

# Army winning in Zambezia

## QUELIMANE

THE military situation in the Mozambican province of Zambezia has changed radically over the past month in favour of the Mozambican armed forces (FPLM).

The offensive launched by the South African-backed MNR bandits from Malawian soil in late September has ground to a halt. Local journalists of the Mass Communications Office reported major operations to sweep the MNR out of various parts of the province.

Unconfirmed reports in Quelimane indicate that in the last two weeks bandit camps have been over-

run in the northern Zambezia districts of Alto-Molocue, Ile and Milange.

Last week the FPLM destroyed a major bandit base at Namanjavira, in the central district of Mocuba — about 80 bandits were killed and a large quantity of arms and ammunition destroyed.

● Afonzo Dhlakama, head of the MNR, flew from Malawi to the Mozambican border town of Milange.

This was disclosed by refugees currently in the coal-mining centre of Moatize in the north-western province of Tete. — Ziana-Nan-Pana-

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