

Chissano says more talks with MNR soon

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MOZAMBICAN President Joaquim Chissano has said delegations from the government and the MNR bandits would meet soon in Rome for a third round of talks on ending 15 years of conflict.

Making the announcement at a meeting of African journalists on Wednesday night, Cde Chissano said he believed the country's first multi-party elections promised for next year would take place in a land at peace.

The previous round of peace talks was held in Rome from August 11-14. Cde Chissano later accused the bandits of creating new obstacles in the negotiations.

He pledged to accept the decision of the people in the 1991 elections. "I have no reason to stay in power if the people of Mozambique do not want me to stay in power," he told the conference of journalists' federations from West, East and Southern Africa.

He said the bandits faced increasing difficulties in negotiations with the government because of the political initiatives the government had taken. — Ziana-Reuter.
