

MNR bandits kill six

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HARARE — Six people, four of them children, were killed and three others injured when a group of MNR bandits attacked a remote village in the north-eastern part of the country on Tuesday night, police said here yesterday.

A police spokesman said that the bandits, believed to be a group of six, also ransacked and looted property worth about \$1 500 when they attacked two homes in Antonio Village, Mukumbura, Mt Darwin.

They also set some huts on fire.

Those injured were admitted to Mukumbura Crusaders Clinic where their condition is reported to be satisfactory.

"The bandits later split into two groups. One group visited Kiminasi Murenza homestead and demanded food. The food was supplied and the bandits then shot two people and injured another who escaped.

"They looted the property and destroyed some of it and set a hut on fire," said the police spokesman.

He added: "The second group visited Masechengo homestead where they killed four people who were sleeping."

Those killed have been identified as Cde Tikungurepi Murenza, a woman of about 40 years, Kasiwada Murenza, a four-year old boy, Cde Tsautsai Kamuriwo, a 34-year-old woman, Tongai Masechengo, a 14-year-old girl, Tarisai Masechengo, an eight-year-old girl and Conwell Kamuriwo, a two-year-old boy.

Those injured include Gavanayi Murenza (14), Vengayi Masechengo (4) and Cde Munaweni Noah (30).

The spokesman said security forces had launched follow-up operations. — Ziana.