FPLM Forces Recapture Gile District 10 Jul MB2007061288 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0400 GMT 20 Jul 88 FB15 - AFR-33-143

[Text] FPLM forces on 10 July, recaptured Gile district in northern Zambezia Province, which was the only district in the northern region that remained under bandit control since 1986. 2617155  $\rho$  10

The chief of general staff of the Mozambican Armed Forces said Gile district was recaptured in the wake of operations against armed banditry that have focused mainly on the country's central region, where the enemy sought to divide the country along the Zambeze valley.

FPLM forces also freed 478 people from bandit captivity in the Gile district operation, including a Portuguese citizen and his two children. FPLM forces also recaptured Gile town, and Maganza and Cantoneira hamlets, both left in ruins by the bandits.