

Mozambican Foreign Minister rules out power-sharing with MNR rebels Pascoal Mocumbi, speaking at a news conference in the Mozambican capital on 1st August reported by Radio Maputo, ruled out any power sharing between the government and the MNR. He said the authorities did not see any need to impose different parties on the Mozambican people when the Frelimo Party itself had been able to guarantee democracy in the country. However, "if any MNR member came back on his own to rejoin Mozambican society, then he could take part in any official institution, even government". The minister reiterated that dialogue with the MNR would only be possible after the rebels accepted Mozambique's principles for peace, including the renunciation of violence and acceptance of the existing order. Mocumbi declined to comment on whether orders had been given to the army to capture MNR leader Afonso Dhlakama; he said the army was involved in an offensive throughout Mozambique, including the Gorongosa area of Sofala province (where the MNR's main base is situated), as part of the government's efforts to end the war. 1989

Radiodifusao Portuguesa reported the MNR as saying in a communique issued in Lisbon on 1st August that its forces would only observe a cease-fire when a peace agreement had been signed with Frelimo. The communique added that although the MNR had accepted President Moi of Kenya as a mediator, it would carry on fighting the Mozambican government forces "and their allies" before and during the peace talks.