

# Mozambique asked to probe army atrocities

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**TETE.** The Mozambique government should urgently investigate alleged summary executions, sexual abuse and ill-treatment of civilians by its armed forces in Tete Province, the Human Rights Watch (HRW) said.

According to the global watchdog, at least 6,000 people have fled to Malawi since army operations began in October 2015, to disarm militias linked to the main opposition Mozambique National Resistance Movement (Renamo).

The former rebel outfit became the official opposition after a peace treaty in 1992 ended a 16-year civil war fought with the ruling Mozambique National Front party (Frelimo).

Peace was still elusive in the southern African country as the government and Renamo have failed to reach an agreement following the October 2014 General Election.

**"The government should urgently launch an investigation into reports of abuses and ensure any disarmament operation is carried out lawfully,"** ZENAIDA MACHADO,

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