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by Teresa Smart & Joseph Hanlon

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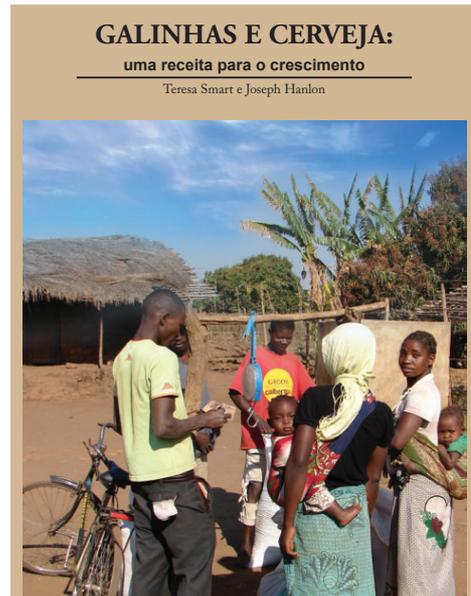
Guebuza & Dhlakama may meet Friday in Maputo

Renamo sources and the Italian embassy say that Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama will fly to Maputo on Thursday and meet President Armando Guebuza on Friday September 5.

A delegation met with Dhlakama in his base in the Gorongoso mountains on Saturday 30 August. The delegation included:

- + Ivone Soares, Dhlakama's niece and head of the Renamo Youth League
- + Matteo Zuppi of Sant'Egidio Community, who was one of the four mediators between Renamo and the Mozambican government in the Rome negotiations which led to the peace agreement signed on 4 October 1992.
- + the Italian Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Carlo Calenda, and
- + the Italian ambassador Roberto Vellano,

The Italian embassy said in a statement that Dhlakama would come to Maputo Thursday and that the Guebuza-Dhlakama meeting would take place.



Ivone Soares met with Guebuza in Nampula on Sunday. Speaking at the launch of the Renamo electoral campaign in Nampula Sunday she also reported that Dhlakama will fly to Maputo Thursday and the that the meeting would be on Friday. She has also posted this on Facebook.

But this process has been fraught with unexpected problems. Renamo spokesman Antonio Muchanga, released from jail following the amnesty, told AIM on Monday that work was indeed under way with the assistance of the Italian embassy to ensure that Dhlakama would indeed come to Maputo on Thursday. But he added that only Guebuza's office could confirm the date for a meeting.

Both sides have launched surprises. Renamo unexpectedly decided it wants a special parliament session (probably to be held in mid-September) to ratify the cease-fire agreement. Meanwhile, Defence Minister Agostinho Mondlane, speaking on Monday at a Maputo press conference, unexpectedly said the Mozambican armed forces (FADM) had no intention of abandoning their positions in the central district of Gorongosa near Dhlakama's base. Mondlane said the FADM can be in any part of the country at any time. It had been widely assumed that at least token government troops would be pulled back to make it easier for Dhlakama to leave.

The ceasefire was finally signed on Sunday 24 August, and this has been an informal ceasefire since late June.

The army and riot police on Wednesday stopped providing military convoys on the 100 km stretch between Muxungué and the Save River bridge on the main north-south N1 road, This section of road had been repeatedly attacked by Renamo since June 2013. Traffic has now returned to normal..

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