

TWO JESUIT PRIESTS MURDERED BY MNR BANDITS

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Two Jesuit priests, Silvio Moreira of Portuguese nationality, and João de Deus Gonçalves a Mozambican, who were kidnapped by MNR bandits on 30 October in the north-western province of Tete, were found dead near Lifidze, close to the border with Malawi, four days later. They had been murdered. It was in the same area of Tete, namely in Angonia district, that eight members of the Catholic Church were kidnapped in June/July this year; they were subsequently released and found with 16 other hostages in Malawian territory on 7 September.