

Mozambique talks planned

LISBON — Top level talks between South Africa and Mozambique are likely to take place soon, probably in Cape Verde, official sources here confirmed yesterday.

The sources said that a meeting between the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, and his Mozambican counterpart, Mr Joachim Chissano, would probably precede a later meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries.

Negotiations to get the two sides together have been carried out by Portugal following the visit here on November 27 of Mr Botha, as part of a two-week foreign tour to discuss the problems of South Africa.

Mr Botha returns to Lisbon for one day tomorrow en route to Johannesburg and will meet Portuguese Fore-

ign Ministry officials to hear the outcome of discussions that Lisbon has been holding with Maputo in preparation for the meetings.

The main topics to be raised between South Africa and Mozambique concern the delivery of electricity from the Cabora Bassa hydro-electric scheme in Mozambique and the general situation in that country.

Maputo accuse Pretoria of fomenting guerilla warfare via the Mozambican National Resistance Movement and blames the South Africans for deteriorating internal security.

When Mr Botha was

last in Lisbon he held 12 hours of intensive discussions with the Portuguese over the problems of Mozambique and, to a lesser extent, of Angola.

Portugal, which is responsible for running the Cabora Bassa dam and bearing the costs of its debts, stressed its concern over continued guerilla sabotage of power lines from the dam to South Africa and offered to act as a mediator in reopening dialogue between South Africa and Mozambique with a view to ending the costly disruptions and reducing the internal danger to Portuguese and other foreign workers stationed in Mozambique. — DDC.