FPLM Attack Destroys MNR Niassa Base MB162015 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 16 Apr 88

[Text] In an operation in Niassa Province on 10 April, FPLM forces killed 58 armed bandits. This operation culminated in the destruction of the so-called regional base of the criminals. This base was in Mandimba District, southwest of Lichinga. This was disclosed by a senior military source today. According to the source, 11 of these criminals were killed in the wake of two counteroffensives after the attack on the base. These counteroffensives were victoriously rebuffed by our forces. This source also stated that, during the counteroffensives, Mozambican military units captured an assortment of war materiel, including one B-10 cannon, one 82-mm mortar and one bazooka. According to that senior source, it was from the Mandimba regional base that the terrorists carried out actions against the districts of Massangulo, Cuamba, and others,

This source also disclosed other information on Niassa province. He stated that our forces destroyed one armed bandit camp in Massangulo, where they killed nine bandits. In the same operation, the FPLM forces captured three armed bandits and 47 clips for light weapons. They also recovered 18 people living under the yoke of the criminals. The senior FPLM source also revealed that our forces captured one armed bandits in the area of Mitane, as he carried out a reconnaissance mission. During interrogation, the bandit stated that he had done espionage work in Mandimba and Massangulo districts in order to prepare future attacks.

We have information from Manica province that Mozambican military units there killed 10 armed bandits when they tried to attack the hamlet of Minas Gerais, 7 km southwest of Sussundenga.

In Carrungo, Zambezia Province, the FPLM forces killed five armed bandits, including one so-called group commander.