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J Hanlon's new book "Moçambique recolonizado através da corrupção"

free on <https://bit.ly/MozRecol> (Portuguese only)

Huge flood hits Mozambique

A flood as bad as the one in 2000 is hitting southern and central Mozambique and is worsening. More rain is expected today and tomorrow, and more flood waters will come in rivers from South Africa and Zimbabwe, which have also been hit by torrential rain. All the dams in the south are full and so any incoming water continues down the rivers.

On Friday the Limpopo River was 3.4 metres above flood alert level and the towns of Chóckwè and Guija were under water.



Chóckwè photo from INGD video on <https://www.facebook.com/reel/860759696950101>

The main north-south N1 road is flooded or washed out in several places in Maputo and Gaza provinces and all north-south road access is cut. National Roads Administration (ANE) Deputy General Director Miguel Coanai on Saturday warned motorists that it is impossible to leave Maputo going north. Rivers rose faster than expected leaving more than a thousand vehicles trapped on high ground between flooded parts of road. The photo is of a bridge in Chóckwè from the INGD video.



LAM has put in special flights between Maputo and Xai-Xai. The railway to Zimbabwe is also cut.

A minibus was trapped in the flood yesterday near Chóckwè and 12 people were spotted standing on the roof of the van, already under water. President Daniel Chopo was flying in a helicopter over the zone and landed at the nearby airport and sent the helicopter to rescue the 12 people, including a baby.



Photo from INGD video on <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1393293955863387> .

Parts of Matola, Maputo and Boane in Maputo province are also flooded; the Umbaluzi River was 2.4 m above flood alert level and the Incomati 3.5 m above. There is also flooding in Sofala (particularly Buzi) and Manica provinces, with the Buzi and Pungue rivers above flood alert.

A useful flood map is on Google Flood Hub <https://sites.research.google/floods/l/0/0/3> Click on the blob on Mozambique to get a more detailed picture.

The book on the flood 25 years ago can be downloaded free: [Mozambique and Great Flood of 2000](#)

Former Prime Minister Luisa Diogo dies

Luisa Diogo died in Lisbon Friday 16 January after an illness. Born in 1958 in Tete she joined the Ministry of Finance in 1980 while still a student. She became Deputy Minister of Finance in 1994, then Minister of Planning and Finance in 2000. Diogo was Mozambique's first woman Prime Minister 2004-10. She was part of the dynamic post-independence generation that championed the Frelimo ideals of development, integrity, and advancement of women. She fought against the growing IMF pressure to create the corrupt oligarch state.

Diogo ran to become the Frelimo candidate in the 2014 presidential election. Although backed by progressives in Frelimo, she was defeated on the second round of internal voting by the then defence minister, Filipe Nyusi. That pushed her to the edges of Frelimo and she moved to banking. In 2012, she had become Chair of Barclays Bank-Mozambique (later ABSA).

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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/MozEIData>

Important external links

Books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free: <https://bit.ly/HanlonBooks>

Flood, cyclone and weather: weather <https://www.inam.gov.mz/>

rainfall https://www.inam.gov.mz/images/DAPT_Previsees/Manha/Previsao_Manha.pdf

Cyclone trackers, <https://bit.ly/Reunion-cyclone>, <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtvc/jtvc.html> (which uses z time which is UCT - Coordinated Universal Time) and <https://www.cyclocane.com/>

Two LSE working papers - World Bank questions its Mozambique 'success' where oligarchs brought high inequality, poverty and corruption - <https://bit.ly/Moz-LSE-208c> and **How the IMF and World Bank caused a resource curse and civil war in Mozambique** - <https://bit.ly/Moz-LSE-209>

Minimum wage & exchange rate charts, tables 1996-2022 <https://bit.ly/MozMinWage2022>

Previous editions of this newsletter: <https://bit.ly/MozNews2023> and <https://bit.ly/MozNews2022>

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

Cabo Delgado

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

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>

Cabo-Delgado-Free-for-all. 20 Apr 2022. <http://bit.ly/Moz-593>

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
Gás_para_desenvolvimento_ou_apenas_dinheiro?_2015 bit.ly/MozGasPt

Background reading

Special reports

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>

Special report on four poverty surveys: 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

2018 Constitution - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

Twelve books by Joseph Hanlon can be downloaded, free: <https://bit.ly/HanlonBooks>

"Moçambique recolonizado através da corrupção" (2025) <https://bit.ly/MozRecol> (Portuguese only)

Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013) <https://bit.ly/Zim-takes-land>

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) <https://bit.ly/Peace-wo-Profit>

Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991) <https://bit.ly/Shots-Moz>

Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)

These are still available for sale:

Galinhos e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)

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)

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

O País: 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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