

Thousands
at stirring
rally

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MORE than 30 000 Zimbabweans flocked to Rufaro Stadium yesterday afternoon for the mass rally which was addressed by President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique on his first state visit to Zimbabwe.

Traditional dance groups and Zanu (PF) choirs from the party's Harare Province entertained the huge crowd before the arrival of Cde Chissano and the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe. They were later followed by President Banana.

On arrival at the stadium, the crowd burst into a thunderous applause as the people gave the Mozambican leader a resounding welcome.

President Chissano, President Banana and Cde Mugabe went round the stadium on the back of an open truck waving to the crowd amid a deafening roar.

Before addressing the crowd, Cde Chissano and his wife, Cde Marcelina, led the Mozambican delegation in a solidarity song of Frelimo and Zanu (PF).

Among the major highlights of the rally was a march past by scores of members of the Zanu (PF) Women's League which was led by the chairwoman for Harare Province and MP for Glen View, Cde Idah Mashonganyika.

OUR ENEMIES WILL NOT DIVIDE US: CHISSANO

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OUTSIDE forces are bent on dividing the people of Mozambique and Zimbabwe in their just struggle for peace and sovereignty, the visiting Mozambican president, Cde Joaquim Chissano, said in Harare yesterday.

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Addressing a mammoth mass rally in Rufaro Stadium on the second day of his four-day state visit to Zimbabwe, Cde Chissano said these forces which supported the apartheid regime in Pretoria, were telling the people of Mozambique that Zimbabweans were infiltrating their country with the aim of dominating them while at the same time telling Zimbabwe that it was wasting money by maintaining its military presence in Mozambique.

"These people want Zimbabwe to forget its own interests and culture . . .", President Chissano told the thousands of people who filled the stadium to its capacity.

He said these forces were the same bandits who sabotaged the railway line which connects the two countries so that Zimbabwe continues to depend on South Africa for its trade routes.

These forces were mis-

taken because the revolution could not be stopped, he said, adding that it was moving like a strong wind in all areas.

The unity between Zimbabwe and Mozambique was set to attain concrete goals for the welfare, well-being, peace and agricultural advancement of the peoples of the two countries.

Cde Chissano thanked the people of Zimbabwe for their determination to fight side by side with Mozambicans.

He urged the people of Zimbabwe not to continue to cry over the tragic death of President Samora Machel. "Each Zimbabwean is a Samora, each Mozambican is a Samora. Why should we keep on crying? Samora is still here showing us the way," he said to the applause of the crowd.

The apartheid regime should not be allowed to divide Mozambique from Zimbabwe, said President

Chissano. He assured the crowd that the railway between the two countries would be re-opened to allow Zimbabweans to freely visit all the beaches in Mozambique.

He added that Mozambique would not be shaken by the threats from Pretoria and would not allow the South African regime to destroy the Beira Corridor.

The Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, told the rally that there would never come a time when Zimbabwe and Mozambique would surrender to the MNR bandits. "Never ever . . ." he said.

Cde Mugabe reiterated Zimbabwe's stand that the war in Mozambique was also its war.

In his vote of thanks, President Banana assured the Mozambican president of Zimbabwe's unflinching solidarity with Mozambique. "We were one yesterday, we are one today and we continue to be one tomorrow."



CDE CHISSANO (in front of microphone) leads his delegation in a song of solidarity between the people of his country and Zimbabwe. On President Chissano's right is his wife, Marcelina. In the background is part of the crowd that packed Rufaro Stadium yesterday afternoon.