

Mozambique: Chissano says peace may come sooner than expected *(Excerpt)* President Joaquim Chissano has said that peace in Mozambique will come sooner than some people think. The President was speaking in Maputo yesterday at a special mass to mark the 50th anniversary of the Maputo archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

He said that a third direct encounter between his government and the MNR was already planned and could take place soon. President Chissano highlighted the Catholic Church's role in the peace process of Mozambique. He appealed for an end to violence and destruction by those who, he said, were preventing the work of building the country. President Chissano said peace must mean mutual trust among all the Mozambican people and must bring democracy for everyone and every religion to freely express themselves [as heard] to strengthen national unity.

For his part, the Archbishop of Maputo, Cardinal Alexandre Maria dos Santos, said President Chissano was [word indistinct] by the Mozambican people. The cardinal said the Catholic Church would continue helping to bring peace. . . *(Radio Mozambique, Maputo in English for abroad 1100 gmt 10 Sep 90)*