

New demands by MNR stall peace talks

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EXPECTATIONS that the Mozambican government and MNR delegations to the peace talks in Rome would have signed a protocol on the registration of political parties have been dashed.

Just when it seemed that the main problems had been resolved, new points have apparently arisen. These are concerned with mechanisms for dealing with complaints of any irregularities in the process of registering parties.

It seems that MNR bandits wants to see the supervisory commission for the transitional period before general elections given strong powers to intervene in the resolution of such complaints. The government argues that this is a task which falls exclusively within the competence of the courts.

At root, this is once more a dispute over the authority of the government and other state institutions in the period between any ceasefire and elections.

Although MNR bandits had finally accepted that the government should register political parties, it is now looking for ways in which it can exercise a decisive role in the supervisory commission.— Ziana-Aim.