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SA peace pact risk

JOHANNESBURG: The Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, flew to Maputo yesterday to try to salvage a peace accord with Mozambique, two days before the first anniversary of its signing.

Mr Botha and the Defence Minister, Mr Magnus Malan, accompanied by their deputy ministers, were due to attend a meeting of a Joint Security Commission set up under the Nkomati non-aggression accord, the South African Foreign Ministry said.

Analysts said that the crucial meeting was aimed at reassuring Maputo that Pretoria was doing all it could to stop aid reaching Mozambican rebels from South African territory.