

Renamo wants more power

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MAPUTO: The rebel Renamo movement has demanded that its members be appointed provincial governors as a condition of the peace process, the official Mozambique news agency AIM reports.

The demand came as the UN Security Council said it regretted delays in the Mozambican peace process and emphasised that elections must be held by October next year and not be postponed again.

In a unanimous resolution the council asked the Mozambican government and Renamo to "agree without delay to the revised timetable" for carrying out peace accords signed last October.

A spokesman for Renamo leader Alfonso Dhlakama said the question of territorial administration was a key issue. Unless it was resolved "there will be neither peace nor elections in Mozambique".

If all 11 provincial governors continued to belong to the ruling Frelimo party, then "the conflict will be maintained. There will be no mutual trust", the spokesman said. — Sapa-AP- Reuter