

Intensive peace effort under way ^{H. 4/6}~~40~~ Chissano

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THE Mozambican President, Cde Joaquim Chissano, said that "intensive efforts" were under way to advance the government's peace initiative, which stalled when the MNR bandits refused to accept Malawi as the venue for the first direct talks with the Mozambican authorities.

Speaking to an audience of several thousand children, teachers and parents at a ceremony marking International Children's Day, Cde Chissano assured his audience that attempts

were being made to ensure that direct talks with the bandits would begin "as soon as possible".

"The party, the government and the president are also anxious to know the outcome of these intensive contacts," he added.

He said that attempts would always be made to ensure that Mozambican children could grow up in peace, with the right to education, health, love and tenderness.

But none of the freedoms and rights of children could exist "while there is war, massacre,

violence, hatred and vengeance".

It was the bandits who were destroying the happiness of Mozambican children, he continued, by massacring their parents, brothers, and other relatives and by destroying the country's schools and hospitals. — Ziana-AIM-Pana.