

Opponents favourable to dialogue JCN 2/9/89

UPOMO (*Uniao politica mozambicana*), the result of a merge between (ex GUMO) **Maximo Dias'** MONAMO and CUNIMO led by **Antonio Zenga-Zenga**, has requested to participate in the already launched peace process between Maputo and RENAMO. At the same time, it has declared that it is in favour of an immediate cease-fire supervised by a commission appointed by the UN Security Council. UPOMO, which also includes independent personalities, or members of *Friends of Mozambique* like **Mr Massinga**, have also demanded the departure of all foreign forces and free elections. MONAMO, founded in 1979 in exile and which unites former members of FRELIMO, and CUNIMO (the latter created in Cologne in West Germany in 1986) do not have a strong following. According to observers, the creation of UPOMO meets the wishes of its members who are keen to attempt to pick up the strings of the Bishops' initiative by presenting themselves as their lay "representatives". However, it is obvious that UPOMO is not receiving any privileged support from the Christian Churches in Mozambique.

Gimo M'Phirri and **Carlos Reis'** UNAMO, along with FUMO, have refused to attend the Lisbon conference. As for RENAMO, its immediate reaction to UPOMO's declarations has been to say that the new organisation is in no way representative.

In Mozambique itself, there has been a further wave of fighting. Luabo was captured by RENAMO forces this week. Luabo is an important sugar centre south of Quelimane in Zambezi and had already been under rebel control from July 1985 until March 1987. Maputo acknowledged the loss of the city.

Also, RENAMO has just received 500,000 dollars of financial aid from a Saudi humanitarian organisation with a view to "*maintaining Islam in Mozambique.*" This aid should serve to maintain Koranic schools in the zones controlled by the rebel organisation and to provide study grants for members of RENAMO.