

Thousands at stirring rally

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MORE than 30 000 Zimbabweans flocked to Rufaro Stadium yesterday afternoon for the mass rally which was addressed by President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique on his first state visit to Zimbabwe.

Traditional dance groups and Zanu (PF) choirs from the party's Harare Province entertained the huge crowd before the arrival of Cde Chissano and the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe. They were later followed by President Banana.

On arrival at the stadium, the crowd burst into a thunderous applause as the people gave the Mozambican leader a resounding welcome.

President Chissano, President Banana and Cde Mugabe went round the stadium on the back of an open truck waving to the crowd amid a deafening roar.

Before addressing the crowd, Cde Chissano and his wife, Cde Marcelina, led the Mozambican delegation in a solidarity song of Frelimo and Zanu (PF).

Among the major highlights of the rally was a march past by scores of members of the Zanu (PF) Women's League which was led by the chairwoman for Harare Province and MP for Glen View, Cde Idah Mashonganavika.

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