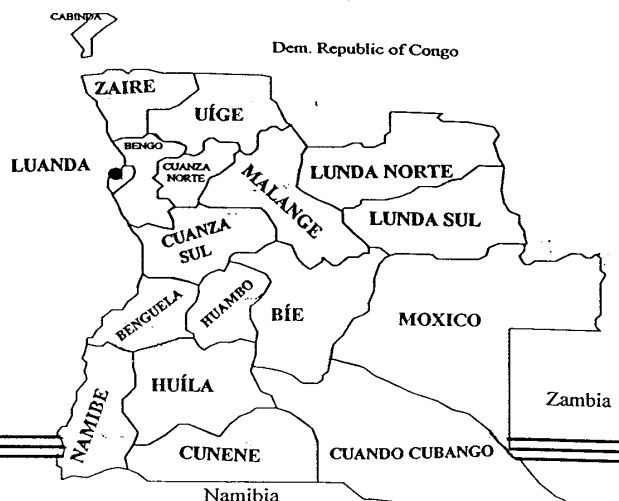


# DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

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## UNITA ASKED TO MAKE DECLARATION ON STATUS OF DEMOBILIZATION

(Source: Jornal de Angola, 28 February)

Yesterday the Joint Commission determined that UNITA is in a position to make a declaration on the status of its demobilization.

During a meeting which lasted many hours, the Joint Commission declared that as of the 27th of February, out of the 7,877 registered UNITA residual soldiers, 5,857 have been demobilized. The remaining ones will be demobilized in the framework of the so-called Open File Mechanism.

The JC also asked the Government to accelerate the process of extension of the state administration. In this context, the Government requested the Mediation and the "Troika" to present a new schedule for the remaining localities which are considered priorities for the extension of the administration. This schedule should be considered by both parties.

In a communique read at the end of the session, the Joint Commission stated that it had received information about the incidents that occurred in Lumbala Nguimbo and Cazombo, on the 14th and 23rd of February, respectively. Members of the JC visited those localities.

Laura Melo, the acting MONUA

spokeswoman, said that the Joint Commission decided to condemn in the most severe terms, the ill-treatment of the National Policemen and of the administrator of Lumbala Nguimbo.

In this framework, the Joint Commission urged UNITA to take measures to prevent such acts from happening in the future and to cooperate in the process of extending state administration throughout the national territory.

Concerning the dates for the extension of the state administration, the Government representative, Higino Carneiro, said that, "we do not want to discuss it with UNITA again because we know that it will not fulfil its duties. For this reason we transferred the responsibility to the "Troika". He explained that state administration needs to be extended to Bailundo, Andulo, Nhareia, Mussende, Kirima and Sautar. The extension of state administration to these locations is seen by the Government and UNITA as being the end of the process.

## SRSG BEYE RECOVERING IN THE IVORY COAST

(Source: MONUA/PIO, 2 March)

The Special Representative of the Secretary General in Angola, Maitre Alioune Blondin Beye, left Germany on 28 February,

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where he had undergone surgery. He travelled to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for a final check-up, before returning to Angola. He is expected in Luanda in the next week.

**SPANISH SECRETARY OF COOPERATION TO VISIT ANGOLA**  
(Source: Jornal de Angola, 28 February)

The Spanish secretary of State for Cooperation, Fernando Villalonga, will arrive in Angola on Wednesday for a three-day working visit. He will come to discuss political, economic and social issues with the Angolan authorities. This information was given by the Spanish ambassador to Angola, Mr. Alvaro Iranzo.

The Spanish delegation will consist of five top officials from the ministries of External Relations, Economy, and Finance. They will meet the Angolan ministers of External Relations, Venancio de Moura, of Planning, Emanuel Carneiro, and of the Interior, Andre Pitra "Petroff", in addition to various parliamentarians.

The agenda of Mr. Villalonga also includes a meeting with the Angolan president, Jose dos Santos, to whom he will deliver a message from the Spanish prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar.

**ACTING SRSG AND TROIKA MEET PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS**  
(Source: Radio LAC, 3 March)

The deputy representative of the Secretary General in Angola, Mr. Berhooz Sadry and the "Troika" of observers states, were received today in audience by President Eduardo dos Santos at Futungo de Belas in Luanda.

After the meeting, Mr. Sadry declared that "the Angolan president proved to be committed to the conclusion of the peace process. He said that it would not be fair to say that nothing has been done with

regard to the established timetable. According to the president there had been significant progress, despite the fact that the tasks were not accomplished on the specified dates. Therefore, my colleagues of the "Troika" and myself are trying to send a message of patience."

The Mediation and the "Troika" of observers travelled to Andulo today to contact the UNITA leadership. Mr. Sadry will deliver messages from Secretary General Kofi Annan and the governments of Portugal, the US and Russia to UNITA's leader, Jonas Savimbi.

From Bailundo the delegation will return to Futungo de Belas to have a new meeting with President Eduardo dos Santos. A press conference is foreseen for today.

**SPAIN TO PROVIDE 200 MILLION USD IN CREDIT TO ANGOLA**  
(Source: Radio LAC, 3 March)

Spain will open a credit scheme of 200 million USD for Angola. This amount will be used on importation of service materials, according to Radio Lac.

In 1997, Angola's debt to Spain was estimated at 46 million USD.

**SADC HEADS OF STATE MEET IN MOZAMBIQUE**  
(Source: Radio Nacional de Angola, 3 March)

The heads of state of SADC member countries, with the exception of Angolan President dos Santos, will attend a summit meeting today in Maputo, the capital city of Mozambique.

According to the Mozambican minister of Foreign Affairs, Leonardo Simao, the meeting will serve to make an assessment on the Angolan peace process, the situation in the at Comoros Islands and the boundary problems between Namibia and

Botswana. One of the main objectives of the meeting is to make an assessment on political, defense and security matters in the region. As usual, the Angolan Government will present a report on the progress of the peace process.

The Angolan president is being represented at the summit by the minister of External Relations, Venancio de Moura.

**EU OFFICIAL PRAISES ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT**  
(SOURCE; JORNAL DE ANGOLA, 28 FEBRUARY 1998)

The representative of the European Union to the Great Lakes, Mr Aldo Ajello, praised yesterday the role played by the Angolan government for the resolution of the armed conflict in both Congos (Brazzaville and Democratic).

Aldo Ajello has been in Angola since Wednesday. In an interview to Radio Nacional de Angola, he said that Angola can still give its contribution for peace in the Great Lakes.

"We are very much concerned with the spread of the conflict in the Great Lakes, and are aware of the role Angola can play for the pacification in that region. Therefore, we must join in efforts to find a solution", he said.

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