

# Maputo talks on training

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President Samora Machel, of Mozambique, is expected to get a positive response if he asks the British Government for assistance in military training during his three-day visit, which begins tomorrow.

He is to have confidential talks with Mrs Thatcher on Thursday and goes to Sandhurst on Friday.

The question of military equipment has not yet arisen, but might well be combined with the talks about economic aid which will take place between officials of the Overseas Development Administration and the party travelling with President Machel. They are to have talks with the Minister, Mr Timothy Raison, tomorrow.

Britain has granted soft loans to Mozambique worth £22.5 million since independence in 1975. In addition there have been grants for food aid, scholarships, and teams of technical advisers.

But diplomatically the most significant development is the indication from President Machel and his Foreign Minister, General Joaquim Chissano, that military training assistance from Britain would be welcome.