

Renamo reiterates offer to negotiate

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Renamo has repeated its offer to negotiate with the Mozambican government on an immediate cease-fire in an attempt to end the civil war in the country. In a statement in Lisbon, the leader of Renamo, Mr Afonso Dhlakama, confirmed that he was prepared to hold peace talks with Mozambique. However, the Mozambican government is refusing to talk to Renamo, allegedly because the organisation repeatedly commits atrocities against civilians. Renamo said in a statement that at least 12 government soldiers had been killed in attacks on military bases at Marracuene near Maputo and at Mafambica near Beira during the past fortnight.

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