

Bandit bases captured

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THE Mozambican armed forces have captured two important bases of MNR bandits in the southern province of Inhambane.

According to yesterday's Noticias, the bases, both in the district of Inharrime in the south of the province, were overrun in the last week of September.

The two bases were separated by a distance of 8 km on the Nhangele plain. The smaller base acted as an advanced post for the larger situated in thick bush. These bases were linked to a third at Pendane on the coast. The captain commanding the Nhangele operations told Noticias that the bandits were re-supplied by submarine at Pendane.

An estimated 400 bandits lived in the Nhangele bases. Military sources told Noticias that the MNR had suffered "heavy losses" in the fighting, but gave no figures. — Ziara-AIM.