

Mozambican government military claims *(Excerpts)*

This morning, the Mozambican armed forces repulsed yet another armed bandit attempt on Nicoadala town, 35 km from Quelimane. This was disclosed by an authorised 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 a hot pursuit operation, the FPLM forces put a further 20 bandits out of action. . . 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. *(Maputo home service in Portuguese 1730 gmt*

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