

## Rebels will not be moved

The third protocol agreement, signed on March 12 between the Mozambican government and representatives of the rebel force, *Renamo*, in Rome, seems to have had little effect on the rebels' inflexible position on the next stage of talks. At the next round, the main issues will include the thorny question of the cease-fire. The way things stand at the moment, Renamó refuses to hold its fire unless the government promises to "suspend" the best part of its constitution clauses during the interim period from cease-fire to elections. The rebels also criticised the mediators, the Italian community of Saint Edigio. Renamo accuses the clerics of being "slow" in preparing working papers, and claims this delayed the signature of the protocol on the electoral law.