

Peace accord for Mozambique

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MOZAMBICAN rebel leader, Afonso Dhlakama, said the government had stopped relief agencies from distributing food to millions of his supporters.

"President Joaquim Chissano has deliberately starved at least 7.5 million people to try to blackmail them into sup-

porting his bad administration," the Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) leader said.

Mr Dhlakama said Mr Chissano's signing of a peace deal in Rome on Friday was the final death-blow to Marxist leaders in Africa after the collapse of

the Soviet Union.

The accord commits Renamo and the government to wind up two years of negotiations on a peace accord within the next seven weeks, and binds the government to guarantee the rebels' safety once the war ends.