

● The rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) has announced that direct peace talks with the government could begin as early as February. Its Lisbon spokesman, Manuel Frank, told Reuters on 4 January that the MNR was encouraged by recent government statements. "We are slowly moving towards direct talks, perhaps as early as February," he said, adding that Nairobi was a likely venue.

The Mozambican government was seriously considering recommendations by Kenyan and Zimbabwean mediators to hold direct talks, Frank said.

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