Government Claims MNR Kills 21 Near Maputo MB1008183588 Maputo in English to Southern Africa 1800 GMT 10 Aug 88

[Text] South Africa's MNR bandits have massacred 21 people and wounded 22 others in an attack against the sugar center of Malagua, around 75 km north of Maputo. Eyewitnesses say the raid took place in the small hours of the morning, when a force of bandits estimated at about (?300), attacked the Malagua workers' quarters. Many of them were young boys of no more than 12 years old.

The terrorists began by burning the huts of [words indistinct] living close to Malagua. Then, they burst into the workers' quarters, [words indistinct] to death. A 26-year-old technician form Malagua, Antonio Moque, said that the bandits just went wild with guns and shot the people.