

The rebel MNR bandit leaders found it easy to turn children into murderers rather than responsible adults in the society. This was said by a 14-year-old captured from the MNR ranks in the southern province of Gaza in an interview in a Beira newspaper 'Diario de Mocambique'.

Named as Felisberto Chinlegue, the youth admitted to killing many people while in the bandit ranks 'in compliance with the orders given to me'. He revealed that the local bandit chief, 'Commander Gomes' considered that children can be made 'good soldiers' but the adults 'should be killed' because they are of no use as soldiers ... Bandit chiefs held meetings at which they scoffed at the amnesty law passed by the Mozambican parliament — the Peoples' Assembly, added Felisbert. The bandits claimed that anyone accepting amnesty would be killed by the Mozambican soldiers — unless the MNR caught them trying to escape the base, in which case, the MNR would kill them.

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