

FW's secret Renamo talks

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PRETORIA. — Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha last night confirmed that he and President F W de Klerk held meetings with the leader of Renamo in Nairobi, Kenya, earlier this year.

In a statement Mr Botha said the meeting with the Mozambique Renamo movement leader, Mr Afonso Dhlakama, took place during the president's visit to Kenya in June.

The meeting was part of South Africa's efforts to procure a ceasefire in Mozambique and to facilitate the process of reconciliation in that country, he said.

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Mr Botha said there had been additional meetings with Mr Dhlakama and other South African government representatives.

All these meetings took place with the full knowledge of Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, and were conducted as part of the overall effort to achieve a peaceful settlement in Mozambique.

According to an earlier Johannesburg newspaper report, Mr De Klerk had questioned Mr Dhlakama during the meeting about allegations that Renamo was acquiring arms from South African syndicates. These allegations were denied, the report said. — Sapa