

Renamo kills Benoni man ^{Search} near ^{8/2} M'bique ₄₈ - claim

A WATTVILLE, Benoni, man has been shot and killed by men believed to be members of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement.

The incident, which occurred last Thursday morning, follows the serious wounding of his son at the hands of the same men; and three weeks after the bodies of two of his relatives were found decomposed in Actonville, near Benoni.

The dead man was Mr John Dlamini (54), of 607 Dlomo Street, Wattville. He was killed near the Nomaachi border post in Mozambique.

Mr Dlamini's body was discovered by Mozambican soldiers patrolling the area on Thursday night.

Bandits

A man accompanying Mr Dlamini, only identified as Sam, was also shot, stabbed with sharp instruments and chopped with pangas. According to Mr Dlamini's cousin, Mr Johannes Sithole, Sam managed to escape and alerted Mozambican police. He has since disappeared.

According to Mr Sithole, the van in which Sam and Mr Dlamini were travelling was set alight after the bandits had robbed them of the food and clothing they were taking to relatives in Maputo.

Three weeks ago the badly decomposed and burnt bodies of Mr Dlamini's two relatives from Mozambique were found on the outskirts of Actonville township in Benoni. One of the men had been beheaded.

They were Mr George Sithole (21), and his brother Johannes (26).

Police are still investigating the Actonville deaths.

Two weeks ago Mr Dlamini's son, Fanuel (38), was badly wounded when he was shot by a group of men also believed to be members of Renamo.

The incident occurred near the same border post. He managed to escape but the food and clothes he was taking to relatives in Maputo were taken by the men.

Fanuel was later admitted to a Maputo hospital where his condition is said to be still critical.