

# Pik: SA aiding Mozambique

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THE Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, has given the assurance that South Africa is already playing a major role in Southern Africa and will continue doing so in future.

Speaking at the Transvaal Congress of the National Party in Pretoria on Saturday, Mr Botha said South Africa already was the most important re-

gional power in Africa.

This, he said was proven by the important role South Africa played in working towards peace in Mozambique.

"If the battle in that country continues, we still sit with hundreds of thousands of refugees," Mr Botha said.

This, he said, South Africa could not afford and for that reason South Africa was assisting Mo-

zambique.

"We are still being accused in some circles of trying to destabilise Mozambique. This is totally untrue. We are in fact acting as a stabiliser through all the actions we are involved in to establish peace in Mozambique," Mr Botha said.

On Namibia Mr Botha denied allegations that South Africa was selling out the region to Swapo.