

Mozambique: FPLM claims 355 "bandits" killed in seven provinces (*Text*) Maputo, 2nd June: The Mozambican armed forces killed 355 of South Africa's MNR bandits in clashes in seven of the country's 10 provinces in the fortnight of 12th-25th May, according to a note on Thursday from the press office of the FPLM General Staff. The bandits suffered their heaviest losses in the central province of Manica where 149 were killed. The FPLM killed 109 bandits in Maputo province, 36 in Gaza and nine in Inhambane, all in the south of the country. In Zambezia and Sofala, in the centre, the figures given for bandit deaths are 30 and five. Mozambican troops killed seven bandits in the northernmost province of Cabo Delgado. The General Staff said that three important MNR camps were destroyed in this period: one in Maputo, one in Gaza and one in Manica. Troops overran 15 smaller bandit hideouts. The General Staff said that 111 people living under bandit control turned themselves over to the armed forces over this fortnight, mainly in Maputo and Zambezia provinces. (*PANA in English 1100 gmt 2 Jun 88*)

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