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[Text] A total of 30 armed bandits were shot dead by the Mozambique Armed Forces-FPLM in the Marromeu district of Sofala Province on Monday. A source with the provincial military command told Radio Mozambique this afternoon that at 0500 on 2 September the armed bandits attempted to attack the district headquarters of Marromeu, but their criminal action was frustrated by the prompt response of our forces. The battle, which began at 0500, ended only at 1500, when peace and tranquillity were restored in Marromeu. The source added that five weapons and various boxes of ammunition were captured from the enemy.

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Meanwhile, the glorious Mozambique Armed Forces-FPLM are engaged in hot pursuit operations. FPLM forces in Marromeu have been inflicting heavy blows upon the enemy, as evidenced in this latest operation.