

Over 300 'Bandits' Killed in Jul-Aug Operations

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[Text] More than 300 armed bandits were killed by FPLM soldiers in the last 2 months according to reports reaching our newsdesk. In July and August operations launched by the FPLM, 369 armed bandits were killed and 20 others were captured. During the same operations, large quantities of war materiel of South African origin were recovered. Several consumer goods which were stolen by the armed bandits from communal villages, canteens, cooperatives, farms, and buses were seized. During the search, pursuit, and destroy operations against these criminals, the FPLM assaulted and destroyed eight camps of the armed bandits and and liberated (?712) civilians who had been forced to live with these bandits.

Meanwhile, our soldiers are continuing with search, pursuit, and destroy operations against the armed bandits. Last week, several armed bandits camps were destroyed by our armed forces in Niassa, Zambezia, and Maputo Provinces. During these operations, 35 bandits were killed and a minor was freed by our forces.