

# Mozambique, SA hold talks

MAPUTO — Officials from Mozambique and South Africa met in Maputo yesterday to discuss "frontier issues" concerning their mutual 500 km border.

Mozambique's delegation head said the talks did not imply there was a border conflict.

"We should not wait until conflicts arise before dealing with frontier issues," the head of legal and consular affairs in Mozambique's foreign ministry, Mr Eduardo Coloma, said.

The meeting will discuss delimitation of the Indian Ocean maritime frontier, confirmation of the land borders, and the question of the electrified fence which Pretoria constructed along part of the border.

He did not specify the problems but stressed Mozambique wanted to "develop relations of good neighbourliness".

The delegates involved suggest that demarcation of fishing rights in the Indian Ocean at the border between southern Mozambique and South Africa's Natal Province is on the agenda.

The South Africans,

led by Mr Daniel Grundlingh of the general department of surveying, include a median line sea boundary specialist and hydrographers from the South African navy.

Mr Coloma's team includes naval experts, officials from the government's surveying department and the defence ministry, as well as lawyers from the justice and transport ministries. — Sapa-RNS

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