

# Mozambique peace talks ⊕ deadlocked H

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THE on-going 10th round of peace negotiations in Rome between the Mozambican government and MNR bandits reached an impasse again over the formation of Mozambique's future electoral commission.

The deadlock came on Friday after MNR rejected a proposal from the Italian government and Catholic Church mediators intended to unblock disagreement over the country's future electoral system, radio Mozambique reported yesterday.

The state radio said the proposal, floated after a series of meetings between the heads of the two delegations, granted MNR an active and direct role in the national electoral commission.

According to the radio report, the mediators' proposal has altered substantially the government's initial position, which contended that the government should name the members of the electoral commission as it would function as a state body. — Ziana-Xinhua.