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MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT HAS TALKS WITH FIDEL CASTRO
HAVANA, APRIL 3, REUTER - MOZAMBICAN PRESIDENT JOAQUIM CHISSANO, ON THE SECOND LEG OF A LATIN AMERICAN TOUR, DISCUSSED SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO, A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE MOZAMBICAN DELEGATION SAID ON SUNDAY.

IN THE SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS, CHISSANO "EXPLAINED TO CASTRO OUR POSITION ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND EXPRESSED MOZAMBIQUES SUPPORT FOR JOINT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND CUBA, AND SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES, TO RESOLVE THE ANGOLAN ISSUE," THE SOURCE SAID.

NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS PUBLISHED AFTER THE TALKS BUT THE CUBAN NEWSPAPER JUVENTUD REBELDE SAID THE TWO LEADERS HAD NOTED THAT "NO NATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS SAFE FROM THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF PRETORIA AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE RACISTS (SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT) ARE BECOMING DESPERATE IN THE FACE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE."

CHISSANO, WHO HAS ALREADY VISITED ARGENTINA DURING HIS CURRENT TOUR, WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ON MONDAY FOR NICARAGUA AND GO ON TO BRAZIL ON APRIL 8.

ON SUNDAY HE VISITED CUBAS ISLAND OF YOUTH UNIVERSITY, WHOSE STUDENTS INCLUDE MORE THAN 1,000 MOZAMBICANS. ON SATURDAY CHISSANO VISITED HAVANAS GUANABACOA MUSEUM, A PERMANENT EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATING THE AFRICAN INFLUENCE ON CUBA.

THE MOZAMBICAN SOURCE SAID CHISSANO WOULD PROBABLY STOP IN DAKAR, SENEGAL, ON HIS WAY HOME FROM BRAZIL TO JOIN A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN STATES AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN LIBYA AND CHAD.
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