

**Botha: RSA Will Not Aid Bandits**

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[Text] Today, South African President Pieter Botha gave assurances that he will not help the armed bandits. This was disclosed by President Joaquim Alberto Chissano during a press conference at the end of talks with South African President Pieter Botha in Songo today.

Asked by a journalist whether these assurances could not be compared with the Nkomati Accord's assurances, President Joaquim Chissano said there is the need to build mutual trust in order to advance the peace process.

In turn, President Pieter Botha said that the armed bandits should renounce violence and observe the amnesty law. Songo marks the resumption of good relations, economic cooperation and the improvement of conditions in both countries, Pieter Botha stressed.

According to President Joaquim Alberto Chissano, this will not be the last meeting of its kind to discuss views, develop goodneighborliness and contribute to the resolution of conflict in southern Africa.

President Joaquim Chissano and Pieter Botha met alone for 90 minutes. After that, the talks included the two delegations.

At the talks, the delegations discussed the supply of Cahora Bassa Dam's energy to South Africa, and the rehabilitation, promotion and use of Maputo Harbor and the entire railroad system between Mozambique and South Africa.

According to a press release, issues involving labor relations and the employment of Mozambican miners in South Africa were also discussed.

The press release also mentioned, as a point in the meeting's agenda, the issue of Mozambican properties which formerly belonged to South African citizens.

It should be noted that the meetings between the two delegations occurred in a cordial atmosphere. However, this does not clear all the major doubts.

Shortly before leaving Songo, as the two presidents saluted the people who spontaneously assembled around the airstrip, President Joaquim Chissano said, quote, Do you want to know what President Botha has come to do here? He has come to cooperate and help improve the situation. Now, he will have to fulfill his promises, unquote.

But, from the crowd, a voice was heard saying: We will see whether he's telling the truth.

The Songo meeting was scheduled to end at 1400, but it continued throughout the afternoon. It ended with a luncheon attended by presidents Chissano and Botha and their delegations.

The Mozambican delegation to the talks included Armando Guebuza, Jacinto Veloso, Oscar Monteiro, Aguiar Mazula, Major General Domingos Fondo, and Lieutenant General Tobias Dai.

The South African delegation included Foreign Affairs Minister Roelof Botha; Defense Minister Magnus Malan; and Neil van Heerden, director general in the South African ministry of foreign affairs.

We are reporting moments after the arrival of President Joaquim Chissano and his delegation in the Mozambican capital.