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Our forces killed 25 armed bandits in Namaacha, in Namacha, on the night of 24 July. The criminals were killed at approximately 2300, as they carried out an attack against the town. The border guard troops counterattacked immediately and repulsed the enemy's murderous attack at 0200 in the morning. In the process, our forces killed 25 armed bandits and captured 8 AKM weapons, more than 10 clips, and [word indistinct] left on the ground by the terrorists.

One of the dead criminals was wearing South African Army epaulettes.

Meanwhile, senior military sources have disclosed that the bandits, who were divided into six groups, murdered four civilians, burned five vehicles, and stole food and drink from a number of commercial establishments in Namaacha. Their action was contained by our forces' quick and effective response, frustrating the bandit attack after a hard battle.