

Renamo proposes power sharing in Mozambique

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TOP Mozambican government officials met yesterday to discuss proposals from Renamo for power sharing before the country's first ever general elections next year.

Renamo's external affairs spokesman, Mr Almeida dos Santos, said in an interview yesterday that Renamo wanted all local government decisions to be taken jointly by government and Renamo officials who should form advisory committees to provincial governors.

The issue of territorial administration had been one of the key points stalling the country's peace process. Renamo originally demanded to appoint half of the country's provincial gover-

nors, though Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama last week was reported to have dropped the demand and was willing to hand over areas under the movement's control.

On Renamo's allegations that the national police and media were manipulated by government, Mr Almeida said propos-

als put forward by Mr Dhlakama to President Joaquim Chissano during their fifth round of talks on Monday include asking for joint representation in the command structure of the national police and setting up an "advisory council" with powers to censure the media.

After hearing Mr Dhla-

kama's conditions for continuing implementation of the peace accord the two leaders signed to end the civil war last October, Cde Chissano said he would discuss them with top government members yesterday morning to reply to Mr Dhlakama at a meeting yesterday afternoon. — Ziana-AFP.