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Another meeting between RENAMO and the Archbishop of Maputo, Mgr Alexandre dos Santos, is expected to take place this week in Nairobi. Mgr dos Santos told The Indian Ocean Newsletter that Kenyan President, Daniel arap Moi had asked him to come to Nairobi as quickly as possible for an impromptu meeting. Before leaving Mozambique's capital, the Archbishop informed us that he had been received by Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano. According to reliable Kenyan sources, Kenya's leader would like to submit a plan for negotiations likely to be acceptable to the two conflicting parties, to the representatives of Mozambique's Churches. It is also alleged that RENAMO may modify its proposals for settlement which were put to Mgr dos Santos on August 15, and which were described as being "meaningless" by President Chissano this week. This plan is a response to Maputo's 12-point plan (ION N'389), and is based on four main points: national reconciliation and cease-fire; RENAMO's participation in a government for national salvation; the creation of a constituant assembly, and general elections. RENAMO also stresses the need for a truely Mozambican political system, "which respects the traditions, culture and stage of development of the population."