

**Mozambique says Malawian officers take part in MNR raids: Tembo comment**  
Members of the Malawian armed forces "integrated into gangs of the South African-sponsored MNR bandits are taking part in attacks" in Mozambique's Zambezia province, according to Maputo radio on 16th December, citing the Mozambican newspaper 'Noticias'. Three "bandits" had been captured in upper Zambezia who carried no identification, did not speak Portuguese or vernacular languages of central Mozambique, but rather spoke English or Chichewa (the main vernacular language of Malawi). The radio also reported that a captured MNR spy had admitted to infiltrating the country from Malawi. The spy also said that MNR units entering Mozambique from Malawi used transit camps on the border in the Milanje area. He added that 5,000 "bandits" had been sent on raiding missions in Zambezia province in November from these camps.

Speaking in Maputo following a meeting of the Malawi-Mozambique defence and security commission, a member of the Malawi Congress Party executive, John Tembo, said that he had been received by President Chissano and that there would be another meeting of the commission soon, according to Maputo radio on 16th December. Asked about the presence of Malawian officers in Zambezia province, he said, "I am not interested in that kind of story. I have come here to discuss very serious issues. . . We have talked about much more important things."

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