

Rushinga braves MNR banditry activities

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SOUTH AFRICAN-BACKED MNR bandits are scattering propaganda around north-eastern border areas, particularly the Rushinga area, condemning the presence of Zimbabwean troops in Mozambique.

The propaganda, which is poorly typed, in poor English and appears to be photocopied, is on sheets of paper stapled together. Apparently the bandits scatter the propaganda as they pass through the bush, before or after committing atrocities against civilians living in the border area.

One of these propaganda sheets is headed "Aims and objectives to enter Zimbabwe" and warns that "those who fight alongside Frelimo", the ruling party in Mozambique, will "pay with high prices that Frelimo is now paying".

Another has no heading but contains a similar message. In misspelt and incorrectly punctuated English it says: "Our presents here inside Zimbabwe is a form of refusing the presents of Zimbabwean troops. The refusal of Mugabe government interference in internal political affairs of Mozambique whose solution only is up to nationalist themselves." — Ziana.