Chissano Continues Tour of Nampula Province

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Praises Angoche Vigilance

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[Report on President Joaquim Chissano's visit to Nampula Province by Edmundo Galiza Matos]

[Text] President Joaquim Chissano was especially enthusiastic about the fact that Angoche district's defense is no longer solely a Mozambican Army responsibility. The local population is now particularly vigilant in relation to any armed bandit movements in the region.

The Mozambican head of state cited as an example the population's early knowledge of an intended armed bandit attack against Angoche town in July. The armed bandits at the time were still only 50 km away.

President Joaquim Chissano was speaking at a popular rally in the Angoche executive council's soccer field this afternoon before some 10,000 people. President Joaquim Chissano said the people here were well led in responding to the Angoche administrator's request that the Mozambican leader deliver the necessary guidelines.

President Joaquim Chissano said he only had words of thanks for the Angoche people's work. The president of the People's Republic of Mozambique arrived in Angoche at about 0900 from the port city of Nacala. He called on those at the valley to increase their organization and heighten vigilance both at home and at work. Whether you are a common citizen, a trader, or even an imam at his mosque, you must all fight armed banditry, President Joaquim Chissano stressed.

President Joaquim Alberto Chissano also said/the main cause of the country's current economic problems is rooted fundamentally in armed bandit destruction. They do not let the people grow their plantations and collect cashew nuts, President Chissano added. He referred to the presence of 4,500 displaced people in Angoche town. These people have come from the neighboring districts of Moma and Mogovolas.

In addition to receiving significant personal presents, President Joaquim Chissano was handed a check worth 300,000 meticals at the rally. This was the Angoche residents' contribution to the fifth congress. Yet another 200,000 meticals had been handed in for the same purpose in the morning by the two cashew nut companies in Angoche.

The president of the People's Republic of Mozambique has already arrived in Nampula city, where he landed this evening. The Mozambican head of state is now believed to be attending a special occasion in his honor at Mozambique Theater.