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Mozambican official on success of joint operations with Zimbabwe against the MNR (*Excerpt*) The President of the Mozambican National Assembly, Comrade Marcelino dos Santos, says the success of the Zimbabwe-Mozambique joint military operations against South African-backed MNR bandits is a victory for Africa and a growing sense of self-reliance. Speaking on the ZBC [Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation] television programme "Guest of the Week", he said the stance taken by Zimbabwe and Tanzania in coming to the aid of Mozambique demonstrates that, although people need assistance, they should be able to do something on their own.

Comrade Dos Santos said Malawi is now backing the regional military co-operation by guarding the Nacala railway line, which is an important step in helping to eliminate banditry. He said the military offensive against MNR bandits has succeeded to the extent that the bandits have retreated to the Gaza province, where they can easily escape to South Africa. . . (*Harare home service in English 0400 gmt 6 Apr 88*)