

Mozambique needs help, says Mwinnyi

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PRESIDENT Ali Hassan Mwinnyi reiterated his call on all African states to help Mozambique wipe out the South African-backed MNR bandits and at the same time assist the reconstruction of the country's damaged economic infrastructure.

Ndugu Mwinnyi was talking with the visiting Nigerian Defence Minister, Lt. General Domkat Bali, who called on him at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

During the discussions, which centred on the liberation struggle, the President also noted that the UNITA rebels would not have survived the onslaught by the Angolan defence forces had they not been assisted by South Africa and the United States.

He, however, expressed hope that the two regimes supporting the rebels would soon realise the futility of their protracted, but destructive, efforts in the search for the gallant forces of Angola.

"The Angolan forces are doing a very good job", the President said.

The Nigerian Defence Minister handed over to President Mwinnyi a message from President Ibrahim Babangida of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The visiting defence minister had earlier held talks with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and National Service, Ndugu Salim Ahmed Salim. Their talks also centred on current developments in southern Africa.

The two ministers expressed

concern over the increased killings and other acts of brutality to the Mozambican people by the South African-backed MNR bandits and the recent banning of 17 anti-apartheid movements in South Africa.

The ministers reaffirmed their countries' support to the liberation movements in South Africa and Namibia and appealed to other African countries and the international community to see the struggle as theirs by providing all the needed support.