

# Saboteurs destroy Maputo rail bridge

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A BRIDGE on the railway line linking Maputo port to South Africa was sabotaged some time between Thursday night and yesterday morning.

The 22 metre bridge is 80 km from Maputo and just 8 km from the South African border.

An official source in Maputo told AIM that the sabotage was carried out by "a specialised sabotage group infiltrated from South Africa". The source said that the group of saboteurs was accompanied by armed bandits of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance.

After the sabotage of the bridge the whole group went on to attack the small station of Incomati close by.

"The bandits and the saboteurs withdrew in the direction of South Africa," the source said.

In recent weeks the Mozambican authorities have made a number of announcements of violations of the country's airspace by planes and helicopters crossing over from South Africa.

Yesterday news reached Maputo about massacres carried out by MNR bandits in November.

An official source said that on November 6 an MNR gang murdered 25 people and injured a further six when they attacked the remote village of Zinha-Saute in the Southern province of Gaza. — Ziana-AIM.