

'Botha, H. 29/12 88 Chissano meeting possible'

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MOZAMBICAN Co-operation Minister Jacinto Veloso said here on Wednesday that a meeting between President Joaquim Chissano and South African racist president P. W. Botha is possible.

Cde Veloso was returning from South Africa where he delivered a message from President Chissano to Botha on Tuesday. He said Botha considered President Chissano's message as "an important step for peace, stability and good neighbourliness and promised to render the Nkomati Accord functional".

The Mozambican minister said Botha had agreed with President Chissano's proposal that the joint liaison committee between the two countries should meet very soon.

The minister brought back a message from Botha to President Chissano.

Meanwhile in Maputo, the national news agency Aim reported yesterday that 13 people were killed when MNR bandits attacked a civilian convoy that was under military escort.

The bandits opened fire on the eight-vehicle convoy on Tuesday when it was about 50 km north of Maputo.

Several survivors in serious condition were sent to a hospital in Marracuene, about 20 km away. — Ziana-Xinhua-Aim.