

# MNR bandits hack children to death <sup>H.</sup> $\frac{13}{6}$

## MUTARE.

FIVE children, one of them only nine months old, and two women, one in her 50s and the other 60, were hacked to death last week in two separate attacks by MNR bandits at two villages in Nyamaropa area near Nyanga.

Fourteen other people were injured in the attacks last Thursday and Saturday, Assistant Police Commissioner Eric Makombe said here yesterday.

He said that in the attack on Thursday, which took place at Chitando village, nine-year-old Memory Chitando was hacked to death by a group of 20 MNR bandits, who carried machetes and FN rifles.

During the attack, Cde Clement Chitando (20) and Cde Margaret Mahere (55) were seriously injured. Cde Mahere later died at Mutare General Hospital.

He said on Saturday, at around 10 pm, three bandits, armed with an FN ri-

fle and machetes, attacked Mhanje village. They hacked to death a nine-month-old baby girl, Keche Shinja, and two other young girls, Nyakwera Makango (8) and Mboyi Langton Njazi (12). A boy, Tichatenda Nyamache Murondo (8), and a woman, Cde Nyamire Nyamurondo (60), were also killed in the attack. Thirteen other people were injured. — Ziana.