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**Leaders of Mozambique and Zimbabwe hold talks in Harare (ME/8506/ii)** During the first round of official talks on 2nd March President Joaquim Chissano and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe pledged continual mutual support in the fight against imperialism, colonialism and apartheid, Harare radio reported. Noting that even after their independence, Mozambicans had sacrificed themselves for Zimbabwe's independence, Prime Minister Mugabe said that in this spirit Zimbabweans would also make sacrifices to help Frelimo fight the "banditry" of the Mozambique National Resistance and safeguard Mozambique's sovereignty, the radio reported.

At a banquet in Harare the same evening, also reported by Harare radio, Zimbabwean President Banana said the two countries would fight side by side until the "South African-sponsored Renamo counter-revolutionaries are annihilated". In reply, President Chissano said that Zimbabwe was playing a "crucial" role in the struggle against the MNR bandits, and he called for closer military co-operation between the two countries.