

# LEADERS PLEDGE TO CRUSH BANDITS

HERALD  
07 MAR 1987

**THE leaders of Mozambique and Zimbabwe have reaffirmed the need to intensify joint military operations against bandits to eradicate the menace, a joint communique issued at the end of the visit by President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique to Zimbabwe has said.**

President Chissano arrived in Harare on his first official visit on Monday and left for Angola on Thursday.

The communique, made available to the Press yesterday, said that the visiting president and the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, had discussed the excellent co-operation between the two countries and reaffirmed their desire for greater trade and other economic co-operation.

They reviewed developments in the Beira Corridor, recognising the crucial role played by transport in economic development. Cde Chissano thanked Zimbabwe for the militant and revolutionary support received from Zimbabwe.

Cde Mugabe reiterated Zimbabwe's continued commitment to co-operation in defence and security until the destabilisation activities sponsored by South Africa in Mozambique are eliminated.

## **Herald Reporter**

The two leaders noted with grave concern the deteriorating situation in Southern Africa and agreed that peace and stability could only be achieved with the elimination of apartheid.

The international community should intensify its efforts in isolating Pretoria and the two leaders were dismayed at the recent veto of a UN sanctions resolution.

South Africa's regional destabilisation was condemned and unflinching support for South African liberation movements and Swapo was confirmed. The two leaders reiterated their unconditional support for the PLO and underlined the urgency of ending the massacre of Palestinian refugees and called for an urgent peaceful resolution of the Gulf War.

It was agreed that President Chissano would visit Mozambique in return at a convenient date.

● Discussions began yesterday morning in Luanda between Mozambican and Angolan delegations, led by the two countries' leaders Cde Chissano and Cde Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the Mozambique news agency AIM reports from Luanda.

The talks follow two private meetings on Thursday between Cde Chissano and Cde dos Santos.

The discussions centred on the situation in Mozambique after the death of President Samora Machel last October, and the most recent developments in the Southern African conflict. They aim to strengthen the co-operation between Mozambique and Angola, who are both members of the Frontline States and of SADCC.

Cde Chissano's visit is also aimed at thanking the MPLA and the Angolan government for the solidarity and material support they gave to Mozambique immediately following President Samora's tragic death.