

Mozambique: Chissano on forthcoming meeting with F.W. de Klerk In an interview with Radio RSA on 17th July, President Chissano said that peace initiatives in southern Africa, including the independence process in Namibia, were expected to be high on the agenda of the talks with National Party leader F.W. de Klerk on the 19th. Chissano added that the meeting with De Klerk was at his, Chissano's, request. According to the radio, Chissano said that co-operation with South Africa "had been slowed down by the international attitude towards South Africa's internal policies"; this attitude was "jeopardising what the two countries could achieve together". At the news conference in Maputo on the 17th where he discussed the MNR-church talks (see above), President Chissano said that there was no direct link between these peace initiatives and De Klerk's visit. However, South Africa had an important role in this process, he added.

Radio RSA also reported on the 17th that South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha had said that South Africa no longer supports the MNR. According to the radio, Botha was reacting to reports that UN Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen had said he believed that the MNR was still receiving support from the South African government. 159