

Mozambique: "bandit" attack on Methodist mission (Text)

In Inhambane province last month, a group of armed bandits attacked the mission of the United Methodist Church at Cambina. Quoting Xadrique Mujonde, administrative director of that organisation, AIM revealed that

the bandits visited the home of the head pastor and destroyed everything, including a car. The source also disclosed that the

criminals went into the theology school and the local hospital, where they stole medicines, mattresses and crockery and destroyed the furniture. Xadrique Mujonde said the attack

was carried out by a group of more than 500 men on 17th May. They encircled the mission and fired in all directions. In this

criminal action, the bandits dynamited the turbines of the power station, the water pump and cut the telephone links

with Morrumbene town. It should be noted that all the infrastructures destroyed by the armed bandits had been

rehabilitated by the United Methodist Church after an accord with the Mozambican government. AIM also learned that

during (?May), the armed bandits attacked two towns of Panda and Morrumbene, also in Inhambane province.

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