

# 33 MNR bandits killed

MAPUTO — Mozambican armed forces killed 33 bandits of the South African-backed MNR and captured 10 others in operations in the southern provinces of Inhambane and Maputo between February 12 and 16, according to a source in the general staff quoted by Radio Mozambique.

An MNR gang tried to attack the town of Bela Vista capital of Matutuine district in the far south of the Maputo province on Tuesday. 11 bandits were killed in the raid. Bela Vista is about 60 km north of the border with the South-African province of Natal.

Five other bandits died in an attempted

raid on the town of Namaacha on the border with Swaziland some 75 km west of Maputo.

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The armed forces killed the other 17 bandits during a raid against the small town of Funhalouro in the interior of Inhambane province. The dates of the Funhalouro and Namaacha raids were not given.

The radio also reported that according to the military command in the central province of Manhiça government troops killed seven bandits on Wednesday during an abortive attack on the Agostinho Neto educational centre — *Manhiça, P. 11*