

Renamo head visits SA to improve relations

MAPUTO. — Mr Afonso Dhlakama, head of Mozambique's former rebel Renamo movement, will fly to South Africa tomorrow for a three-day visit.

Mr Dhlakama's aim is to improve relations and create a climate of trust between Renamo and South African political parties, including the African National Congress.

"Renamo, as a party, needs to have contacts with various South African political parties, as well as those in other countries in the region, and it needs to resolve some doubts that these parties have as regards the role

of Renamo in Mozambique," Mr Dhlakama said.

He visited SA last year to discuss topics related to peace in Mozambique, meeting leaders from the ANC and South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

The Mozambique News Agency commented yesterday: "Dhlakama is no stranger to South Africa, since it was the apartheid regime that controlled Renamo throughout the 1980s.

"In the first part of that decade, Dhlakama spent much of his time at Renamo camps in the Transvaal."