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President Chissano

Good chance for early ceasefire in Mozambique

MAPUTO. — President Joaquim Chissano said his government could sign a ceasefire with Renamo before the New Year, ending a 15-year civil war estimated to have cost a million lives.

After the signing of a protocol at peace talks in Rome last Friday Mr Chissano added: "The possibility is there. After signing this protocol I cannot see any more difficulties.

"I don't know about Renamo, but from our side the issues should be easier to tackle."

● Renamo forces are reported to have killed at least 14 people in an attack on a hotel and village of Tofo in Inhambane Province last Wednesday. — Argus Africa News Service, Sapa-Reuter,