

# Thatcher to see Chissano in Zimbabwe

MRS THATCHER is to meet President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique in Zimbabwe during her four-day southern Africa tour at the end of the month, the President confirmed yesterday, Richard Dowden, Africa Editor, writes.

He will come from Mozambique on 29 March to meet her at Nyanga military training school in eastern Zimbabwe where British officers are training Mozambican and Zimbabwean troops.

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Mozambique has become a favoured nation for British aid in the past two years and the Prime Minister's decision not to go there on her tour was greeted with surprise.

Speaking in Brussels yesterday, President Chissano said he would ask the EC for help in protecting aid projects funded by the EC but said EC military aid for Mozambique might be too much to ask for.

He welcomed the Soviet Union's call for a negotiated settlement in South Africa. "We will always welcome any initiative which is likely to bring peace to the region," he said.