

Mozambican army kills forty MNR bandits

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MOZAMBICAN troops killed 40 bandits and captured 10 others during

operations in three provinces this week, the official AIM news agency reported on Friday.

It said 11 Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) bandits died in Southern Maputo Province during an abortive attack on the town of Bela Vista, some 80 km north of the border with South Africa's eastern Natal Province.

Five other bandits were killed when they attempted to raid Namaacha Town, 75 km west of the capital Maputo, the agency said, quoting official Radio Mozambique.

Seventeen others died during an attack on the town of Funhalouro in the heart of the southern province of Inhambane, while the rest met their deaths in a raid on an educational centre in central Manica province. AIM said.

The bandit toll was recorded between February 12-17, it added. — Ziana-Reuters.