

Mozambique: Renamo suspends hostage talks A communique signed by Renamo President, Afonso Dhlakama, in Gorongosa province said that Renamo had suspended talks with the International Red Cross over the release of the MNR's foreign hostages, Lisbon radio reported on 30th November. The communique said that a Portuguese, a Briton and a West German and his family, who were employees of an EEC-backed company", would only be freed if their respective governments intervened directly. Capital Radio, Umtata, reported that other prisoners included Portuguese, Italian, Pakistani, Italian, Mauritian and Cape Verdian nationals, some of whom had been held for up to 16 months. The MNR accused the Red Cross of making false promises and playing games and said that the hostages would only be released once Renamo took power in Maputo.

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