

Mozambique: Chissano on need for talks; MNR says no talks until attacks end The Mozambican President said in an address to a People's Assembly session which opened on 19th Sept that despite MNR efforts to stall direct talks and was prepared to go to Rome whenever the MNR was ready, Radio Mozambique (Maputo) reported. The radio later reported Chissano as telling deputies that there were reports confirming the existence of forces which indirectly or directly still supported the MNR. Only the previous day an MNR official had gone to Portugal - according to some reports, at the invitation of forces there. The main item on the assembly's agenda will be a review of the Economic Rehabilitation Programme during its first three years.

The MNR has stated in Lisbon that it will boycott peace talks until the government stops its attacks on the movement's strongholds, Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (Blantyre) reported. The MNR accused the government of launching an offensive against its headquarters in Gorongosa and Zambezia Province, in which many people had been killed. [3] 1990