

Mozambican peace talks resume



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PEACE talks between representatives of the Mozambican government and the MNR bandits resumed on Monday afternoon in Rome, a Maputo daily paper said yesterday quoting the Italian Ambassador in Maputo, Mr Manfred di Camerana.

The envoy told the newspaper that the eighth round of negotiations to end the 16-year internal Mozambique conflict started at Vila Madama, an international conference centre outside Rome.

Mr di Camerana noted, however, that there will be a three-day interruption in the talks while the religious leaders of Santo Egidio, who along with the Italian government are acting as mediators in the peace talks, hold a special mass to pray for peace on the island of Malta.

The seventh round of talks collapsed in early August when MNR bandits rejected proposals put forward by the mediators as political guarantees for both sides.

— Ziana-Pana.