

Obasanjo to visit Tanzania next week

THE NIGERIAN Head of State, Lt. General Olusegun Obasanjo arrives in Dar es Salaam on September 1 this year for a two-day official visit to Tanzania, his first to Eastern Africa.

According to a high-ranking official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dar es Salaam, General Obasanjo will leave Tanzania on September 3 for Maputo, Mozambique.

Ndugu Obasanjo (39), became Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on February 15 last year after the assassination of General Murtala Mohamed in the abortive coup attempt on February 13 last year.

Leading one of the richest and most populous African states, Gen. Obasanjo has won respect for his dynamic policies, especially in relation to the liberation struggle in Southern Africa.

Nigeria has pledged political, moral and material support to the liberation movements. It also played a vital role in fighting for the recognition of the Patriotic Front by the OAU during its last summit in Libreville, Gabon.

The relations between Tanzania and Nigeria have been growing steadily.

Last September, Ndugu Obasanjo played host to President Nyerere when Mwalimu made a state visit to Nigeria.

Last week President Nyerere appointed Major-General Mirisho Sarakikya, Tanzania's High Commissioner to Nigeria.

Later in the week Mwalimu received the credentials of the new Nigerian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Ndugu Shuaib Uthman Yolah.

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