

Chissano tells De Klerk his military is still backing Renamo

South Africa's President FW de Klerk came under renewed pressure to crack down on Renamo supporters in his government during last weekend's summit in Maputo.

Closer economic ties between Mozambique and South Africa were signalled last Saturday after the meeting with President Joaquim Chissano.

The two leaders held talks before officially opening the recently refurbished Polana Hotel.

But according to informed sources Chissano showed De Klerk strong evidence of recent unofficial involvement by the South African military in Renamo operations inside Mozambique.

This evidence, say observers, is likely to increase pressure on De Klerk to crack down on Renamo supporters within his own ranks.

At a subsequent press conference continuing links between South Africa's security services and Renamo were

dismissed by De Klerk as "absolute nonsense." However, he then admitted that Renamo could obtain hardware from South Africa's "open economy."

Chissano said that while there were "signs of contact between South Africa and Renamo," he believed De Klerk was "trying to track down all those trying to break the laws."

De Klerk said there were people who broke the law on "both sides of the border," and he said the problem of illegal arms entering South Africa from Mozambique had been discussed.

But De Klerk added that the South African government would like to see Mozambique "succeed in its reconstruction efforts."

This was De Klerk's second visit to Maputo as South African president. Investment by South African companies in Mozambique's economy is burgeoning. *[Staff writers; own correspondent]*