

● The Mozambique nationalist movement FRELIMO will take control of the territory's internal security forces from the beginning of next year. It was officially announced in Lourenco Marques on Wednesday.

The previously autonomous law keeping forces, including the police, will be controlled by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Announcing the change, Rear Admiral Victor Crespo, the Portuguese High Commissioner said the move was made to make decolonisation

more effective.

Mozambique becomes fully independent from Portugal next June.

It was announced in Beira, meanwhile, that Armando Panguenek, a leading FRELIMO official, has been appointed governor of the Province of Nampula.

Mr Panguenek's appointment brings to five the number of Africans now in charge of Mozambique provinces.

Further appointments are expected soon for the remaining six provinces. - ZANA.