

MNR no^{Ch.} 11/1/90 to Maputo peace offer

MAPUTO — MNR bandit leader Afonso Dhlakama has rejected direct talks with the Mozambican government. President Joaquim Chissano has announced here.

Speaking at a mass rally that lasted for five-and-a-half hours, Cde Chissano on Tuesday said that the Zimbabwean and Kenyan leaders, Cde Mugabe and Mr Daniel arap Moi, who are acting as mediators in the conflict, "have obtained a reply from the MNR according to which they (MNR) are not prepared to hold a dialogue with the government of the People's Republic of Mozambique because they do not recognise the creation of the People's Republic of Mozambique as a sovereign state".

"They do not recognise the constitution, and much less the laws that flow from it,"

Cde Chissano continued. He explained that Presidents Moi and Mugabe had written a letter both to him and to Dhlakama suggesting that the time was ripe for direct talks between the government and the MNR.

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