

Shot in the dark

THE one good idea to emerge from President De Klerk's meeting with Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano last week was unofficial: set up a trading depot on the border and offer to buy AK-47s, no questions asked, for R1 000.

For South Africa it would be cheaper than chasing down the gunrunners, for the gunrunners it would be a better deal than they can get in Johannesburg, for Renamo and the Mozambique army it would quickly lead to disarmament, and for the poor peasants of Mozambique it would be an effective form of foreign aid.

As usual, free market ideas are best; as usual, nobody adopts them.

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