

Dhlakama for Maputo?

MAPUTO. — Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano announced rebel Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama will move from his headquarters in the central district of Maringue to Maputo by the end of the year.

Speaking at a rally in the northern city of Pemba, Mr Chissano said on Saturday Mr Dhlakama "is finally going to leave the bush and return to Maputo this year".

The main reason raised publicly by Renamo for delaying Mr Dhlakama's

move to the capital was a supposed shortage of suitable accommodation.

A demand for luxury housing, not only for Mr Dhlakama but for top ranking Renamo officials, delayed implementation of the peace accord.

"We are preparing good houses for Renamo," Mr Chissano said.

Renamo representatives have already rejected one house in Maputo the government had proposed to give to Mr Dhlakama. — Sapa-AFP