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Frelimo may try to claim independence

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BEIRA — Political analysts in Mozambique believe that Frelimo, at the instigation of the Tanzanian Government, might be setting the stage for a proclamation of independence for the "liberated" areas of the northern Cabo Delgado district.

This belief that Frelimo may try an identical exercise to that carried out by guerillas in Portuguese Guinea, where republican status for Guinea-Bis-

sau was declared recently, has been prompted by reports of a visit to Cabo Delgado last week by a Tanzanian delegation.

The delegation claimed after the visit that Frelimo were "in complete control of the province."

A Portuguese military spokesman at the forward base of Mueda, 60 km south of the Tanzanian border, commented: "Nobody has ever heard of such visitors."