

Renamo calls for demobilization of militias and irregular forces

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The Mozambique National Resistance [Renamo] has set the demobilization of militias and other irregular forces as a condition for the transporting to regional depots of 50% of weapons collected at confinement centres. This stance by Afonso Dhlakama's movement was expressed in Maputo today by Brig Raul Dique during a meeting of the Cease-Fire Commission. Brig Ral Dique told Radio Mozambique that in areas under his movement's control [words indistinct] disturbing the lives of the people.

Brig Raul Dique also said that there was a contradiction between the figures presented by the government and directors of companies which possess irregular forces, regarding weapons and militiamen. Dique recalled that the confinement of troops should take place simultaneously with the demobilization of militias, which has not happened so far.

The Cease-Fire Commission meeting also discussed the approval of new confinement areas, particularly regarding Salamanga. This case will once again be heard by the Supervision and Control Commission. At the meeting which took place at the military club today, Renamo [words indistinct].

Radio Mozambique has learned that the Renamo soldiers, who had abandoned the Chiramba confinement centre in Sofala Province, have already returned to the centre since the logistical conditions are improving. It was not possible to find out how many Renamo soldiers have already returned to the centre.