

## **Fierce fighting in Mozambique**

**MAPUTO** — Mozambican government troops reclaimed the northern coastal town of Memba on Tuesday after fierce fighting with Renamo forces, the provincial governor said yesterday.

"Memba was reoccupied after intense clashes with Renamo forces," Nampula province governor Alfredo Gamito told state radio.

Gamito said both sides had suffered casualties, but he gave no figures.

The radio said Renamo had protested to the UN special representative in Mozambique that government troops were occupying areas formerly under its control in the towns of Samacueza and Muanza in Sofala province, and had deployed troops into the provinces of Zambezia, Tete, and Cabo Delgado.

Government and Renamo have accused each other of violating a ceasefire signed on October 4 by President Joaquim Chissano and Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama to end the civil war that began on independence from Portugal in 1975.

Land grabbing by either side is barred by the accord, which is supposed to lead to multiparty elections in one year. — Sapa-Reuter.

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