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Normal service resumes next week. The key news this week is detailed elsewhere, including daily postings, and we provide links.

## Secret debt trial resumes

The \$2 bn secret debt trial resumed Monday (17 Jan) and will continue for at least a month. We are posting daily English news reports. The trial itself is live on TV but quite tedious. The daily reports make fun reading and are very interesting, throwing light not just on the debt scandal itself but also on the Maputo political class, and on the way politics is encroaching. Judge Baptista again refused to call President Filipe Nyusi as a witness despite the request from the Mozambique bar association, while issuing a warrant for Alexandre Chivale who refused to appear as a witness. Chivale is a Guebuza family lawyer, and was both an agent of the security services SISE and defence lawyer of the chief suspect in the case, SISE official Antonio Carlos do Rosário,

Daily English reports on the trial, as well as the calendar for the next month, are on <https://bit.ly/Moz-Debt-Map-Trial>

## Rivers rising

The rainy season has begun and rivers are rising, but so far there has not been any major flooding. An **excellent daily hydrological bulletin** on rivers, dams and expected rain and flooding is published by the Public Works Ministry hydrographic basin department. It is not posted on the ministry website, so we always post it daily, on <https://bit.ly/Moz-Flood-2022>.

There is a good wind and rain forecast map on <https://www.windy.com/-19.720/34.926?-20.308,34.926,6,m:c6jag7n>. It predicts a storm in the Mozambique channel next week.

It is also cyclone season, although none are predicted for Mozambique at present. There are two good cyclone trackers - French

[http://www.meteo.fr/temps/dontom/La\\_Reunion/webcmrs9.0/anglais/index.html](http://www.meteo.fr/temps/dontom/La_Reunion/webcmrs9.0/anglais/index.html) and US  
<https://www.cyclocane.com/>

## **Cabo Delgado**

### **The war continues**

The Cabo Delgado civil war continues. Rwandan troops are keeping control of Mocimboa da Praia and Palma districts. But fighting continues elsewhere. There have been battles along the N380 road from the north at Chai and south through Macomia district and into Meluco and Quissanga districts. There has also been fighting in Nangade district, the north of Mueda district, and in Niassa province where many insurgents have moved. The best report is *Cabo Ligado Weekly: 13 December- 9 January*: <https://www.caboligado.com/reports/cabo-ligado-weekly-13-december-2021-9-january-2022>

#### **Other recent reports:**

**"Mozambique's resource curse is a success of donor actions to create oligarchs"**, podcast with slides, Open University seminar, 12 January 2022, Speaker: Dr Joseph Hanlon (your editor), Discussant: Thomas Selemane. <https://bit.ly/Moz-oligarch-podcast>

**Civil war, civil peace** ed by Helen Yanacopulos and Joseph Hanlon. This 2006 textbook for an Open University course on civil wars provides a very useful way to analyse and understand the Cabo Delgado war, clarifying issues of flags and grievances, and how to end such a war. We have now made it free to download in pdf: <https://bit.ly/Civil-War-Civil-Peace>. At first glance, every civil war is unique, but there are many civil wars and patterns are often similar. Understanding past lessons and applying them to Mozambique's new civil war can make a major difference to ending the war.

**"The Weaponry of IS Central Africa (Pt 1): Insurgents in Mozambique"**, Calibre Obscura, 22 Dec 2021 <https://www.calibreobscura.com/the-weaponry-of-is-central-africa-pt-1-insurgents-in-mozambique/> A very detailed report with pictures of the insurgents' weaponry, mostly captured from Mozambican government forces.

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**\$2bn secret debt trial: Daily press clippings in English on** <https://bit.ly/Moz-Debt-Map-Trial> .

### **Important external links**

**Exchange rates 2006-21 & minimum wages 1996-2021** <https://bit.ly/Moz-Exch-wage-2021>

**Covid-19** daily updated data <https://www.facebook.com/miguel.de.brito1> and <https://covid19.ins.gov.mz/documentos-em-pdf/boletins-diarios/>

**Daily flood and monthly dry season reports** - <https://bit.ly/Moz-Flood-2022>

**Cyclone trackers**, <https://www.cyclocane.com/> and <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

**Cabo Ligado** weekly report on civil war <https://www.caboligado.com/>

Previous editions of this newsletter: <https://bit.ly/MozNews2022> and <http://bit.ly/MozNews2021>

**Downloadable books**: <http://bit.ly/Hanlon-books> Election data: <http://bit.ly/MozEIData>

My Mozambique archive: <http://bit.ly/Mozamb>

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### **Cabo Delgado**

Archive with reports, detailed maps, and census data <https://bit.ly/Moz-CDg>

#### **Special reports on the war**

Evolution of the war: global vs local. 27 Feb 2020 <http://bit.ly/CDelgadoOrigins>  
Religion is shaping Cabo Delgado civil war. 30 April 2020 <https://bit.ly/CDelgadoReligion>  
Intensifying argument over roots of war. 28 June 2020 <https://bit.ly/Moz-492>  
Are the drums of war silencing any hope of peace? 26 July 2020 <http://bit.ly/Moz-496>  
A history of violence presages the insurgency. 13 August 2020 <http://bit.ly/Moz-498>  
Military & economic intervention. 3 Sept 2020 <https://bit.ly/CDelgadoIntervene>

### **Mozambique heroin transit trade**

English - LSE - 2018 - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroin>  
Portuguese - CIP- 2018 - <http://bit.ly/HeroinaPT>  
2001 first article- *Metical* - English and Portuguese <https://bit.ly/MozHeroin2001>

### **Gas for development?**

Gas\_for\_development\_or\_just\_for\_money?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasEng](http://bit.ly/MozGasEng)  
Gás\_para\_desenvolvimento\_ou\_apenas\_dinheiro?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasPt](http://bit.ly/MozGasPt)

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## **Background reading**

### **Special reports**

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>  
Special report on four poverty surveys: [bit.ly/MozPoverty](http://bit.ly/MozPoverty)

### **\$2bn secret debt - in English**

Secret debt trial (Aug-Oct 2021) press reports <https://bit.ly/Moz-secret-debt>  
Kroll - Full report on \$2bn debt - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz>  
Kroll report summary - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>  
Key points of Mozambique parliament report - Nov 2016 - <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>  
Following the donor-designed path to Mozambique's \$2.2 bn debt - <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

### **In Portuguese:**

Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt (complete) [bit.ly/MozAR-debt](http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt)  
**2018 Constitution** - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

**Election study collaboration:** We have detailed election data from 1999 through 2014 and are inviting scholars to use this data collaboratively. <http://bit.ly/MozEIData>  
Election newsletters are on <http://bit.ly/2H066Kq>

**Ten books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free:** <http://bit.ly/Hanlon-books>

Bangladesh confronts climate change (2016)  
Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique (2014) is on <https://bit.ly/Chickens-Beer>  
Há Mais Bicicletas – mas há desenvolvimento? (2008)  
Civil War Civil Peace (2006): <https://bit.ly/Civil-War-Civil-Peace>  
Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)  
Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000 (2001)  
Paz Sem Benefício: Como o FMI Bloqueia a Reconstrução (1997)  
Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding (1996)  
Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991)  
Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)  
Apartheid's 2nd Front (1986) <available shortly>

### **These are still available for sale:**

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)  
Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013)  
Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South (2010)  
Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique? (2008) (free in Portuguese)  
Beggar Your Neighbours: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa (1986)

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### **Mozambique media websites, English:**

Club of Mozambique (free): <http://clubofmozambique.com/>  
Zitamar (paywall): <http://zitamar.com/>

### **Mozambique media websites, Portuguese** (all with partial paywall):

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>  
Carta de Moçambique <https://cartamz.com>

**Mozambique think tanks and pressure groups, Portuguese:**

Centro de Integridade Pública: CIP <https://cipmoz.org/>

Observatório do Meio Rural: OMR <https://omrmz.org/>

Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económicos: IESE <https://www.iese.ac.mz/>

Centro Para Democracia e Desenvolvimento CDD <https://cddmoz.org/> (some CDD in English)

Also CDD now controls Fórum de Monitoria do Orçamento - FMO (main debt group) <http://www.fmo.org.mz>  
and RMDDH - Rede Moçambicana dos Defensores dos Direitos Humanos (a human rights group).

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