MOZAMBIQUE

UN slams Renamo for delays

The UN has hit at Mozambique's opposition movement Renamo for failing to follow the timetable for elections. Secretary general Boutros Boutros-Ghali said elections must be held no later than October 1994, the date now agreed on by all parties. His report called for the demobilisation of the forces of both sides under UN supervision, and it added that the international community would "react negatively to further procrastination by any part or to the introduction of new conditions for proceeding." Last week French President François Mitterrand promised Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano "assistance on the ground", and promised bilateral aid. Chissano has meanwhile hit at claims that Renamo is operating an alternative regime in Mozambique, claims brought to a head by the recent Renamo arrest of a member of parliament and other officials for allegedly illegally hunting in a Renamo area (SouthScan v8/26 p198). In a bid to assert sovereignty Chissano said that if Renamo had administrative cadres 'these could be given posts by the government".

The government complained to the ceasefire commission last week that Renamo was seeking to run its own regime in the Matutuine area.