

At least 18 people were killed and one wounded 28 April when a group of MNR bandits ambushed a bus in the Xinavane region, about 100 kilometres north of Maputo. The bus, carrying more than 80 passengers, was travelling from Maputo to the town of Xai-Xai, the provincial capital of Gaza province. The bus belonged to Oliveiras, a Portuguese transport firm. The attack took place at about 11.00 a.m., a source from Oliveiras' head office in Maputo told AIM. He said the driver, Mokome Chauque, had been wounded by a shot in the chest and had been sent to the hospital in Xinavane.

Damage to the bus is estimated at 12 million meticais (about 17,000 U.S. dollars). Oliveiras has lost 35 buses in attacks over the last few years and another 14 have been partially damaged.

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