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[Text] A dispatch just received on our news desk reports important victories by the Mozambique Armed Forces in the fight against armed banditry.

FPLM units stationed in Zambezia Province killed 351 armed bandits and captured 71 others in operations carried out between January and March. This was revealed today by a source on the general staff. The source added that this was disclosed by Brigadier Lagos Henriques Lidimo, provincial military commander in Zambezia, at a meeting presided over by FPLM Chief of General Staff Lieutenant General Antonio Hama Thai during his visit to that province last Monday, accompanied by Army Commander Lieutenant General Tobias Dai, among other military officers.

Brig Lagos Lidimo also said that during the same period, our forces destroyed 31 armed bandit camps, captured 16 weapons, and freed 522 civilians who were forced to live with the criminals.