

De Klerk is urged to stop aiding Renamo

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A GROUP of 50 Mozambican intellectuals, writers and scientists has appealed in an open letter to President de Klerk to cut off support to Renamo.

Describing themselves as men and women brought together by a profound concern for the future of their country, the group called on President de Klerk to eradicate all forms of aid to Renamo.

Published today in the Sunday Star as an advertisement, the appeal notes that more than a million Mozambicans have been murdered by Renamo, or died as victims of other sources of violence and through hunger caused by aggression.

The letter reminded President de Klerk that when in Maputo last year, he said SA was willing to contribute to peace in Mozambique — yet Renamo, it said, continued to receive support from SA territory.

● Mr de Klerk told President Chissano during his state visit that although the SA Government was not supporting Renamo, he could not guarantee that private interests inside SA were not doing so.

In a separate appeal to the anti-apartheid movement in SA, the group appealed for an end to acts of destabilisation launched within the country against Mozambique and in other parts of southern Africa.