

IN BRIEF

● Mozambique has renewed charges that South Africa is continuing to provide direct support for Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) rebels, and hopes of an easing of tension between the two countries following the 6 August meeting in Cape Town appear to have faded (AED 14.8.87). Mozambique's President Chissano told a 13 August news conference in Gaborone, at the end of a four-day visit to Botswana, that it was clear the MNR was being "trained, armed and led by the South African regime." He ruled out the holding of peace talks with the MNR, which the government has accused of responsibility for a further massacre of civilians. The official news agency AIM says the MNR carried out the killings on 10 August at Manjacaze village in Gaza province. South Africa's President Botha in turn accused Mozambique of continuing support for the African National Congress (ANC), in violation of the Nkomati non-aggression pact. In a 14 August statement to parliament he warned that South Africa reserved the right to act against ANC guerrillas on Mozambique territory.

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