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Renamo uses child soldiers

MAPUTO. — The United Nations said today that Mozambique's former rebel Renamo movement still had more than 2 000 child soldiers in its ranks, nearly two years after the formal end to the civil war.

A document shown to reporters in Maputo by the United Nations peacekeeping operation in Mozambique (Unomoz) puts the number of child rebels in Renamo bases at 2 174.

The children feature on a list of "Renamo troops" who have not been sent to UN-supervised assembly points set up under the October 1992 peace accord.

Hundreds of thousands of people were killed in the war and witnesses often alleged that Renamo children took part in attacks. — Reuter.