Renamo

'is saying it's sorry'

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MAPUTO — The Renamo rebel organisation has begun apologising to Mozambicans for its past atrocities and has started trying to win support through political persuasion rather than terrorism, according to reports.

Radio Mozambique said people who had escaped from Renamo captivity had reported that the organisation's leadership was issuing instructions on the attitude to be taken by its members towards the current peace negotiations with Frelimo.

The radio quoted the official news agency, AIM, saying Renamo was now establishing schools and clinics in areas it controlled, whereas previously it had destroyed all social services in occupied areas.

According to the radio, Renamo is moving its headquarters from the Gorongosa district of Sofala province to the Metolola mountains near Milange in Zambezia province. The move is said to be intended to facilitate communication.