

Bandit Attack in Gaza M10 News Review (135) 18/8/88

Bandits of the South African backed MNR hacked two people to death on 7 August in an attack on the 'Marien Ngouabi' communal village, on the outskirts of the town of Xai-Xai, capital of the southern province of Gaza. The attack was the first of its kind so close to Xai-Xai. In addition to the murders, the bandits kidnapped 33 people, most of whom were students at the village schools. Military sources told AIM that the bandit group numbered at least 150.

"To evade our local vigilance groups, the bandits were dressed in camouflage uniforms identical to those used by Mozambican troops," according to one survivor, Lourenço Matfumane, Director of the village secondary school. He said that he had personally witnessed one of the victims being done to death with a machete. Police units from Xai-Xai pursued the bandits, and succeeded in freeing five of those abducted.

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