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MAPUTO — The Mozambican Minister of Defence, General Alberto Chipande, has said that the military situation in Mozambique is under the control of the armed forces (FPLM).

Gen Chipande said this to Radio Mozambique, soon after his return from Quelimane in central Zambezia province where he met his Zimbabwean and Tanzanian counterparts, Cdes Enos Nkala and Salim Salim.

Gen Chipande said the meeting aimed at assessing the joint military operations in the Zambezia valley and defined new joint actions.

He said that the assessment was "positive", adding that it had "frustrated the enemy's objective, which was to divide Mozambique along the Zambezi Valley".

The general said as a result of operations carried out since the beginning of the year in Zambezia, the bandits had been swept out of parts of Morrumbala district and from the various districts of Manica and Tete provinces, in the centre and north-west of Mozambique respectively.

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