

930703 Renamo officers to begin training in Nyanga on Monday

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RENAMO leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama has said he would send his officers for training by British instructors in Zimbabwe by next Monday, the daily Noticias newspaper said yesterday.

Originally it was planned that Renamo would send 50 men to the base at Nyanga in mid-March for a pilot scheme. The Mozambican government had already selected 50 of its officers.

The idea was that these 100 men should become trainers themselves, and have a key role later in training units of the new army inside

Mozambique.

Renamo then said it would send no one to Nyanga until all government and Renamo forces had been demobilised but it has now changed its mind.

According to sources in Washington, Mr Dhlakama promised the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr George Moose, that Renamo would send its men to Nyanga by July 12.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali called on Tuesday for an acceleration of the peace process in Mozambique, saying elections must be held no later than October 1994.

In a report to the Security Council, Dr Boutros-Ghali chided the government and Renamo for failing to follow the timetable for elections called for in a treaty.

Under the treaty, elections were to be held this year, but diplomats see that as impossible now.

"Much time has already been lost," the Secretary-General said. "There should be no further delay in finalising a new and realistic timetable for the implementation of the peace plan.

The report called for a demobilisation of forces under UN supervision in the coming days and weeks to begin the process towards elections. — Ziana- AIM-AFP.