

PRESIDENT CHISSANO DISMISSES MNR DOCUMENT

Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano dismissed as "meaningless" the 16 point document produced by the MNR bandits at the end of recent talks in Nairobi between bandit leaders and Mozambican churchmen.

Speaking to the Mozambican journalists who had accompanied him to the summit of SADCC (Southern African Development Coordination Conference) in Harare, President Chissano said that the MNR's document "has no meaning at all". The bandits' 16 points, he added, merely showed that "there is still a great lack of understanding" among the bandit leaders.

The MNRs' 16 point document tries to establish the bandits as a legitimate political organisation, deny the well-documented massacres, mutilations and other atrocities committed by them, and demand the withdrawal of "the foreign forces brought in by Frelimo", while failing to mention the MNR's own origins as a creature of first the Rhodesian and then the South African secret services.

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