

**Mozambique: government dismisses MNR cease-fire call (ME/0432 ii)** President Chissano has reaffirmed that there will be no talks with the MNR, Maputo radio reported on 12th April. Speaking at a rally in Choque, Chissano said that "the bandits merely spread fear among the population". The radio also reported that Prime Minister Mario Machungo had dismissed the cease-fire call by the MNR. He said that the Mozambican government had only learned of the MNR declaration through the media "and said that it was not to be taken seriously". Machungo added that the government would not enter into political negotiations with the MNR. 1989

Dar es Salaam radio reported on the 13th that Jose (?Michila), member of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, had said that a total of 3,000 MNR members had surrendered to the government up to December 1988. Addressing officials of the Tanzania-Mozambique Friendship Association in the Tanzanian capital, he said that the number of MNR members surrendering was increasing following the amnesty offer by the government.