

Chissano won't see rebels

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HARARE. — President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique yesterday ruled out the prospect of an immediate meeting between himself and the leader of the Mozambique resistance movement, Mr Afonso Dhlakama.

After a 90-minute discussion with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe here, Mr Chissano said an ill-prepared meeting with the rebel chief would be "disastrous" for the current peace talks in Rome.

Mr Mugabe met Mr Dhlakama in Malawi earlier this month, reportedly discussing a proposed ceasefire and the role the rebels might play in a post-war Maputo government.

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