

o Parallel talks between South African officials, Mozambican ministers and representatives of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) were held in Pretoria from 29/30 October. A South African official said the talks, aimed at ending the fighting in Mozambique, had "led to a better understanding of the positions of the respective parties." Three-way talks, with South African officials acting as go-betweens, ended on 11 October with the MNR insisting that the Mozambique government publicly acknowledge it was negotiating with the guerrillas. The government has continued to refuse to do this. On his return to Maputo on 30 October, the leader of the Mozambican delegation, Minister in the President's Office for Economic Affairs Jacinto Veloso, accused a "Portuguese element" in the MNR of trying to sabotage the peace talks.

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