Mozambique settles into uneasy peace

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MAPUTO. - The Mozambique ceasefire is holding in spite of Renamo's seizure of four towns since the pact was signed and its failure to implement elements of the accord.

At the same time fraternisation between-Renamo and government forces is being reported and transport is beginning to flow along main roads once made hazardous by ambushes.

The Frelimo government has accused Renamo of "serious and systematic violations" of the agreement signed in Rome on October 4 and of "a deliberate stategy of conquering territory and strategic positions."

Frelimo had flung down "an open challenge to the Mozambican people and the international community", the government

said in a statement.

The statement said government troops had been placed in a state of alert, but did not make clear whether the movement of the troops into assembly points, as provided for in the Rome accord, had been suspended.

Renamo has been accused by the govern-ment of failing to send to Maputo its repre-sentatives on the joint commission supposed

to supervise the peace accord.

• Aid convoys are reaching areas previously virtually inaccessible and 562 tons of food were delivered by road to central province. - Sapa-Reuter.