

We'll boycott peace talks, warns Renamo

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LISBON — Mozambican rebels said yesterday they would boycott peace talks until the Frelimo government stopped attacking their central Mozambique strongholds.

The Lisbon spokesman for the right-wing group Renamo said a third round of negotiations to end the 15-year civil war had been due to start in Rome yesterday.

"We are not going to take part until Frelimo changes its attitude."

"They are showing bad faith. On the one hand they want to negotiate, on the other they act as if the only solution was a military one."

He accused the Zimbabwean army, which has several thousand troops in Mozambique, of backing offensives aimed at Renamo's headquarters at Gorongosa and in Zambezia province.

He said many people had been killed by bombardments and mines. — Sapa-Reuter.