

MOZAMBIQUE

Mugabe in Beira talks

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Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe held three hours of talks on 23 May with President Samora Machel on "the need for positive steps to establish firm economic relations between the two countries."

As a result of the meeting, a Mozambique ministerial delegation is expected to visit Salisbury soon for talks on transport and communications matters, Mugabe said.

This would be followed by discussions on future agricultural and industrial relations.

There was no indication of whether anticipated co-operation agreements had been signed.

IN BRIEF

• The Chinese news agency Xinhua says 12 tons of Zimbabwean tea were exported through Beira on 17 April. In April 1,100 tons of Zimbabwean sugar were shipped to Maputo while Malawian exports to Maputo have increased threefold since Zimbabwe's independence.

• Zimbabwe and Mozambique signed a co-operation agreement on 17 May on tourism, culture and information. There is to be an exchange of information between news agencies and Zimbabwe is to help train Mozambique hotel workers.