

Frelimo agrees

Snasp will

cease

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Mozambique's Frelimo government has confirmed it will abolish the *Servicos Nacionais de Seguranca Popular* (Snasp), the political police created after independence in 1975. A draft law on abolishing the security service was approved by the national council of ministers last week, in a session attended by President Joaquim Chissano.

Usually, these council sessions are led by the prime minister.

The dismantling of Snasp and private forces such as the units who patrol Lonrbo's estates in Mozambique are believed to have been raised at the peace talks in Rome.

According to the Paris-based *Indian Ocean Newsletter*, elements of the Portuguese intelligence services are largely responsible for the tougher line taken in Rome by Renamo.

Portugal is believed to be seeking to capitalise on its mediation success in Angola and wants a similar role in Mozambique.

The delaying tactics were demonstrated when transmission lines carrying power from South Africa to Maputo were sabotaged on Monday. The lines were hit at a point 30 kilometres from border with South Africa.

The last time the transmission lines from South Africa to Maputo were sabotaged was on May 12.

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