

Renamo seeks two-party state

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MAPUTO - The rebel Renamo movement is trying at the Mozambican peace talks to eliminate minor parties and turn the country into a bi-party state, said the official news agency, Aim.

The agency's correspondent in Rome, Tomas Vieira Mario, said the leader of the Renamo delegation, Mr Raul Domingos, was forcing Mozambican politics into a bipolar mould and reducing a multi-party system to a two-party system - itself and Frelimo.

According to Mario, Domingos said Renamo wants the new parliament elected by proportional representation.

He said the Frelimo government regarded this threshold as too restrictive and believed it would negate proportional representation.

He said Renamo wanted coalitions to be outlawed, either during the election campaign or afterwards in parliament.

Other points concern the ways of amending the constitution and the timing of the election.