

# ZRP warns on MNR ambushes

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BUS operators and people travelling along the eastern border have been urged to reach their destinations before dark to avoid being attacked by MNR bandits.

The officer commanding Manicaland, Senior Assistant Commissioner Emilio Svaruka, issued the advice following a report that the South African-backed bandits had resorted to ambushing vehicles along the border area.

"The public, particularly farmers along the border with Mozambique and bus operators whose destinations are at border stations, should get there before sunset.

"As a result of recent movements by MNR bandits, a farmer in Burma Valley was ambushed at night and was wounded in the attack. Buses may also be targets and therefore they ought to be at their destinations before sunset."

Cde Svaruka said "in the interest of their own safety and the protection of their property and lives" those travelling along the border roads should not move at night.

He stressed that his advice should not be taken to mean that the Government had imposed a curfew in the area. Rather, he pointed out, the advice should be looked at from the point of necessity and saving lives.

Cde Svaruka appealed to commercial farmers along the border not to employ Mozambican nationals for the same security reasons.