

Mozambique

In a surprise move to restore relations with SA, President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique has sent a personal envoy to the State President Mr PW Botha. The possibility of a meeting between the two heads of state was raised in discussion between Mr Botha and President Chissano's envoy, General Jacinto Veloso, in Cape Town yesterday. Mr Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, confirmed on enquiry last night that President Botha had received Gen Veloso, who conveyed a message of goodwill to the SA Government.

The message assured the government of Mozambique's firm intention to make a positive contribution towards resolving conflict in the Southern African region. However, Mozambique was still convinced that Renamo continued to receive support and advice emanating from SA. The SA Government said, for its part, that it was convinced terrorists were operating against SA from Mozambican territory. 'Nevertheless, President Chissano assured President Botha that Mozambique stands firm in its decision not to permit the use of Mozambican territory for the launching of any violent attacks against SA,' said Mr Pik Botha ...

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