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Mozambican President welcomes Thatcher's remarks on MNR (ME/0422 ii) In an interview with Maputo radio on 30th March, President Chissano said that the "redefinition" of Britain's stance regarding "armed banditry, violence and terror" was one of the most notable results of his meeting on the 29th with Prime Minister Thatcher. According to the radio, Chissano said that "this stance is very important because it shows an understanding of the true nature of the so-called Renamo [MNR], notably in its acts against the Mozambican people".*

On 30th March, the South African agency, citing a report by the Zimbabwean agency, said that on her visit to Zimbabwe, Thatcher had opened the country's biggest gold mine in Bindura. The agency also cited Zimbabwean agency reports for a news conference given by Thatcher on the 30th at the end of her two-day visit to Zimbabwe. The South African agency highlighted her remarks on sanctions and the political situation in South Africa (see today's Section B for details). On the evening of the 30th, Blantyre radio reported the Prime Minister's arrival in Malawi at the start of a three-day visit.