bandits were living in a zone with sparse resources.

In Zambezia Province, local military units killed 27 armed bandits last week when they tried to assault a goods train between Namacurra and Quelimane. In Nampula, a group of armed bandits tried to infiltrate in the Moma district on 20 July to provoke disturbances among the population. The prompt reaction by our forces caused the death of four armed bandits.