

FW: Security force controlled

MAPUTO. — President F W de Klerk has denied allegations that his government had lost control of the security forces.

Replying to questions at a press conference after talks with Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano at the weekend, he said his government remained in charge of, and had the loyalty and support of, the security forces.

He was convinced there was no "specific" third force within the security forces, although individuals sometimes acted against government policy.

"Anyone not sticking to policy laid down by the government ... and not maintaining absolute impartiality will be acted against," he said.

Meanwhile, after talks in Harare yesterday with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, Mr Chissano signalled a breakthrough in his country's 16-year civil war by announcing that he would meet with Renamo leader

Chissano to meet Renamo leader

Mr Afonso Dhlakama. It will be the first face-to-face meeting between the two men.

In Botswana two weeks ago Mr Dhlakama told Mr Mugabe he was ready for a conditional ceasefire.

Saturday's talks between Mr De Klerk and Mr Chissano have brought South Africa and Mozambique significantly closer to establishing stronger diplomatic ties.

Both presidents emphasised the need to bring about regional economic integration and peace.

Mr De Klerk said he and Mr Chissano had agreed real progress was being made to bring peace to the region and a positive environment for addressing the real problems.

Mr Chissano said there were still signs of contact between South Africans and Renamo, but he had confidence in Mr De Klerk and his ability to track down those violating agreements reached between the two countries. — Sapa-AFP

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CHEERS ... President F W de Klerk and President Joaquim Chissano toast the re-opening of Maputo's Polana Hotel, which was refurbished as a joint venture by South Africa and Mozambique.

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