

Ten civilians were killed and 22 wounded on the night of 26 April in a five hour attack by about 250 MNR bandits on Ressano Garçia on the Mozambican border with South Africa. Among the victims of the attack were six miners and a woman who had just been repatriated from South Africa. The bandits also kidnapped a yet unknown number of people, who were forced to carry the enormous quantity of food, clothing and other goods they had robbed.

The bandits looted three shops, including the foreign exchange shop run by the Portuguese company FNAC, where they robbed goods estimated to be worth 30,000 U.S. dollars. They partially destroyed the town's immigration post, broke windows in the firm that recruits miners to work in South Africa, 'Wenela', and indiscriminately shot cattle in a corral. The bandits dynamited one locomotive and set fire to three others, valued at six million U.S. dollars. They also burnt seven vehicles, most of them containing goods of miners returning to their homes in Mozambique from South Africa.

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