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J Hanlon's new book "Moçambique recolonizado através da corrupção"
free on https://bit.ly/MozRecol **(**Portuguese only)

Mondlane trial daily reports

In contrast to previous major trials, there is excellent English reporting of the Venancio Mondlane treason trial, which began Tuesday 17 November. Thus we are not doing our own reporting, and offer this set of links, all in English, daily, and all free.

CDD **https://bit.ly/Moz-trial-CDD** Centre for Democracy and Development, which has a journalist in the courtroom. Its reports are normally available only in its newsletter, and we are posting them on our website with permission.

LUSA (Portuguese press agency which has a journalist in the courtroom, with multiple articles daily) and its reports are posted free in English by **Club of Mozambique** – Politics **https://bit.ly/Moz-trial-Club**. Club also posts material in English from *Evidências*, TV Sucesso, and other media.

AIM (state news agency, has a journalist in the courtroom and includes a report in its daily news summary) **https://bit.ly/Moz-trial-AIM**

Mozambique Times (Independent newsletter with journalist in the courtroom) **https://bit.ly/Moz-trial-MozTimes**

OMR fined $27,400 for making documentary film about post-election protests without permission

The 2024 audiovisual and cinema decree apparently gives pre-filming censorship power to Mozambique's National Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries (INICC). The law requires authorisation before the production of any film, according to INICC director Roberto Dove. Thus OMR (Rural Environment Observatory) has been fined $27,400 for filming its documentary *Não é nosso país este aqui?* (*Isn't This Our Country?*) without a licence. The documentary was coordinated by researcher João Feijó examines the social and economic causes of the 2024–2025 post-election protests. (*Savana* 20 Nov)

"The timing and scale of the penalty raise questions about whether audiovisual licensing rules are being used to restrict politically sensitive expression. The documentary addresses the same protests now under examination in Venâncio Mondlane's trial" writes *Zitamar*. (20 Nov) The fine is unprecedented and comes after Cinema Scala in Maputo was forced to cancel a screening on 20 October.

The trial by five Supreme Court judges is in a small courtroom. It is not being broadcast and

journalists and others present are not allowed to record or photograph the proceeding, and thus depend on taking notes. Discussion is largely on television and social media, and there is increasing attempt to restrict this. OMR is one of the most important research institutes in Mozambique, but is a civil society organisation dependent on donations.

The Mozambican Bar Association (OAM) Friday (21 Nov) prohibited lawyers and trainee lawyers from publicly commenting on ongoing trials without prior authorisation from the organisation. "Lawyers must not make public statements, or discuss or contribute to public or media discussions, on professional matters pending or to be brought before courts or other State bodies. They must refrain from any conduct intended to influence the outcome of pending cases," reads an OAM statement.

Meanwhile President Daniel Chapo has been touring Zambezia province with five ministers in a highly publicised tour of government buildings such as police stations damaged in the post-election demonstrations. In a rally in Namacurra Thursday, he linked the destruction of public infrastructure to the actions of "enemies of the people". (Lusa 19 Nov) He did not mention the killing of demonstrators by the police, which triggered the violence.

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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_Previsoes/Manha/Previsao_Manha.pdf
Cyclone trackers, https://bit.ly/Reunion-cyclone, https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.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

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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

$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 Beneficio: 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:
Galinhas 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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