



Renamo chief to meet Pik

PRETORIA. — Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama is expected to meet Foreign Minister Pik Botha in Pretoria today to discuss the peace process in Mozambique.

The United Nations special envoy to Mozambique, Aldo Ajello, said after meeting Mr Botha yesterday that he was confident the second year of the Mozambican peace agreement would be even better than the first.

Elections were planned for next October and Mr Ajello asked for the support of everyone interested in peace in Mozambique. "Of course, South Africa is a main actor in this process."

Mr Botha said the situation in Mozambique was complicated but he believed that some of the mistakes made in Angola could be avoided.

"I know of many companies that are waiting and are anxious to return to Mozambique or to invest in Mozambique," Mr Botha said.

"But as is the case with South Africa itself, investors are not over-eager to invest in a country where it is not sure that peace and stability would be maintained."

● Mozambique's state-owned national print and broadcast media will be paralysed for five days from today in the first strike called by press unions.

After two weeks of fruitless negotiations with the government, most public-sector journalists rejected a 15 percent pay offer, the National Journalists' Organisation (ONJ) said. They had demanded a 100 percent rise.

ONJ secretary-general Hilario Matusse said the strike would affect Radio Mocambique, the TVM television channel and the AIM news agency.