

Mozambique has told SA that it is not satisfied with Pretoria's adherence to the Nkomati Accord, and demanded assurances that the SA-organised rebel group, the MNR, be totally demobilised. This was the message conveyed to the SA Prime Minister, Mr PW Botha, in Cape Town on Wednesday by a high-level delegation led by the Mozambican Minister for Economic Affairs in the Presidency, Mr Jacinto Veloso, according to official sources in Maputo ...

Mozambique has become so concerned at the continuing level of MNR activity that it asked for the emergency meeting with Mr Botha. The latest incident occurred on Sunday, when vehicles belonging to the French aid agency, Medecin Sans Frontieres, were ambushed near Nova Mambone, on the main road linking Maputo with the country's second largest city, Beira.

As a result, the aid group, which was running a special European Economic Community programme for feeding 300 severely undernourished children, pulled out of the area yesterday. On the same road two weeks ago, about 50 miles north of Maputo, the MNR stopped a car driven by the deputy editor of the party newspaper *Noticias*. When they discovered his identity they axed him to death, shot his wife and child in the car and set it alight. Officially, SA has refused to admit any link with the MNR. At Wednesday's meeting, the Mozambicans are understood to have told Mr Botha, who was flanked by his Foreign Minister and the head of SA military intelligence, that this was not good enough. They asked for detailed lists of the number of men involved, and the level of their military training and skills. They offered to provide an amnesty to all but the top MNR rebels, and to help them get jobs if they returned to Mozambique. Mr Botha made no promises ...

A senior British army officer has been in Maputo this week as a special envoy of Mrs Thatcher to prepare her briefings for Mr Botha's visit. He is also going to other Frontline States. A senior Mozambican official said yesterday: 'If people ask us about Nkomati, we will have to say that the security side is not going well.'

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