

# Mozambican forces shed soldiers

MAPUTO. — Mozambique took another decisive step towards peace when the former rebel movement Renamo demobilised its first soldiers under the country's 1992 peace accord.

Renamo leader Alfonso Dhlakama reasserted his commitment to peace as he

watched the demobilisation of 101 former guerrillas at Neves assembly area in Mozambique's southern Inhambane province on Friday.

From its 19 000-strong guerrilla army, Renamo is obliged by the peace accord to demobilise some 4 000 men, while the

rest should find a place in a new 30 000-strong joint national army.

After long delays, the government took the first step in the demobilisation process last Thursday.

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