

# Chissano to visit Britain next month

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**THE** Mozambican leader, President Joaquim Chissano, travels to Britain for a three-day official visit in early May in a move said by the British High Commission in Harare to confirm increasingly closer ties between Maputo and London. The visit will be his first outside Africa since becoming president last November.

The visit will be from May 6 to 8. The Mozambican Embassy in Harare

said it was unable to comment on the significance of the visit and the possible agenda for the official visit as Ambassador Francisco Madeira was in Maputo.

But the British High Commission in Harare said the visit came at a time when the United Kingdom and the government of Mozambique enjoy excellent relations.

"The indication is that

the invitation is an expression of support for President Chissano and the Government of Mozambique, particularly at a difficult time arising out of the death of President Samora Machel," a High Commission spokesman said in Harare.

President Chissano's first official visit within the African continent soon after he was elected successor to

the late President Samora Machel, was to Tanzania. This was followed by an official trip to Zamb'a.

He then visited Zimbabwe and Angola.

Earlier this year, under an agreement signed between the two countries, the number of Mozambican army officers receiving training at the Battalion Battle School in Nyanga was doubled to 360.