

MEMORANDUM ON FOREIGN NATIONALS MURDERED,  
KIDNAPPED OR WOUNDED BY THE ARMED BANDITS  
1981 - FEBRUARY 1986

INTRODUCTION

The following information refers only to incidents registered and confirmed by me and is therefore incomplete. There are other cases that it has not yet been possible to tie down to specific dates and places, particularly with regard to foreign residents not contracted by government (for example, rural shopkeepers).

INFORMATION

From 1981 to March 1986 at least 105 foreigners were involved in incidents with the armed bandits :

murdered	34
kidnapped	66
wounded	5

The total of 34 murdered includes 3 kidnapped in 1981 and 1984 and that have not been heard of since and can therefore be presumed dead.

Of the 66 people kidnapped 61 were either freed in military operations by the Mozambique Armed Forces or were released by the bandits in neighbouring countries (the vast majority in Malawi). Six kidnapped in late 1985 and early 1986 have not yet been freed.

The people involved were from the following countries : United Kingdom, Chile, Portugal, Bulgaria, Italy, Brazil, Sri Lanka, France, Soviet Union, G.D.R., Romania, Sweden, F.R. Germany, P.R. China, Ireland, and Cabo Verde.

By far the largest number were Portuguese citizens : 43 cases (murdered, kidnapped or wounded).

At least 12 priests and nuns were affected.

FOOTNOTE

These incidents do not include foreigners murdered by the South African armed forces : 2 Portuguese during commando raids on Matola and Namaacha.

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