

# Maputo may meet Renamo face to face

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**LISBON —** The Mozambican government and Renamo might soon hold direct talks on ending 13 years of war, the Angolan news agency Angop said yesterday.

At an African summit in Cape Verde the Mozambican government received proposals from Kenyan and Zimbabwean mediators which could help break the deadlock in peace efforts.

The Mozambican government and Renamo have made separate peace proposals, but differ over conditions, and have yet to meet face to face.

● **Zambian security forces** appear to have gained the upper hand against Renamo guerillas said to be terrorising villagers in the country's eastern province, bordering Mozambique, according to a report in the latest edition of *Jane's Defence Weekly*.

Although the Renamo fighters are still active, Zambia's military successes are attributed mainly to the Mozambican government granting permission in May for "hot-pursuit" operations across the border.