

MNR bandits kill five

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FIVE people, four of them from one family, were hacked to death and two others seriously injured when 15 MNR bandits, armed with guns and machetes, attacked Chikomba village in Manicaland last Wednesday night.

The bandits attacked the village late last Wednesday night, killing the five who were in the same house, looted it and escaped to Mozambique. Police in Manicaland have confirmed the incident.

According to a Chikomba villager, Cde Paul Marechera, the Wednesday night attack was one of a series of bandit attacks in the area. He said the presence of the Zimbabwe National Army in the area seemed not to scare the bandits who at times attacked villagers during daylight.

It was reported that in June and July last year, 34 people were killed by the MNR bandits in Zimbabwe alone. Zambia reported 31 deaths from MNR bandits in that country.

Police in Manicaland told The Herald that follow-up operations were still continuing. The Zimbabwe National Army and the police had increased their patrols in the area to try and reduce MNR cross-border attacks.