

# UN warns Mozambique over troop demob

NEW YORK. — The United Nations Security Council has again warned parties in Mozambique to demobilise their troops and make sure an election is held in October as envisaged under a peace agreement to end the civil war.

Council President Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan said yesterday the 15-member body could not accept delays in demobilising forces and forming an army made up of govern-

ment troops and former rebels.

"It is essential that the demobilisation of all forces is completed by August 15, as agreed by the parties" and that difficulties in forming the army be "addressed quickly and with flexibility", he said.

So far, the government has demobilised 24 838 men out of a total 64 466 officially listed. The former rebel movement Renamo has demobilised 7 117 of its 22 637 fighters.

Both groups of troops have mutinied to demand swifter demobilisation and better conditions in the camps. Some of them have been garrisoned at UN-run assembly points for more than six months.

Mr Marker's statement emphasised the need for an election to take place on October 27 and 28 as scheduled and said the demobilisation process had to be completed before the poll. — Sapa-Reuter.