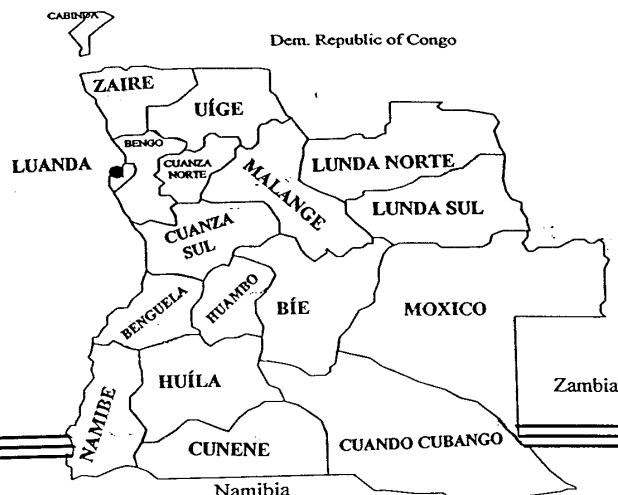
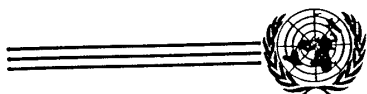


# DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

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## **DEPUTY SRSG EXPECTS POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF PEACE PROCESS** (Source: Jornal de Angola, March 4)

The Deputy UN SRSG in Angola, Behrooz Sadry, affirmed yesterday in Luanda that the peace process may come to a positive conclusion in the days to come.

Mr. Sadry made the comment during a consultative meeting between the delegations of the Government, UNITA and the Mediation.

After having had a meeting with UNITA's leadership in Andulo on Monday, he said that there are positive prospects concerning to the end of the process.

"The results are very positive. We have a couple of proposals from both UNITA and the Government, and we think that we will attain a good result soon", he said. Regarding the establishment of a new date for the conclusion of the process, Mr. Sadry affirmed that there was still no consensus.

The Joint Commission considers the 13th of March as a date of primary importance, as it is the day for the presentation of the report about Angola to the UN Security Council.

Mr. Sadry also announced the creation of special conditions for a group of soldiers who could not be present during the demobilization process of UNITA's residual

forces.

During the same meeting, the American ambassador to Angola, Mr. Donald Steinberg, also expressed his confidence concerning the end of the process.

## **DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS REQUIRE 26 BILLION KZR** (Source: Jornal de Angola, March 4)

According to the Jornal de Angola, twenty six billion Kwanzas are needed to subsidize 714 demobilized UNITA ex-soldiers in Kwanza North Province. The provincial director of the Institute for the Social Reintegration of Ex-Soldiers (IRSEM), Carlos Alberto, told the Angolan news agency Angop that the amount concerns the second and third portion of the Special Allowance for Resettlement Support. (SEAR).

Out of the group of soldiers, 10 are superior officers, 110 subordinate officers, 25 sergeants and the remaining 569 are privates. In Kwanza North province, IRSEM is responsible for 1,143 demobilized. Only 190 benefit from the second part of allowances, whereas 833 are entitled to food allowance.

In a related development, 745 UNITA soldiers were demobilized from the 14th to the 23rd of February in Kuando

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Kubango Province, acting regional director, Mireno Vicente, told Angop. According to him, demobilization occurred in the areas of Jamba, Licua, Mucusso, Mavinga and Mupupa. They will stay there until they are transferred to their areas of preference. All the demobilized received the corresponding allowance. The amount was not disclosed by the source.

**BIE: MPLA APPEALS TO ANGOLANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LASTING PEACE**

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 4)

The secretary of the MPLA in Bie, Joaquim Uanga, on Monday appealed to all Angolans to make a major contribution for the consolidation of peace in the country. He made this appeal in Cuinga (30 kms. from Kuito).

Speaking on the occasion of the 37th anniversary of the Women's Organization of Angola (OMA), he said it would be important for all sectors of the nation to participate in the construction of peace and democracy in the country.

He appealed to UNITA to facilitate the demobilization of all its troops and the restoration of the state administration throughout the national territory. This will enable national reconciliation and democratic cohabitation among Angolans, according to the provincial MPLA secretary.

**IOM APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL DONORS FOR MORE THAN 27 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROJECTS IN ANGOLA**

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 4)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) appeals to donors to provide 27.2 million dollars to cover its operating costs in Angola for the current year. The aim of IOM operations is to assist hundreds of thousands of displaced people who are now in condition to return to their areas of origin. IOM also assists about 160 thousand demobilized soldiers and their families to return to their villages of origin

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to start a peaceful life. The IOM also helps the Government institutions to train displaced people in various professional fields.

The UN Inter-Agency Consolidated Appeal for 1998 was launched on 13 February. It includes priority assistance projects provided by the IOM. In the framework of this appeal, IOM was attributed the responsibilities of transport and Logistics for the joint UN-IOM program. This program aims at helping the National Program of Assistance for the Return and Reintegration of Displaced People. Working in conjunction with UNICEF and the WHO, IOM also supports the process of setting up health posts to provide medical assistance to the displaced.

**ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN EX-ZAIRE RETURN**

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 4)

During 1997, 11,838 Angolan refugees returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees revealed in Mbanza Congo, Zaire Province. According to an officer of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Eduardo Nimi, 2,507 people originally from Benguela, Luanda, Bengo, Kwanza North and Moxico provinces have already returned to the country and their houses, whereas 750 families are still waiting for improvement of the transportation network.

Mr. Nimi said that these people had no financial means which could enable them to return home quickly. As such they suffered from hunger, illnesses, and adverse living conditions.

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**PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS RECEIVES  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF  
GUINEA BISSAU AND AN ENVOY OF  
GHANA'S PRESIDENT**

(Source: RNA, 13:00 March 4)

The president of the Republic received today in audience the special envoy of the president of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, and the Guinea Bissau minister of Foreign Affairs, Delfin Miranda.

The Ghanaian envoy discussed with President Dos Santos, the remaining aspects of the Lusaka Protocol and the friendly relations between the two countries.

The Ghanaian Government calls for the accomplishment of all pending tasks of the Lusaka Protocol and condemns the witnessed delays.

The same sentiments were conveyed by the Government of Guinea Bissau. Its Foreign Minister, Mr. Miranda, said that Guinea Bissau is worried with the obstacles affecting the peace process and national reconciliation in Angola. He affirms that such delays affect the Government and the people of Guinea Bissau. A verbal message from President Nino Vieira of Guinea Bissau was also transmitted to President Dos Santos.

**JOINT COMMISSION ANALYZES  
LAST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE  
PEACE PROCESS**

(Source: RNA, 13:00 March 4)

Today the Joint Commission analyzed all destabilizing activities attributed to UNITA.

According to the Portuguese news agency LUSA, the Joint Commission should draw up a new schedule and declare on the 5th March the end of the demobilization process. On the 6th of March the Government must make a declaration on the legislation of UNITA as a political party. It must also prolong the special status of Jonas Savimbi.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**RADIO**

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\*\*\*Times are as follows:

11:00, 14:00 and 21:00 - Monday to Friday.

10:00 -12:00 - Saturday.

\*\*\* A radio program in French is broadcast every Friday at 21:30

\*\*\* Radio frequencies are as follows:

AM - 219M - 1367 Khz,  
- 276M - 1088 Khz

SW - 31M - 9720 Khz  
- 25M - 11955 Khz  
- 41M - 4245 Khz  
- 60M - 4950 Khz  
- 90M - 3375 Khz

FM - 93.5 Mhz

**TELEVISION**

\*\*\* MONUA PIO also produces a TV program which can be seen on Angolan National Television (TPA), on Wednesday and Fridays following the evening news, as well as on Sundays between 12h10 and 12h40.

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