

30 Armed 'Bandits' Killed in Operations

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[Text] Search, siege, and destroy operations against the armed bandits are in progress throughout the country. These are acts of bravery and patriotism that have always characterized our combatants, who, in close cooperation with the people and people's militia, have known how to severely punish the armed bandits who sow terror and destruction. Accordingly, 30 armed bandits were killed by our forces last week in the (Macuda), (Mundisse), and Nhambombe areas and the region between (Chivungwine) and (?Mangalana), respectively in Zambezia, Tete, Manica, and Maputo Provinces. As a result of the continuing vigilance of our armed forces, the elimination of the armed bandits occurred while our comrades were conducting patrol missions in areas regarded as safe by the bandits.

In (Macuda) region of Mocuba district, for example, our comrades, in addition to destroying a bandit group, released more than 100 members of the local population who had been forced to live under the yoke of the gangsters. The bandits fled in disarray, failing to carry away the bodies of all those fatally hit.

Another example of our combat readiness against the armed bandits comes from Tete Province where our combatants frustrated a second attempt by the bandits to infiltrate the (Mundisse) area. The six criminals and murderers sought to carry out destabilization actions and plunder goods from the people. However, in view of the prompt response of our forces, the group was repelled.

In Nhamabombe, 25 km from Pungwe River, our comrades killed five armed bandits and released three people who had just been captured by the gangsters to appease their evil intentions.

Our forces shot dead several bandits who were busy robbing a peasant's farm between (Chivungwine) and (Mangalana).