

Pretoria no longer supports MNR says Chissano

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MOZAMBIQUE's President Joaquim Chissano said this week his government no longer believed Pretoria supported the Mozambique National Resistance rebels (MNR/Renamo).

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Chissano said that "we are prepared to believe that the South African armed forces, as such, are not in support" of the MNR either.

However, "everything indicates" that some "elements inside South Africa support them", he said.

He mentioned in particular the violation of Mozambican airspace by South African aircraft, the news agency *AIM* reported.

He was speaking as preparations were made to welcome South Africa's president-designate F W de Klerk, and Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi.

Kenya has been playing a brokering role in discussions which have taken place between Mozambican church representatives and representatives of the Mozambican rebel force (*SouthScan* v3/13 p64; v4/16 p124).

Talks scheduled for Wednesday in Nairobi, however, failed to materialise on time. An official delegation made up of Mozambican provincial directors was also in Nairobi, to clarify government positions for the Kenyan government and the religious leaders, said *AIM*.

*At the meeting with De Klerk, Chissano said he would support a regional conference if there was a "sound process of change" in South Africa.

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