

South African paper expects Mozambican visit.

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Johannesburg, Nov. 30 - Mozambique President Samora Machel's right-hand man, the Vice-President Marcelino dos Santos, will head a top-level three-man mission to South Africa, the Sunday Express has reported here. Quoting a spokesman at the Prime Minister's office, in the Mozambique capital of Lourenço Marques, the paper said the mission would visit Pretoria "early next year". "Samora Machel is attaching great importance to the talks - and this is underlined by the fact that Dr. dos Santos, his second-in-command, will lead the delegation", the Sunday Express said. Senior officials in South Africa's Foreign Affairs Department have neither confirmed nor denied the report, but highly-placed officials in the South African Government have said that, despite ideological differences, relations with neighboring Mozambique are good. The Lourenço Marques spokesman reportedly said the talks would include South Africa's participation in the multi-million dollar hydro-electric Cabora Bassa project, in North-Central Mozambique. Observers also expect the talks to center on the employment of Mozambique miners in Johannesburg's gold mines. The South African Chamber of Mines said 127,198 Mozambique miners were working in South African gold mines at the latest count.