

Renamo fury over curtailed visit

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MAPUTO — Raul Domingos, who leads Renamo's delegation in the peace talks with the Frelimo government of Mozambique, is reported to have left Portugal in anger after having a visit there curtailed.

Mr Domingos, who is the equivalent of the rebel organisation's shadow Foreign Minister, threatened to cut Renamo's

ties with the Military Information Service of Portugal, which he blamed for the curtailment.

The Mozambican news agency AIM reports that disagreement among government institutions involved in the visit appears to have been responsible for its being cut short and for several planned meetings being cancelled.

AIM quotes the Portuguese newspaper, The Independent,

as saying that Mr Domingos was to have met Portuguese Foreign Minister Joao de Deus Pinheiro and chief of staff at President Joao Barata's office.

Both meetings were cancelled and instead Mr Domingos was taken to see a lower-ranking official in the foreign affairs department.

A scheduled lunch, a visit to Porto and a news conference were also cancelled.