

# Mahachi gives details of MNR bandit atrocities on border

**Herald Reporter**  
TWO MNR bandits were killed and 13 captured for the loss of two members of the security forces along the Mozambican border between July last year and January this year, the Minister of Home Affairs, Cde Mwenya Mahachi, told Parliament on Wednesday.

In a speech to ask Parliament to authorise the President to renew the State of Emergency for another six months, Cde Mahachi gave details of MNR activities inside Zimbabwe during the past six months, among them the murder of 60 people, the abduction of 29 others and 36 armed robberies.

On July 11 1989 20 MNR bandits bayoneted to death seven people at Mudenguma Village in Ruangwe, Nyanga North.

Two others later died in hospital from injuries. Two days later, an unknown number of bandits attacked a security force base in Chikombedzi area. They fled when security forces returned fire.

On July 18, a group of 20 MNR bandits robbed a store at Farm 38 in the Gwenzi farming area of Chipinge. One bandit was shot and killed by one of the people being robbed.

On July 22 MNR bandits attacked Sabora Village in Nyamapanda and burnt a hut, destroying property valued at \$633. On August 2 they attacked an estate compound in Chimanimani area and robbed property worth \$1 200 and abducted two boys.

Two weeks later Chibondo Village in the Chimhanda communal

lands of Mt Darwin came under attack from 10 armed bandits. They looted clothing and food-stuffs and destroyed grain at a collection point valued at \$2 500.

A tractor towing a grader detonated an anti-personnel mine in Tark Forest Estate in Chimanimani causing moderate damage to the grader. On August 25 two bandits robbed \$54 in cash and other items at Avontur Farm compound in Chipinge. On the same day a security forces vehicle detonated a landmine in the Gonarezhou National Park. No one was injured.

On September 2 MNR bandits destroyed 78 ha of timber at Charter Forest Commission in Chimanimani by setting it on fire and three days later another group of bandits raided a compound at

Tark Forests in the same area and fled with three chickens.

On September 13 the bandits attacked Coffee Valley Plantations in the Burma Valley and got away with \$20. They left a note calling for the withdrawal of Zimbabwean forces fighting in Mozambique to pave the way for peace negotiations.

On September 15 the bandits killed two people at Mbeko Village in Mudzi and they were seen on the same day in Rushinga at Chapinduka. Four days later another group of bandits attacked Munendevunye Village in Chimanimani and looted clothing valued at \$141. They unsuccessfully tried to abduct five people. One of the people was injured while trying to escape.

On September 20 MNR bandits ambushed a security forces patrol in the Gonarezhou area in Chiredzi. The bandits fled when security forces returned fire. There were no casualties. Two days later a group of bandits hacked to death six people at Mutire Village in Chimanimani and looted property worth \$5 300. A member of the security forces on follow-up operations was injured by an anti-personnel mine.

On September 26 a group of bandits attacked Chivese Village in Mt Darwin and stole property worth more than \$1 363. On the same day bandits attacked a village in Mudzi, murdered five people and seriously injured two at Maganyani's homestead.

On September 29 a group of 20 bandits at-

tacked Guyo Business Centre in Chisumbanje, stole a lot of property, abducted four people and burnt several huts on their way back to Mozambique.

Twelve MNR bandits attacked Muumba Village in the same area five days later where they killed two people and seriously injured three others at Chitokonye's homestead before getting away with \$7 000 worth of property. They attacked a family which had two sons in the army.

On October 6 an unknown number of bandits bayoneted to death an unidentified man and left a note in which they said the man was a spy for the security forces. They demanded the withdrawal of Zimbabwean forces from Mozambique. The incident happened at

Wolverhampton Farm in Chipinge.

Six people were murdered and five others seriously injured when bandits attacked Mutikwa Village in Chipinge on October 8. They looted property worth \$6 000.

On October 12 10 bandits attacked Wolf Craig Farm in Chipinge and looted property and cash totalling \$4 016,50. They assaulted several people, murdered one and abducted seven.

Six MNR bandits ambushed a bus at Zamchiya Village on October 16. They killed three people at pointblank range and injured four others trying to escape. They burnt the bus. Twenty-five head of cattle belonging to the people of Munendevu Village grazing on the other side of the border were driven away

on October 15.

An army resupply truck drove into an ambush at Chikombedzi on October 18. The six soldiers escaped but the bandits, numbering about 20, looted the truck and carried everything they could. The body of a dead bandit was recovered at the scene.

On October 25 bandits attacked Tamandayi Small-Scale Farming Area looted and later killed four people and seriously injured five others. And on November 7 a group of 50 bandits and collaborators murdered two young people at Mukuzi Village in Nyanga.

On November 11 the MNR looted Mashila Village in Chikombedzi and another group of bandits attacked Mutizwa Business Centre in Chisumbanje. They found the

village deserted.

Another group of bandits unsuccessfully tried to raid Sadondo Business Centre in Chikomba. The attack was foiled by members of the army. Matura Farm in Burma Valley was attacked by bandits on November 13 and property looted.

On November 16 an unknown number of bandits attacked a police base at Tamandayi in Chipinge and killed two policemen. Four others including an unidentified female were injured. One bandit was killed.

On November 16 an unknown number of bandits ambushed a civilian vehicle, shot and killed the driver and robbed bread worth \$49,92 along Tribury Road in the Glenco Forest Commission area.

The following day four

bandits-attacked Matura Farm in the Burma Valley but were repulsed by security forces. In the same area, two days later a female adult was killed when she detonated an anti-personnel mine at Roband' arm.

On November 28 a group of 10 bandits attacked Chikware Village in Chimanimani and stole property worth \$1 048 and abducted two women whom they later released. Two days later another group of bandits murdered an adult and an infant at Chimuzasa Village in Ruangwe and stole property worth \$22.

On the same day in Chipinge another group of bandits murdered an elderly man and robbed property worth more than \$1 500 and fired at a sta-

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tionary vehicle. Four families were robbed in the Zimunya communal lands on December 2 and three days later robbed Macheka Village in Ruda of property worth \$1 500.

Two days earlier in Ruda about 70 bandits had looted \$7 360 worth of property and kidnapped two girls.

On December 9 bandits stole property worth \$15 000 from Manzvire Business Centre in Chisumbanje and blew up a power line and destroyed a borehole.

On December 11 the

bandits attacked Muchenje Village in Murehwa and murdered three people. In another attack the bandits blew up a railway line in Chikombedzi and later injured a woman and stole property worth \$3 000 at Nyamhundu Village.

On December 14 three bandits invaded Katerere Village in Ruangwe but one of them was disarmed by the locals and the rest ran away. On their way they robbed several homes and abducted two women and a child. One of the women was later found

murdered.

Three Zimbabwean nationals fishing in the Limpopo River were abducted by South African soldiers. They were later released. The incident happened on January 6. On January 3 this year seven bandits killed five people of Muzavari homestead at Kanyera Village in Mt Darwin.

Several people were injured in bayonet attacks by MNR bandits on January 8 at Kwakwa Village in Ruangwe. The injured included children aged one, two, four and five.