

# Chissano and Dhlakama to meet

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MAPUTO — Mozambican rebel Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama is set to meet President Joaquim Chissano in Maputo to break an impasse in the implementation of the country's peace process, Renamo secretary-general Vincent Ululu has said.

Mr Ululu was quoted in yesterday's edition of the independent *MediaFax* daily saying although no date had been fixed yet, logistical problems that had delayed further negotiations between the two sides to lead to the implementation of peace process, had been solved.

The Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) walked out of the negotiations in March demanding accommodation for its delegates, funding for its political activities and the arrival of the majority of the 7 000 United Nations peacekeepers, resulting in several months' delay in the start of demobilisation of the armed forces from both sides.

Mr Ululu's statement follows a week of intense diplomatic activity with negotiators moving between Maputo, Zimbabwe's capital Harare and Renamo's bush headquarters in Gorongosa.

The diplomatic manoeuvres also involved chief executive of the British Lonrho multinational conglomerate Tiny Rowland, senior Zimbabwe government officials and UN special representative to Mozambique Aldo Ajello.

Mr Rowland, who was a key player in the signing of the Rome peace accord last October, later offered Renamo accommodation in his company's luxurious Cardoso Hotel in Maputo.

With negotiations between the government and Renamo currently at a standstill, the proposed meeting is seen as a vital step towards breaking through the deadlock in the peace process.

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