

MOZAMBIQUE: RENAMO at odds with Portuguese authorities

Joao Almirante, RENAMO's representative in Lisbon since the end of last year has recently been denied the renewal of his visa. After having travelled to Madrid, he tried once again to enter Portugal, but to no avail. Before returning to the RENAMO-controlled areas of Mozambique, Mr Almirante told *The Indian Ocean Newsletter* that his "difficulties were the result of conflicts between the Portuguese intelligence services," the *Serviços de Informação Militar* (SIM ex-DINFO) and the *Serviços de Informação e Segurança* (SIS).

I.O.N.- Joao Almirante was in Portugal on the invitation of the director of SIM, Xito Rodrigues and was also in contact with his services. Afonso Dhlakama's invitation to visit Portugal (ION N°426) was also from the SIM. This initiative was "thwarted" by its competitor, the SIS.