The Mozambican armed forces (FPLM) killed at least 97 bandits of the
South African backed MNR and captured 11 others between 27 July and
3 August in eight of Mozambique's ten provinces, according to a source
in the FPLM General Staff on 4 August.

The source said that 36 bandits were killed in Zambezia province; 10
in Manica and 8 in Sofala, all in the centre of the country. In the
southern provinces, 14 were killed in Inhambane, nine in Gaza and four
in Maputo. It was also reported that 11 died in the northwestern province
of Tete and four in the northern province of Nampula. Five bandit
camps were taken by storm, and five MNR advance posts overrun, in the
same period. Two bandits surrendered to the authorities in Gaza, and
have benefitted from the law on amnesty. They are to be handed over
to the Mozambican Red Cross.

Forty-nine bandits of the South African backed MNR were killed between
8 and 13 August in three provinces, a source in the Mozambican General
Staff revealed on 16 August. Troops killed 26 of the bandits in pursuit
operations following the destruction of an MNR camp on 10 August at
Chinga in Nampula, 12 died at Mongue, in Zambezia, on 12 August, and
the remaining 11 bandits died in fighting in the southern province of
Gaza. During the same period 60 bandits in Moma district, on the
Nampula coast, surrendered to the army to take advantage of the
amnesty.

The Mozambican military source also said that bandits had murdered at
least 12 people and injured a further ten in three ambushes last week
against civilian vehicles travelling along the country's main north-
south highway. The ambushes all took place in the area of Macia, in
Gaza province, about 140 kilometres north of Maputo. Information
reaching Maputo from the northernmost province of Niassa indicates that
the Mozambican units stationed there killed 40 bandits and destroyed 31
MNR camps in the first half of this year.

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