

Machel to meet Botha opponent

CAPE TOWN.
PRESIDENT Machel of Mozambique and the leader of the South African opposition Progressive Federal Party, Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, are to hold talks in Maputo today on the situation in Southern Africa and other issues.

Dr Slabbert said yesterday he hoped to discuss the Nkomati Accord, the MNR bandit attacks and regional co-operation.

He hoped this might be a prelude to further talks this year with leaders of other Frontline States.

Dr Slabbert said he was concerned about an apparent deterioration in

relations between South Africa and some of its neighbour states, including Mozambique.

The talks take place against a background of reports that Mozambique has been streamlining its military call-up and training systems. This is in an effort to meet the threat from MNR bandits.

There have also been reports that the flood of people fleeing from Mozambique has swelled to the point where there are now 63 000 refugees in the bantustans of Gazankulu, Kangwane, Lebowa and KwaZulu. — Ziana-Sapa.

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