

Mozambican army *CHRONICLE 27-12-89* kills 15 bandits

MAPUTO — The Mozambican armed forces killed 15 bandits of the South African backed MNR on Tuesday in the central province of Manica, according to a report on Radio Mozambique.

The bandits tried to attack the administrative posts of Cafumpe and Amatongas in the district of Gondola. According to military sources in Manica, the objective of the foiled raids was to steal maize.

The Cafumpe administrator told the radio that the bandits were suffering so badly from hunger in their camps that they were even resorting to cannibalism.

Meanwhile, MNR bandits are reported to have destroyed more than 400 schools in Mozambique's northern province of Nampula from 1984 to date, according to the provincial director of education, Cde Noel Muchenga Chicuecue.

Cde Chicuecue was quoted in the daily paper Noticias, as saying that in 1983 the educational network in Nampula consisted of 1 096 primary and 25 secondary schools.

"All 25 secondary schools are still functioning, but not very satisfactorily, because they have been frequently attacked by the bandits and it takes them weeks to reorganise and start work again," Cde Chicuecue said.

Cde Chicuecue said that the MNR had murdered 70 teachers in the province. Three had been crippled, seven kidnapped, and eight teachers had disappeared, he said adding that 900 of Nampula's teachers had lost their possessions when bandits sacked their homes or their schools. —Z iana-AIM-Pana.