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Renamo threat to halt demob

Maputo — The leader of Mozambique's armed opposition warned yesterday that he would halt the country's military demobilisation process unless the government explained why its own troops were not moving into assembly points.

Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama said: "On Saturday I will paralyse everything if there is no

explanation from President Chissano."

UN peacekeeping officials have grown increasingly concerned as the movement of government troops into UN-run assembly areas has slowed to a trickle.

Under the peace accord, all government and Renamo troops should have assembled by now.

But only 19 percent of government soldiers have moved to assembly areas, against 52 percent of Renamo's soldiers.

Mozambique's highest peacekeeping body, the Supervision and Control Committee, was to meet under UN chairmanship yesterday to ask the government to explain the slow assembly of its troops. — SANA-APF