

Banditry a major problem in Mash Central — chairman

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BANDITRY is one of the problems facing Mashonaland Central, the new Zanu (PF) provincial chairman, Cde Chen Chimutengwende, said last week.

"Security is an acute problem because of MNR bandits who make cross-

border incursions from time to time. There is a need to mobilise the people in the province to be vigilant against MNR bandits," he said in an interview.

The party was happy with the co-operation between the people and the security forces but would continue to mobilise the people for maximum co-

operation and support.

Other problems, in the province were the shortage of land, primary and secondary schools and that of clinics and medicine, especially in lower Gुरुve and Rushinga districts.

The shortage of land was of special worry to people in overcrowded areas like Chiweshe,

which were entirely surrounded by commercial farms.

But it was pleasing, he said, that President Mugabe had responded to the plight of the people by promising to tackle the problem after April next year, when certain constitutional provisions can be amended.

Like other provinces, Mashonaland Central was worried about transport and jobs but "we are pleased these problems are a major preoccupation of the Government".