

## MOZAMBIQUE

● South African President F W de Klerk has said he will try to stop any support that "private groups" in the Republic may be giving to the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR). De Klerk's 15 December announcement came after five hours of talks with President Chissano in Maputo on economic ties and efforts to end the 14-year-old civil war.

However, de Klerk told Reuters that he could not give a categorical undertaking that nothing was being done by private sources in South Africa. "But I give the assurance that we are against that, and we will take whatever reasonable steps we can to prevent that," he said.

Chissano said de Klerk was doing his best to stop aid to the MNR from inside South Africa. "The talks resulted in a further improvement in understanding and a bit more confidence on both sides," he said.

De Klerk's visit was the first to Maputo by a South African head of state since independence in 1975. He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Pik Botha. AED 25-12-89