

# Renamo chief finds peace tiring

ROME. — Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama, expected in Rome for the signing of the Mozambican peace accord, delayed his arrival in the Italian capital by taking "a rest" in Nairobi, Zimbabwe's national news agency Ziana reports.

Breaking the news of Mr Dhlakama's delay to reporters in Rome yesterday, President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique said he had received information that the Renamo leader had decided to break his journey in Nairobi because he was feeling tired.

He earlier had balked at signing the treaty at the last minute but was later convinced to travel to the Italian capital by South African officials. But AFP reported Mr Dhlakama arrived later last night.

South African Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha arrived in Rome earlier yesterday to attend the ceremony for the signing of the peace accord.

In addition to Mr Botha, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and President Quett Masire of Botswana are also in the

Italian capital for the signing ceremony.

Meanwhile, the general staff of the Mozambican armed forces have accused Renamo of trying to seize more territory in advance of a peace agreement.

A general staff statement on Wednesday night said that since August 7 there had been no fewer than 184 Renamo attacks throughout the country.

Of particular significance were raids against five district capitals in the north, central and southern provinces.

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