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Renamo attacks resume; Dhlakama sets conditions for talks

After a gap of several days, there were at least three Renamo attacks today, Friday.

- @Verdade (<https://www.facebook.com/JornalVerdade>) and TIM report a third Renamo attack on Canda, Nhamazi, Gorongosa, with injuries to government soldiers.
- A lorry travelling from Cuamba to Nampula on the main road was attacked early this morning in Capataz, Mutivaze, Rapele, Nampula, seriously injuring the driver. There is an old Renamo base near here and there have been several attacks on this stretch of road. (@Verdade, SAPO)
- A military escort vehicle was attacked on the main north-south N1 road near Muxungué. One Renamo and one government soldier are dead; 9 other soldiers were injured. Renamo prepared the ambush by digging a trench in the road during the night, which forced the military vehicle at the head of the convoy to stop. Renamo then opened fire on the stopped convoy. Digging trenches in the road was a tactic used by Renamo during the 1982-92 war. (@Verdade, TIM)

Meanwhile the Lichinga newspaper Faísca reports that alleged armed Renamo soldiers have been stopping traffic on the main east-west Lichinga-Montepuez N14 road and have demanding money.

Dhlakama on talks

A letter from Renamo to the government says Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama is ready to meet with President Armando Guebuza, but only if three pre-conditions are met. The letter is dated Tuesday 12 November and is reported today by Fernando Veloso, editor of *Canal de Moçambique*, who has good contacts in Renamo. (<https://www.facebook.com/CanalMoz>)

Renamo suggests that the on-going Monday meetings be used to discuss a ceasefire.

In the letter, Dhlakama makes three demands as preconditions for face to face talks:

- Government troops are withdraw to their positions before Dhlakama moved to Sadjudjira more than a year ago.
- There must be national and international mediators, observers and facilitators in the sessions, as happened in the 1992-94 Rome peace talks. As national facilitators Renamo suggests the two current intermediaries, Bishop Diniz Sengulane and university rector Lourenço do Rosário. As international facilitators Renamo wants people from SADC, the African Union, the European Union, and the United States.
- "It is imperative to postpone the local elections."

Canal says government responded that it is happy to resume talks on Monday 18 November, but said nothing about Renamo's preconditions.

Kidnap killing, 2 victims ransomed, more police arrested

Two kidnapped Portuguese citizens were released last week after a ransom was paid, Portuguese authorities told the press agency Lusa. (O Pais 11 November 2013)

Two policemen were arrested last week after a failed kidnap. A third policeman, who had been charged with murder in a separate case and had escaped from the Maputo top security jail, was also involved, but escaped again. This was apparently the attempt to kidnap the owner of Basra Motors in Maputo, but the kidnappers took his driver by mistake, and the driver managed to escape in Boane, where he was helped by local people.

Bernardo Timana, a gangland figure accused of involvement in the assassination in 2005 of the then director of the Maputo Central Prison, Jorge Microsse, was shot and killed in his car Tuesday in Maputo. One of Timana's sons, Arlindo Timana, was sentenced to 15 years in jail last month for his part in the kidnapping of businessman Ibrahim Gani, owner of the food processing company Incopal. Another son, Ernesto B. Timana, is accused of involvement in various kidnaps and in the Microsse murder, but denies involvement. (Noticias 14 November 2012)

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