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Luanda, dec 16, reuter - the Luanda office of mr Daniel Chipenda today condemned his expulsion from the popular movement for the liberation of Angola (mpla) this weekend as dictatorial and unconstitutional.

It rejected the +slanderosus+ attacks made on mr Chipenda, who was accused by the mpla political bureau of being involved in assassination plots against his rival, mpla chairman Agostinho Neto.

The Chipenda faction's communique said that since he had been elected to his position in the movement by the mpla congress, he could only be expelled by the congress, and not by one faction led by dr Neto.

Dr. Jonas Savimbi, chairman of the national union for the total liberation of Angola (unita), one of the other two main liberation organisations in this Portuguese African territory, meanwhile told a press conference that mr Chipenda was a +friend.+

speaking at the east Angolan town of Luso last night on his return from talks in Lusaka with dr Neto, dr Savimbi said he had mr Holden Roberto, leader of the national front for the liberation of Angola (fnla), wanted mpla factions included in independence talks with the Portuguese.

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