

Renamo sets terms for demobilisation

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RENAMO has demanded that all the UN-administered assembly points envisaged in October's peace accord be surveyed before it demobilises its men.

So far, the United Nations peace operation in Mozambique has opened six out of a planned 49 assembly points, three for the government and three for Renamo. No troops have yet moved in.

Fighters are to be disarmed and registered at the assembly points and some recruited into a new unified army.

Mr Herminio Morais, head of Renamo's delegation on the Ceasefire Commission, was quoted

by a state-run Radio Mozambique on Wednesday as saying that cantonnement would only happen once a full reconnaissance had taken place of all points.

The general secretary of the ruling Frelimo Party, Cde Feliciano Gundana, told a Wednesday news conference that all

formal decisions should be taken by the various commissions established under the peace accord.

Demobilisation is now running more than eight months behind schedule.

The peace agreement was to have ended 16 years of war between the government and Renamo. — Ziana-Reuter.