

MNR's reported response to Catholic Bishops' appeal (Text of Capital Radio report)
Mozambican rebels have welcomed an appeal from the country's Catholic Bishops for an end to their war against the government, but, in a statement, the National Resistance Movement has said that the Frelimo government's refusal to negotiate is forcing them to continue their 10-year armed struggle. Mozambique's Bishops appealed for an end to the war on Sunday [22nd June], saying it brought only misery and suffering. An MNR spokesman in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, says it is prepared to negotiate but the persistent refusal of Mozambique's authorities to accept democracy, the consequent electoral processes, and constitutional changes means the war will continue. (Capital Radio, Umtata, in English 0700 gmt 26 Jun 86)