
MOZAMBIQUE: Portuguese intelligence's new RENAMO man

The Portuguese Military Intelligence Service, *SIM*, invited *RENAMO*'s leader, **Afonso Dhlakama** to send a new envoy to Lisbon to replace the former representative of the rebel organisation in Portugal, **Joao Almirante**, whose visa renewal application was refused two months ago (ION N°431). Mr Dhlakama's new representative, **José Augusto**, Director of the *RENAMO* Presidency, is housed on the *SIM*'s premises in Carcavelos, near Lisbon. He travels between the *SIM* building, Nairobi and the *RENAMO* base in Gorongosa, in Mozambique.

The Portuguese *SIM* is also quite interested in the activities of some Catholic orders, notably, the Franciscans, who have played a non-negligible role in organising the recent direct negotiations between the *FRELIMO* and the *RENAMO* in Rome (ION N°439).

I.O.N.- *The arrival of José Augusto seems to signify the end, at least temporarily, of the deterioration in relations between Portugal and the RENAMO leader which followed the SIM's invitation to Mr Dhlakama to go to Lisbon, a gesture which was frowned upon by the Serviços de Informação e Segurança (SIS) (ION N°426).*