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## SA 'not in a position' to stop the civil war

THERE is evidence that the South African Government is losing the influence it may have had over the Mozambican Resistance Movement (Renamo).

South Africa does not seem to be in a position to pressure Renamo into abandoning its civil

war against the Frelimo Government.

It also seems South Africa has underestimated Renamo and overestimated its own influence over the rebels.

This new situation has been highlighted by several new developments in recent months,

according to sources in some Frontline States, Pretoria and the local Portuguese community.

The sources have claimed that the Islamic Island Republic of the Comores is playing a key role in an orchestrated international campaign to provide Renamo with arms.

These supplies are provided by Saudi Arabia and Oman, they say.

They also claim the Portuguese Government, or several of its members, is actively supporting Renamo and that it applied pressure on the rebels to pull out of the recent talks with

the South African Government and Frelimo.

However, it is believed, the relationship between South Africa and Mozambique remains very close.

Frelimo trusts Pretoria and accuses the South Africa of keeping its part of the Nkomati Accord.