

## **Cologne meeting between Renamo and Government representatives.**

Mozambican government representatives met with a Renamo member in Cologne on April 23 and 24. The meeting was organised by a so-called Cologne group, in association with the ACCM - the Mozambican Civic and Cultural Association. ACCM Vice-President Rahil Samser Khan considered the results "very positive" and commended the spirit with which the discussions were conducted.

The Mozambican government was represented by the Labour Minister, Aguiar Mazula; the Ambassadors in Portugal and France, Armando Panguene and Isac Morarjy, respectively; President Chissano's personal assistant, Naftal; and the Commercial Attache in East Berlin, Taimo. Also present, though not officially a member of the delegation, was Air Force General Americo Pfumo.

The Renamo official Boaventura Lemane, former Renamo representative in Washington, was considered as not having been formally delegated by his organisation.

Khan commented that the meeting had been a good "opportunity to hear both sides and know the exact causes of the impasse..... We heard various reasons from both sides, which led us to the conclusion that there is a desire to negotiate, but it is not yet a real desire as there is a game being played by both parties to discover how much seriousness there is".

A message was sent to Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama after the meeting. No details of the discussions were released, but issues touched upon included human rights, multiparty system and the role of the Churches.

The Mozambican Churches had confirmed their presence at the meeting, but their appointed representative, the Bishop of Nampula did not show up.

Also present at the meeting were representatives of the Association of Mozambicans in Kenya (Kembo), MONAMO (Antonio Aldemar Teixeira) and the Association of Mozambican students in West Germany.

Zambia was represented by a First Secretary in their Embassy in West Germany, while a German delegate (Adam, staff of the Africa Department) and "various Africans" participated on the last day as observers.

ACCM was represented by its President, Jose Massinga; VF Khan and other members: Raul Damas, Joao Ribeiro, Gaspar Fortunato, Jose Barroso. The "Grupo de Colonia" representatives were Daniel Machava, Joao Rajabo, Ernesto Kembo, Carlos Mubwre, Marcos Muledzere, Jose Massinga and Joao Makombe.