

In the first two weeks of April the Mozambican armed forces (FPLM) have retaken two areas in Maputo province that had been in the hands of the South African backed MNR bandits since 1987, according to a communique from the FPLM General Staff. The areas concerned are Panjane and Mocebocane, bouth in the district of Magude, about 120 kilometres north of Maputo city. In the same period five bandit camps in Maputo province were over-run by the FPLM. Three of these - at Logoa Marine, Mochubutana, and Malengana - were south of the capital, while the other two - at Lidia and Matongomane - were north of the River Incomati. During these operations, Mozambican forces killed 60 bandits.

In the neighbouring province of Gaza, the FPLM killed 22 bandits in three operations. One was against a sizeable enemy base at Dindiza, in Chigubo district, while the other two were against smaller camps at Macuacua in Manjacaze district, and Bala-Bala in Guija district.

The General Staff also said that in early April the FPLM seized two bandit camps in the district of Ilé, in the central province of Zambezia. It gave no casualty figures for the Ile operations.

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