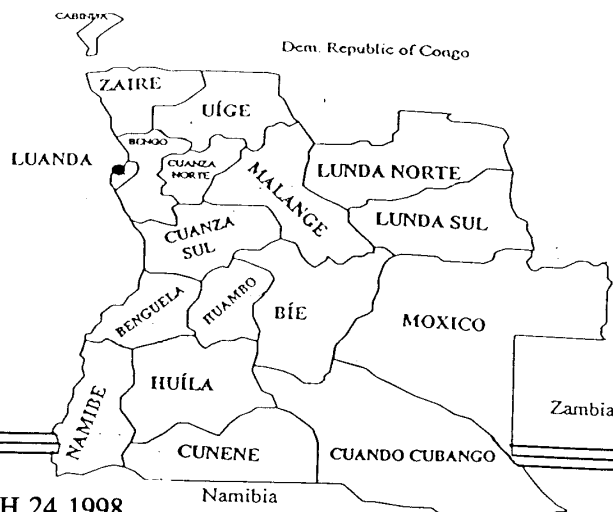


DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

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SRSB RECEIVES UNICEF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(Source: MONUA, March 24)

Yesterday afternoon, Maitre Beye received the Regional Director of UNICEF, Shahida Azfao.

After her audience with the SRSB she told the press she discussed with the Special Representative cooperation between MONUA and UNICEF. She also said her presence in Angola was to focus on the forthcoming five-year cooperation program between UNICEF and the Angolan Government.

She underlined that "UNICEF is making a thorough assessment on the situation of the children in Angola. They need great attention and care".

CONSTITUTION WORKSHOP

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 24)

Since yesterday Angolan members of Parliament have been participating in a workshop to elaborate a new Constitutional Law. The workshop is being chaired by American Legislators, Ronald Mae, Paul

Rundquist and Stanley Bach.

The Angolan Government has already appointed a constitutional committee consisting of 44 members to draw up a new Constitution for the country.

Yesterday morning, Mr Donald Mae spoke about the present tendencies that the market economy have in the elaboration of constitutions. He urged the Angolan Parliamentarians to have an in depth debate on the type of the new constitution.

"The Constitution should be the bedrock for the functioning of a country; it must be drawn with the highest sense of responsibility, thus political dispute should be put aside".

GOVERNMENT DENOUNCES PLANTING OF MINES ON ROADS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 24)

The Vice-Governor for Defence of Lunda North Province, Mr Diogo Manuel Lourenco Kwanza said: "UNITA residual troops are planting mines and destroying bridges along the main roads".

He told the press in Saurimo that such

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actions hinder free circulation of people and goods in the region. He also said that "the Government is worried with the rise in the number of armed people in areas where diamond smuggling is carried out".

GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH DISARMING OF CIVILIANS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 24)

Deputy heads of Government and UNITA delegations to the JC, Higinio Carneiro and Horacio Njunjuvili, have had separate meetings with the Chairman of the UN Committee of Sanctions, Mr Njuguna Mahugu.

During the meeting they briefed him the latest developments on the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Higinio Carneiro told the press "the meeting was useful and enabled direct exchange of point of views with the Chairman of the Committee. UNITA must draw a rule of conduct for the guards of its Leader, cease Radio Vorgan broadcasts and settle its leadership in Luanda." He added that presently the main concern of the government is the disarming of the civilians, which has already started".

MPLA MEMBER URGES POPULATION TO SURRENDER WEAPONS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, March 24)

The first Provincial Secretary of MPLA in Luanda, Francisco Vieira Dias, urged MPLA militants and the people in general to hand-over their weapons to the National Police.

"The disarming of civilians must be done by the National Police in an energetic way, if necessary with the support of the army", he said.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT

(Source: RNA, March 24)

The Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos received today a message from his Zambian counterpart, Frederick Chiluba.

The message deals with matters along border, the internal situation of Zambia and the Angolan Peace Process.

The Zambian envoy, Erik Suamba said that: "We want to assure our Angolan brothers that Zambia gave a major contribution for the success of the Lusaka Protocol and we have much to gain than to loose from this process. I am here to re-affirm to President Santos that sanctions must be applied on UNITA by all parties and Zambia is determined to do so.

UNITA YOUTH SEMINAR

(Source: Vorgan March 23)

Last Saturday the Secretary General of UNITA, Lukamba Gato, chaired a seminar of his party youth in Andulo.

He talked about the present political-situation of the country for about three hours. He availed himself of the opportunity to reiterate the commitment of his party in the conclusion of the tasks of the Lusaka Protocol.

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- 60M - 4950 Khz
- 90M - 3375 Khz

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