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## **Is Finance Minister Maleiane not correctly hearing the IMF?**

The IMF is not demanding more information on the secret debt, Finance and Economy Minister Adriano Maleiane told parliament last week (*O Pais* 17 May). Yet two statements this year by the IMF shows that it is, indeed, still demanding more data.

Maleiane told parliament, "after analysing information we provided, on 21 November 2016 the IMF decided that Mozambique is not on the list of countries that will be penalised for not supplying information. After 21 November 2016, there was no 'secret debt' in the opinion of the IMF; everything was clarified and this information was circulated."

But two press statements this year appear to say otherwise. "The audit has been done but there continues to be information gaps which we think need to be filled," said IMF Africa Director Abebe Selassie at a 21 April 2018 press conference. "What we have said in the past when the program was suspended was that we would need clarification on what happened [but there must be] more transparency on what the resources that were borrowed or used before we can proceed to a program engagement. There's no program request [from the government]." And on 29 January IMF resident representative Ari Aisen said in a press statement that "the IMF reiterates the necessity to fill the information gaps in the audit report." Which looks very much like the IMF still thinks there is a problem of 'secret debt'.

<http://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2018/04/21/tr042018-transcript-of-african-department-press-briefing>

<http://opais.sapo.mz/fmi-considera-decisao-da-pgr-encorajadora-para-garantir-responsabilizacao>  
(*O Pais* 30 Jan)

Maleiane was referring to an executive board decision on 21 November 2016 to consider "Mozambique's misreporting", which found that "Mozambique had breached [its] obligation as the authorities had reported inaccurate data" with respect to debt stocks. The board confirmed that the IMF loan under Policy Report Instrument would remain stopped. The final statement said: "Executive Directors did not to require any further action but called on the authorities to implement the announced measures in a comprehensive and timely manner." The "announced measures" were the independent audit and a criminal investigation.

<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2016/11/21/PR16521-IMF-Executive-Board-Considers-Mozambiques-Misreporting-Under-the-Policy-Support-Instrument>

The key phrase here is that there would be no "further" action if the audit and criminal investigation done acceptably and quickly. Both press statements this year make clear the audit is not yet acceptable. Which suggests that Maleiane may be misreading the November 2016 executive board decision.

## **Parliament agrees head of party list as mayor, administrator, governor - ending direct election of mayors**

Parliament today unanimously agreed in principle constitutional amendments creating the same structure for provinces, districts and municipalities. There will be elected assemblies (which already exist at province and municipality level) and the governor, district administrator and mayor will be head of the list of the party, coalition or citizens list that obtains the most votes (maioria de votos) for the respective assembly. In addition at each level there will be an executive council. In effect, the existing structure of municipalities is copied to district and province, except for the change of how the senior person is elected.

This ends the direct election of mayors, who had sometimes built independent power bases that challenged the leaderships of both Renamo and Frelimo. The head of the candidates list is chosen by the party leadership and has less autonomy than a mayoral candidate, who can always stand as an independent.

The new constitution will apply to provinces from the October 2019 election and municipalities from the October 2018 election, but district elections will only take place in 2024. There was disagreement over how to nominate the district administrator next year, and the compromise is that they will be named, as at present, by the Minister of State Administration, but "in consultation with the provincial governor."

The amendments make clear that decentralisation is administrative and not political. They extend substantial new powers to provinces and districts, but also stress that national interest and national policies must be respected. At each level there will be a representative of central government; at provincial level this will be a secretary of state for the province named by the Mozambican president. Provinces become responsible for primary health care and education while higher levels remain a national responsibility.

A whole package of legislation is now required, including on the powers of the decentralised bodies, the articulation between the central state and the decentralised bodies, and the articulation between the province and the district and municipality. In addition there urgently needs to be a small revision to the electoral law for municipalities, and by next year changes to provincial election (because there is no single list for the provincial assembly currently, as lists are by district). Nothing is said about how the senior person is replaced if they die or quit - the second person on the list, a new election, or some other method?

The first commission of parliament, on constitutional affairs, yesterday tabled a 58 page paper with a host of changes to the constitution - ranging from minor and grammatical to major relating to decentralisation. That report, with all constitutional changes, is available on <http://bit.ly/2kiW4Li>

Officially the agreement was brokered by the heads of the two parliamentary benches, Margarida Talapa for Frelimo and Ivone Soares for Renamo. On the Renamo side, the new acting party head Ossufo Momade is also a member of parliament. Advising Frelimo have been Eduardo Chiziane, a law professor, and Albano Macie, appointed in March as Deputy Minister of State Administration and the Public Service.

## **Blind eye to mission sexual abuse in Manica**

Mozambique's government and international institutions turned a blind eye to 30 years of sexual abuse at a Christian mission orphanage in Manica, according to an investigation by Estacio Valoi, probably Mozambique's best investigative journalist. (*Zam* 9 May; <https://www.zammagazine.com/chronicle/chronicle-35/639-mozambique-in-the-care-of-pastor-roy>)

## Recent reports

**Special report on social protection** <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>

**Mozambique corruption articles 2016-7** <http://bit.ly/2upF8XI>

## Secret debt documents and report:

**Kroll full report** (80 Mb!) <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz-full>

**Kroll audit Executive Summary** <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>

**Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt** (complete, in Portuguese) [bit.ly/MozAR-debt](http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt)

**Key points from the Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt** <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>

**Mozambique should not pay the hidden debt** <http://bit.ly/Moz-do-not-pay>

**Following the donor-designed path to the \$2.2 billion secret debt** <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

## Other books and reports:

**Government's detailed flood reports:** <http://bit.ly/flood-17>

**Local media monitoring of Mozambique elections** (background of election newsletters)  
<http://bit.ly/LSE-newsletter>

**Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique** book by Teresa Smart and Joseph Hanlon, **free** English download <http://bit.ly/chickens-beer>

**Há mais bicicletas - mas há desenvolvimento?** book by Joseph Hanlon and Teresa Smart, **free** Portuguese download <http://bit.ly/Mais-bicicletas>

**Gas for development or just for money?** <http://bit.ly/MozGasEn>

**Minimum wages & exchange rates 1996-2018** <http://bit.ly/MinWage18>

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Australian pastor Roy Perkins has been in charge of Maforga Mission for 30 years. Valoi reports that abuse of children in the orphanage has been known for at least 15 years, but "local authorities protected and protect him, even after he was taken to court for sexual abuse." Pastor Roy and his wife Trish were protected by a district administrator, police and a local prosecutor, who denied stories from the victims, Valoi reports.

## Ministry of Education rejects curbs on sexual abuse

A plan to curb school-related, gender-based violence by targeting the men responsible for school-girl pregnancies was turned down, apparently by the Minister of Education and Human Development Conceita Sortane in January.

The proposal was written by an internal ministry working group to revise the 2003 ministerial regulation 39/GM/2003 which forces pregnant schoolgirls to attend night classes. This punishes and stigmatises the schoolgirls, encouraging them to drop out, argues Francesca Salvi, who wrote the paper cited in this newsletter (409, 30 April). Her paper "In the making: constructing in-school pregnancy in Mozambique" is available free on <https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/JTZAqiw8ytdx56czQgWv/full>

The rejected draft regulation is very strong, saying that "a considerable number" of schoolgirls "suffer harassment and sexual abuse by heads of schools, teachers, other education workers and other students" and that in some cases they become pregnant. This permanently harms the well-being of the schoolgirls. The rejected draft regulation calls for the suspension and disciplining of school heads, teachers and trainers who harass, violate, or impregnate schoolgirls. It also says that pregnant schoolgirls should attend day classes and the action should be taken to "prevent stigmatization [and] discrimination".

The 2003 regulation had already called for the suspension and disciplining of teachers and education workers who impregnate schoolgirls, but only if they are at the same school. This was rarely applied but the Minister of Education underlined the requirement in a ministerial instruction in April 2016. However, the Public Integrity Centre (CIP) responded that the civil service regulations set strict time limits for suspension and disciplinary hearings, and that these were not included and thus the 2003 and 2016 directives were illegal. The rejected draft regulations have the same gap.

The rejected draft, the CIP report with the 2003 and 2016 directive, and an English translation of the 2003 directive are available on <http://bit.ly/2J1Pals>

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**Election study collaboration:** We have detailed election data from 1999 through 2014 and are inviting scholars to use this data collaboratively. <http://bit.ly/MozElecData>

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## Other books and reports by Joseph Hanlon

**Special report on four poverty surveys:** [bit.ly/MozPoverty](http://bit.ly/MozPoverty)

**Comment: something will turn up:** <http://bit.ly/28SN7QP>

**Oxfam blog on Bill Gates & chickens:**

<http://oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/will-bill-gates-chickens-end-african-poverty/>

**Bangladesh confronts climate change: Keeping our heads above water**

by Manoj Roy, Joseph Hanlon and David Hulme Published by Anthem Press

<http://www.anthempress.com/bangladesh-confronts-climate-change-pb>

**Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique** by Teresa Smart and Joseph Hanlon

In pdf format, 6 Mb file, free on <http://bit.ly/chickens-beer>

E-book for Kindle and iPad, <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00NRZXXKE>

**Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento**

by Teresa Smart & Joseph Hanlon.

Copies are in Maputo bookshops (Karibu at airport, Livaria UEM, Bazar Pariso, Mivany) or from

**KAPICUA**, which recently moved to Av de Maguiguana (nr Lenine), Maputo; Tel: +258 21 413 201.

Telm.: +258 823 219 950 E-mail: [kapicudir@tdm.co.mz](mailto:kapicudir@tdm.co.mz) / [kapicuacom@tdm.co.mz](mailto:kapicuacom@tdm.co.mz)

Outside Mozambique, we have a few copies we can send from London. Please e-mail [j.hanlon@open.ac.uk](mailto:j.hanlon@open.ac.uk).

**Zimbabwe takes back its land**

by Joseph Hanlon, Jeanette Manjengwa & Teresa Smart is now available from the publishers

[https://www.rienner.com/title/Zimbabwe\\_Takes\\_Back\\_Its\\_Land](https://www.rienner.com/title/Zimbabwe_Takes_Back_Its_Land) also as an e-book and

<http://www.jacana.co.za/book-categories/current-affairs-a-history/zimbabwe-takes-back-it-s-land-detail>

**Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique?** by Joseph Hanlon & Teresa Smart

is available from the publisher <http://www.boydellandbrewer.com/store/viewItem.asp?idProduct=13503>

**Há mais bicicletas - mas há desenvolvimento?** free download of Portuguese edition (5 Mb)

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**Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South**

by Joseph Hanlon, Armando Barrientos, and David Hulme

Most of this book can be **read on the web** [tinyurl.com/justgivemoney](http://tinyurl.com/justgivemoney)

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**Mozambique media websites, Portuguese:**

Notícias: [www.jornalnoticias.co.mz](http://www.jornalnoticias.co.mz)

O País: [www.opais.co.mz](http://www.opais.co.mz)

@Verdade: <http://www.verdade.co.mz>

Diario de Moçambique (Beira): <http://www.diariodemocambique.co.mz>

Carlos Serra Diário de um sociologo: <http://oficinadesociologia.blogspot.com>

**Mozambique media websites, English:**

Club of Mozambique: <http://clubofmozambique.com/>

Rhula weekly newsletter: <http://www.rhula.net/news-announcements.html>

Zitamar: <http://zitamar.com/>

Macauhub English: <http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/>

AIM Reports: [www.poptel.org.uk/mozambique-news](http://www.poptel.org.uk/mozambique-news)

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