

# Renamo 'stepping up attacks on Zimbabwe'

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**HARARE** — Attacks by Renamo forces along Zimbabwe's eastern frontier have reached alarming levels following orders by Mozambique rebel leader Alfonso Dhlakama to his men to step up operations.

The escalation of the war in which 60 civilians have been killed in the past six months was the main reason given for the extension of Zimbabwe's state of emergency for another six months. It has been in force for 24 years since being proclaimed by Mr Ian Smith's government in November 1965.

The Zimbabwe parliament yesterday approved the exten-

sion by 69 votes to three after Home Affairs Minister Mwenje Mahachi said the Renamo attacks had become more co-ordinated and the gangs bigger.

The three votes against were those of opposition leader Mr Edgar Tekere, leader of the Zimbabwe Unity Movement, and Mr Goodwin Sithole, representative in parliament of the Zanu party led by the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole who is in exile in the United States and who has links with Renamo.

The third vote came from a former Zanu politician Mr Sydney Malunga, now a member of the United Zanu (PF) party.