

Renamo bandits' claims false says Chissano

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MOZAMBICAN President Joaquim Chissano on Friday flatly denied claims by the Renamo bandits that Zimbabwean troops remain stationed in parts of Mozambique outside the Limpopo and Beira rail corridors, in violation of the agreement signed between the government and Renamo in Rome on December 1.

Speaking to members of the supreme court, and other law officers at a ceremony marking the start of the 1991 judicial year, Cde Chissano said that

the sole purpose of Renamo in making its allegations about Zimbabwean troops was "to hold back the peace process".

Under the Rome agreement, Mozambique's Zimbabwean allies were to be restricted to the two rail corridors that link Zimbabwe to Mozambican ports. In return, Renamo pledged to halt all military operations against the corridors.

The Zimbabwe National Army said that only 1 000 of its men were stationed outside the corridors in any case, and these were all redeployed, either back to Zimbabwe, or to within the corridors, by December 28, well in advance of the



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January 5 deadline stipulated in the Rome accord.

However, Renamo has persisted in attacking the rail corridors, most recently by sabotaging the Limpopo railway, setting

fire to 200 timber sleepers 114 km north of Maputo. — Zlana-Aim-PanagNM.