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Renamo accused of cheating on guerrilla demob

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MAPUTO. — Renamo has been accused of sending mainly old men, children and disabled people to the assembly points at which the former combatants in the Mozambican civil war are being gathered for demobilisation.

The accusation by the central committee of the ruling Frelimo party suggests that Renamo is keeping its able-bodied soldiers in the bush while the government forces are being demobilised.

Many of Renamo's guerillas are known to have been teen-

agers captured and forced to fight with the rebel forces.

So far the government has demobilised more than 6 000 troops through the United Nations-run assembly points while Renamo has demobilised slightly more than 200.

Frelimo's central committee

has alleged that the Renamo troops coming into the assembly points are bringing in only old and obsolete weapons and are surrendering fewer than the one rifle that each soldier is expected to hand in.

The government has not formally repeated the allegations.