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37 Rebels Killed in Malova

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[Text] A source with the Chief of Staff told AIM today that 6 people were murdered and 19 others wounded on Friday [14 October] when armed bandits ambushed a bus belonging to the ROMOS [Mozambique Road Transportation-South] state enterprise, in the Malova region of Massinga District, Inhambane Province. Malova is situated 30 km south of Massinga on national highway No 1, linking Maputo to northern Mozambique. The source said that the bus was set on fire after the ambush, but did not say when the murder occurred.

On the same day, Mozambican forces killed 37 bandits as they attempted to storm the Malova Military Training Center. A bandit leader and his weapon as well as 1 62-mm mortar, 18 AKM weapons, and 2 boxes of ammunition were captured. The source added that the fleeing enemy abandoned a number of weapons, and that these were being carried by local residents.