

MNR gives details of its aims

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The Mozambique National Resistance movement (MNR) has disclosed details of its organisation and published its full political programme.

Often described as a shady organisation with little control over its guerillas and without an alternative political programme to the ruling Frelimo Party, the MNR issued a statement outlining its military structure and political programme which, it said, was approved as far back as 1982.

The political programme covers domestic policy, foreign relations, economy, religious affairs, education, health, justice and social affairs.

It calls for the creation of a multiparty system under which individual freedoms would be guaranteed.

A new National Assembly, elected by a free and democratic vote, would draft a new constitution.

The MNR claims that, if it took power, it would respect all "honest previous agreements reached by the Frelimo government and other governments, repudiating those whose terms are dubious, treacherous and treasonable".

Its programme states that "in principle" all land and natural resources are property of the state but adds that there can be no political freedom without economic freedom. Private ownership would be permitted and encouraged.

In its statement the MNR said its National Council was its "executive political leadership" and was divided into different departments — defence, ideology, internal administration, education, health and welfare, agriculture, youth affairs, external affairs and information.