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Observers arrive and Dhlakama campaigns

Military observers of the Renamo demobilisation from four countries have arrived in Mozambique, from Botswana (head of the observers), Italy, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Cape Verde military are due to arrive today. UK, USA, Kenya and Portugal forces are still to arrive. The hope is that the military observers will begin work next week.

But it is unclear what they will do, because there is still no agreed plan to demobilise Renamo forces and integrate them into the army and police. José Pacheco, head of the government

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negotiating team, said after the 78th round of talks yesterday (Monday) that lists of people to be integrated are now being drawn up. The Monday talks approved the status of forces agreement necessary for a foreign military presence. The negotiations will now move on to the next two points on the agenda, making the state apparatus non-party, and economic questions.

Meanwhile, Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama has launched his campaign. He has been in Mancia and Nampula provinces, and arrived in Cabo Delgado yesterday, and has been drawing large crowds.

The full text of the peace accord has finally been made available. *Savana* only published part of it, and the government never gave the full text to the press. It is posted on http://www.open.ac.uk/technology/mozambique/sites/www.open.ac.uk.technology.mozambique/files/files/Renamo%20dialogo%20acordos.pdf

Electoral debate? The Youth Parliament has proposed Mozambique's first national televised debate of presidential candidates. Afonso Dhlakama of Renamo and Daviz Simango of the Mozambique Democratic Movement (MDM) have accepted, but Frelimo's Filipe Nyusi has yet to accept.

No resettlement system

Mozambique has not yet developed a coherent system for resettlement of people from land needed for big projects. Normally they are moved elsewhere and/or given money. But this does not take into account livelihoods, and the fact that land cannot be bought and sold making it difficult to find alternative land for resettlement.

One on-going case is of brick makers in Tete who were forced to move by Vale which took their land for a coal mine. The problem is that the brick makers used local clay, so that displacing them also took away their livelihood. They were paid 60,000 meticais (\$2000) each, and Vale and the Moatize district government say that is all they will get. But the brick makers say this was just the first half of what they were promised, and last week they again barricaded the entrance to the mine until they were moved on by the police.

But the issue is broader. To be sure, \$2000 is a lot of money in present day Mozambique - but does it compensate for loss of home and livelihood?

Meanwhile, *Noticias* reported yesterday that at least 200 families are having to be moved because of the upgrading of the northern railway to Nacala port by Vale.

Government selling some shares in gas terminal

The hydrocarbons company, Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos de Moçambique (ENH), which holds government shares in gas companies, has told the Portuguese press agency Lusa - but did not tell the Mozambican press - that it plans to sell 20% of its shares in the Pemba logistics centre. These shares will be placed on the Mozambican stock exchange.

The centre was launched last month. It is owned by Portos de Cabo Delgado (PCD), in turn owned by ENH and Portos e Caminhos de Ferro de Moçambique (CFM). The project is being implemented by ENHILS SA, owned by ENH Logistics (51%) and the controversial Nigerian-Italian company Orlean Invest (49%).

The new centre is causing major headaches for the big companies, who are being forced to deal with it for logistics, but complain that non-transparent ownership by Mozambican elite and Orlean

make it hard to meet anti-corruption regulations. Placing shares owned by Mozambican individuals on the Mozambican stock exchange may solve part of the problem.

The new coal port will be in Supinho, Zambézia, near Zalala beach, 25 km northeast of Quelimane, and not in Macuse, Namacurra district, 50 km northeast of Quelimane, confirmed the head of the Zambeze Integrated Development Corridor (Codiza), Abdul Carimo. The plan is for a 500 km railway line from Moatize and an offshore floating coal terminal. The project will be considered by Thai promoters next month and Carimo hopes that work could start in March. (*Diario da Zambézia*)

Electricidade de Moçambique (EDM) has signed a 25-year contract to buy electricity from the British coal miner Ncondezi Energy from its power station in Tete, EDM has refused to reveal the price being paid for electrcity.

Police demanding more bribes

Traffic police at roadblocks have increased their demands for bribes in the past year, according to the business association CTA (Confederação das Associações Económicas de Moçambique), and this has now become so serious that it is harming the tourism industry.

Agriculture

Warning of late rains: The second half of the rainy season, from January to March, is predicted to have normal to above normal rains, with some possibility of flooding. But for the first half of the rainy season, October through December, the forecast is for below average rains in some areas, according to the Meteorology Institute. This has led the Ministry of Agriculture to suggest that in the south, famers should plant later in the season and use shorter duration crops. (*O Pais*, 18 September)

Cannabis as a cash crop: Cannabis (marijuana) grows well in many parts of Mozambique. It is technically illegal but police have largely ignored its widespread production both for personal use and as a cash crop. So when police confiscated a tonne of cannabis Nanhamba, Mueda, Cabo Delgado on 12 September, local people took action. On 14 September two police were severely beaten and one was taken prisoner by villagers demanding that the cannabis be returned.

Cotton and the Zimbabwe free market: Mozambican and Zimbabwean authorities are cooperating to try to stop Mozambican farmers from selling their cotton in Zimbabwe, where the price is much higher. In both countries, cotton is grown on contract to big companies which provide seed and fertiliser on credit, and farmers must sell to that company. In Mozambique the government has agreed to the demands of the transnational cotton companies and given them exclusive rights for entire districts; by contrast Zimbabwe has a free market. The result is that prices paid to producers are much higher in Zimbabwe, so Mozambican farmers want to sell over the border.

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