

29 MNR DIE IN MAPUTO CONTACT

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MOZAMBICAN (soldiers killed) 29 MNR bandits in an outer Maputo suburb on Saturday night.

AIM says the soldiers surprised the bandits shortly after midnight in the areas of Molutane, Tsonissane and Tsalala, all within 15 km of the capital. The bandits had killed five people in these areas.

The bandits were penetrating the suburbs "in order to sabotage industrial units, and attack consumer co-operatives", a military source told AIM. The

source added that during the fighting, troops succeeded in freeing 15 civilians whom the bandits had kidnapped.

These are the heaviest losses that MNR raiding parties have sustained since hit-and-run attacks on the Maputo periphery began in May last year.

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