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MOZAMBIQUE'S President Joaquim Chissano began an official visit to his country's former colonial ruler yesterday to brief Portuguese leaders on prospects for ending a 12-year conflict in his country.

Cde Chissano is expected to update Portuguese officials on his proposal last week to hold direct talks with the MNR bandits.

According to reports in

Mozambique's news media, Cde Chissano proposed that talks begin on April 16 in Malawi.

However, bandit officials cited in the Lisbon news media said bandit leader Afonso Dhlakama had rejected Malawi as a venue, preferring the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

In Luanda, Unita yesterday called for direct dialogue with the Angolan government but stressed that no conditions should be attached to the proposed talks.—Ziana-AP-Xinhua.