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## Moi may visit SA — foreign minister

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PRETORIA — Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi might visit SA soon, Kenya's Foreign Affairs Minister Wilson Ndola Ayah said yesterday after meeting his SA counterpart Pik Botha.

Ayah, who attended the opening of the ANC's conference in Durban on Tuesday, told reporters relations between Kenya and SA were developing.

"SA and Kenya will have a great deal to do with each other in the way of business and in the way of human relations," Sapa reports him as saying.

Ayah also said an exchange of ambassadors between Kenya and SA could not be ruled out.

Kenya, he said, was closely monitoring developments in SA and the activities of political groups. It was encouraging to note the progress made by the various groups in getting together.

Botha said he and Ayah had exchanged ideas "in pursuance" of the talks held during the recent visit to Kenya by himself, President F W de Klerk and SA officials.

At those talks the two governments had agreed to expand trade to the benefit of both countries.

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## EgyptAir denies that flying links restored

**Children Reporter and Sapa**  
CAIRO. — A senior EgyptAir official yesterday denied reports that Egypt had restored normal air links with South Africa, and said such a move was unlikely soon.

"I categorically deny that there is a service between Johannesburg and Cairo and I do not foresee such plan in the near future" the official, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

South Africa said a South African Airways (SAA) airliner which left

Frankfurt on Sunday stopped in Cairo to pick up South African Muslim pilgrims. But the EgyptAir official said: "No such thing happened."

An SAA statement said EgyptAir, Egypt's national carrier, also made its first scheduled direct return flight on Sunday between Johannesburg and Cairo. The Egyptian official said this was also untrue.

He acknowledged that, chartered EgyptAir planes took pilgrims from South Africa to the Mus-

lim holy places in Saudi Arabia during the annual haj season, which ended last week.

"That is totally different. There is a difference between operating regular services between two points and a purely minor movement to transport pilgrims," he said.

South Africa and Egypt have no diplomatic relations and have banned each other's nationals for decades.

African countries imposed a ban on South African airliners flying over their territories in 1963 in protest at Pretoria's race policies.

Chief liaison officer for SAA, Mr Leon Els, told The Citizen yesterday that the statement made on Monday, by SAA's Chief Executive, Mr Gert van der Veer, would not change in light of the statement from Cairo.

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# •C'wealth talks may delay Major's visit to S Africa

By Brian Stuart

CAPETOWN. — The British Prime Minister, Mr John Major, may delay his visit to South Africa, at least until after the Commonwealth summit meeting in Harare in October, according to diplomatic sources.

Earlier this week, there was speculation of an imminent visit by Mr Major. This was sparked by the confirmation that British Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, is due to leave for South Africa on

Monday, for a three-day visit.

Mr Hurd is expected to meet President De Klerk, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and leaders of extra-parliamentary parties, including the ANC and PAC.

His plans were seen as a "precursor" to a visit by

Mr Major, who has an open invitation from Mr De Klerk to visit South Africa.

However, diplomatic sources yesterday said there was little doubt that Mr Major would not come to South Africa before the Commonwealth heads of government met in Harare. That would be a vital meeting, in that it would see strong moves

from a number of Black and White nations for an end to sanctions.

It might, therefore, compromise Britain's strong stand against sanctions for Mr Major to visit South Africa immediately before that meeting.

Instead, Mr Major is expected to come to South Africa either later in the year or early next year.

According to some diplomats, Mr De Klerk may make a second visit to Mr Major before then. However, South African sources indicate that the African states have priority on Mr De Klerk's calendar, followed by a long-planned trip to the Far East, to include Hong Kong, the Republic of China and Japan.

It seems more likely that Mr De Klerk will visit Nigeria and Egypt, for further discussions with Organisation of African Unity leaders, before focusing more attention on the Commonwealth nations.