

COMMUNIQUE OF THE AFRICAN PARTY FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA AND CAPE VERDE

THE port of Ganjola 1 km from Catio—one of the most important urban centers in the country, which at present is one of the main fortified camps in enemy hands on the Southern Front— has just been taken by our forces.



Ganjola, where the military installations had been almost totally destroyed by our combatants, had to be evacuated suddenly by the enemy last December 14, after violent attacks in the course of which the colonialist force suffered heavy casualties.

The fall of Ganjola, a port which the enemy used to supply its troops stationed in Catio, makes this supplying more difficult since it can now only be assured by air.

Other actions took place in December and in the course of the month of January, particularly against fortified camps of:

Quebo, Tite, Gantongó and S. Domingo, December 31.

Mansambu, S. Joao and Gantangó, January 3.

Ganturé, January 5. Chamara, January 8.

Fulacunda, January 9.

During these actions the enemy suffered heavy losses both in men and materiel.

In addition, we point out that on January 3 one of our artillery units shelled

Bolama, the old capital of the country, wreaking great havoc on the colonialist installations in the city.

In addition, the following actions took place during this same period:

December 31—A commando detachment of our regular army killed 4 enemy soldiers during an action in the fortified camp of Fulacunda.

January 1—Our combatants put 5 enemy soldiers out of action in an ambush on the Bambadinca Xime highway on the Eastern Front.

January 4—On the same Front, our forces totally destroyed a colonialist camp near the village of Manpat Ulfifo. In the course of the battles, 4 enemy soldiers were killed and the rest of the colonialist forces fled toward Saltinho. We also captured an important load of ammunition and various material.

January 5—An enemy contingent coming from the Fulacunda camp to launch terrorist actions in the liberated villages of the sector was violently attacked by our combatants and by the armed population. The enemy had to retreat after 3 of their men were killed and several others wounded.

January 6—A colonialist detachment that had been installed in the old village of Gambeco, near Saltinho, was forced out by our combatants. During the battle, 2 colonialist soldiers were killed.

January 9—A colonialist contingent coming from Quebó fell into an ambush while trying to reach a base of our combatant forces in the region. The enemy had to retreat after 8 were killed and several others wounded.

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