

## MOZAMBIQUE

### **US prepares to enter Rome talks**

The US is set to increase its involvement in the Mozambique peace process, according to reports from Washington.

US African envoy Herman Cohen met Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama last month in Malawi, and US officials have now said that there will be a US observer sitting in on the peace talks in Rome.

The drought is meanwhile believed to have worsened the situation of the rebel force, with many weakened local inhabitants being released from its control to move to government-held centres. *[Local reports]*