

**Mozambique: security situation in Manica Province** (Text) Last year 10,800 citizens who were forced to live with armed bandits in Manica Province were freed by the Mozambique Armed Forces. This fact was contained in a report from the Secretariat of the party's provincial committee in Manica presented to the recent seventh session of the provincial committee. The same report added that last year the enemy concentrated its destabilisation acts in central, northern and southern parts of the province with the aim of trying to hinder general elections and the implementation of the Beira corridor project. Despite military actions by the Mozambique Armed Forces, some areas are still suffering from criminal acts of the armed bandits, the report said. It also pointed out that about 2,000 young men have been mobilised by the OJM [Mozambique Youth Organisation] for tasks in defence of the country. (Maputo home service 1730 gmt 7 Feb 87)