Renamo mutineers release UN hostages

MAPUTO. — Mutinous soldiers from Mozambique's former rebel Renamo movement yesterday started releasing dozens of hostages held since Saturday, government officials said.

About 1 000 mutineers took between 150 and 270 UN officials and civilians hostage. They demanded food, clothing and money and said they should be demobilised rather than incorporated into the new joint army provided for under the UN-brokered 1992 peace agreement. — Sapa-AFP