

Cabo Delgado with tears of blood.

Since February, insurgents have attacked, killed, and driven unarmed families from their homes in the Northern region of Mozambique. At least one pastor was killed and 41 churches and 18 schools were vandalized and burned, while countless families have been separated. Displaced children are searching for their parents as eyewitness accounts say villagers fled for their lives to escape the attacks. Many of the surrounding regions are living in fear for their lives and believe they will be attacked next.

The men attacking, who are commonly known as Al-Shabab to the villagers but are referred to by the Mozambican government as insurgents, have wreaked havoc on the region since 2017, eyewitness accounts report.

But from the beginning of February 2024, the insurgents entered the Metuge District, passing through the villages of Pulu, Nikavaco, Nanlia, Ntocotha, and Nahavara, which are part of the Mize Administrative Post towards the districts of Mecufi and Chiure.

On February 6, the Mozambican troops waged a guerrilla war with the insurgents in an area between Mize and Mankwaia. Eight soldiers were killed during the fight.

Eyewitnesses now fear the Districts of Palma, Mocimboa da Praia, Macomia, Nangade, Muidinbi, and Quissanga are at risk of attack.

The occupants of the villages of Nkhitcha, Nahavara, Mankwaia, and Namitur are in Mize; people are sick with hunger, have nowhere to sleep, and the area is full of lost children, who can't find their family members, according to eyewitnesses.

After the guerilla warfare in the Mize-Mankwaia region, criminals moved to the Mecufi district in the villages of Napuilimuithi and Nimanro.

For the district of Chiure, they vandalized and burned several churches and schools.

Eyewitnesses added a detailed account of where the insurgents struck and villages were attacked:

1. In the village of Nacoja, seven churches and three schools were burned.
2. Nacussa Village burned four churches and two schools.
3. Village of Sirripa burned three churches and one school.
4. Village of Muirota burned two churches, one school and killed one pastor.
5. Nquira Village burned four Churches and two schools.
6. Nahuvi village burned one church and one school.

7. Village of Mazeze burned four churches, two school and one hospital.
8. Morroque Village burned three churches and two schools.
9. Jurravo village burned four churches and one school.
10. Takhane village chased away the populace.
11. Kitivaholu village burned one church and one school.
12. Magaia village burned five churches and two schools.
13. Micolene village burned three churches and one school.