

Armed Forces Liberate 140 'Bandit' Captives

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[Text] In recent weeks, the FPLM forces mounted a series of operations in Inhambane Province which climaxed with the liberation of 140 people forced to live with the armed bandits. AIM said that these people were freed when our Armed Forces destroyed an armed bandit camp in (Guambane), Panda district, Inhambane Province.

The same source added that the 140 people were moved from Gaza Province to Inhambane Province by the armed bandits, who kidnapped them between January and June this year. AIM cites military sources as saying that the number of the liberated people might increase, since search-and-destroy operations against the criminals are continuing in the two provinces of southern Mozambique. One of the liberated people said that life was difficult in armed bandit camps where many people die of starvation and diseases, besides being murdered by the criminals.