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Reportage on Military Operations Against 'Bandits'

63 Killed in Maputo Province

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[Text] The Mozambique Armed Forces-FPLM killed 63 armed bandits in military operations carried out on 26 and 27 August in Manhica and Magude districts in Maputo Province.

According to the newspaper *NOTICIAS*, these criminals were eliminated after the destruction of two armed bandit camps. The source added that among the dead gangsters were those who had been perpetrating terrorist acts against civilian vehicles traveling in columns or alone on national highway No 1. One of the camps that was destroyed was at Malengane, the area sheltering gangsters who have been operating in Maluana area in Manhica district, where over the past 2 months about 250 defenseless people traveling in Romos and Oliveiras buses between Maputo and Gaza Provinces were murdered.

NOTICIAS also reported that defense and security forces and the residents of Marromeu town in Sofala beat off an attempted assault by armed bandits. The attempt was made on Tuesday of last week.