

Attends Rally in Nacala

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[Report on President Joaquim Chissano's visit to Nampula Province by Edmundo Galiza Matos]

[Text] More than (770,000) people unanimously responded: no, when President Joaquim Alberto Chissano asked them this afternoon, about [words indistinct] armed bandits as a means to end the war in Mozambique.

For the people of the port city of Nacala, the only way to eliminate armed banditry is to use the force of weapons. This reiteration of the Mozambican people's desire was made at a major rally this evening, marking the high point in the Mozambican head of state's visit to Nacala, which began yesterday afternoon as part of his working visit to Nampula Province. It was a rally in which (?10) people referred to the difficulties facing Nacala city and (?expressed the belief) that peace and harmonious development will only be reached with the Frelimo Party and the government of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

On the occasion, the Mozambican head of state said that the most effective way to resolve the problems presented by the people is to eliminate their main cause—the war. He noted, though, that for that to happen, we must fight armed banditry until it is completely eliminated. At the rally, President Joaquim Chissano was given a number of personal presents and was handed 500,000 meticals in support of the Frelimo Party's fifth congress.