

15 MNR Rebels Killed in Zambezia Battle

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[Text] This morning, the Mozambican Armed Forces repulsed yet another armed bandit attempt on Nicoadala town, 35 km from Quelimane.

This was disclosed by an authorized source in Zambezia Province's military command. He said that a bandit group penetrated an area near Nicoadala town early this morning in an attempt to loot the people's property.

Warned by the people, the FPLM forces responded promptly to control the situation and killed 15 armed bandits in fighting in the town. Later, during an hot pursuit operation, the FPLM forces put a further 20 bandits out of action. The source in the Zambezia provincial military command also stated that the Mozambican Armed Forces captured one armed bandit and an assortment of war materiel that included 5 light weapons, 22 clips, five 60-mm mortar shells, and 10 hand grenades. The armed forces also recovered an assortment of people's goods that had been stolen by the criminals.

We were also told that calm has returned to Nicoadala district and that the situation is under the complete control of the Mozambican Armed Forces.