

Portuguese snubs anger Renamo envoy

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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 the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Joao de Deus Pinheiro, and the chief of staff at the office of President Joao Barata. Both meetings were cancelled and instead Mr Domingos was taken to see a lower-ranking official in the foreign affairs department. Other events were also cancelled.