

Mozambique peace^H talks start today 12/6/90

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THE Mozambican government and MNR bandits, who have fought for 14 years, will start their first direct peace talks in Malawi today, President Joaquim Chissano's office announced yesterday.

A communique said the government delegation, headed by the Minister of Transport, Armando Guebuza, flew to Malawi yesterday afternoon.

Malawi was the govern-

ment's choice of venue for the talks, first proposed by President Chissano in April. It says Malawi is neutral and accessible to both sides.

The bandits of the Mozambique National Resistance have said they would prefer to meet in Kenya, where indirect contacts have taken place over the past year.

Frelimo has been fighting the South African backed MNR since independence from Portugal in 1975. — Ziana-Reuter.