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## Presidential shortlist: Pacheco, Vaquina, Nyussi

A short list of three presidential candidates was named by the Frelimo Political Commission yesterday. The three men are all technicians from the centre and north and are between 55 and 58 years old. The choice will be made by the Central Committee at its next meeting, at a date not yet set, but probably in the next two weeks.

The three candidates are:

**José Pacheco** is the most senior. He is a member of the Political Commission and Secretary of its Verification Committee. He is Agriculture Minister and was Interior Minister 2005-09 and Governor of Cabo Delgado 1998-2005. He is an agronomist and was born 10 September 1958 in Búzi, Sofala.

**Alberto Vaquina** was named Prime Minister in October 2012 and is a member of the Political Commission. He was governor of Tete 2010-12 and of Sofala 2005-10. He is a doctor trained in Portugal, and returned to work in 1996 in Monapo, Nampula. He was provincial health director in Cabo Delgado 1998-2000 and Nampula 2001-05. Vaquina is Macua, born 4 July 1961 in Namapa, Eráti, Nampula.

**Filipe Nyussi**, was named Defence Minister in 2008. He completed his Mechanical Engineering degree at the Military Academy in Brno, Czechoslovakia, in 1990, just before the end of socialism. He joined the northern railways Caminhos de Ferro de Moçambique (CFM) in 1992 as assistant head of maintenance, moving up to be executive director 1995-2007. He is Macondi and was born 9 February 1959, in Namaua, Mueda, Cabo Delgado. He is the only one of the candidates to have a liberation war link, having attended the Frelimo school in Tunduru, Tanzania before independence.

Both Vaquina and Nyussi were picked from relative obscurity and put into senior posts by President Armando Guebuza. All three are party loyalists who will respect the authority of Armando Guebuza as president of Frelimo and someone who will have final say on key decisions. But all three have also shown the ability to establish autonomy with the Frelimo hierarchy. Thus Vaquina won respect as a health director and governor, while in Tete he is also said to have managed well Guebuza's and Guebuza's daughter's business interests there

## Criminal action against Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco

The Maputo city Attorney General's office has opened criminal proceedings against Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco, the highly respected academic and founder and research director of IESE (Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económicos, Institute of Social and Economic Studies). He is accused of insulting the head of state, President Armando Guebuza, in an open letter published on his

Facebook page and subsequently widely republished..

According to *Mediafax* yesterday, its editor, Fernando Mbanze, and the editor of the weekly *Canal de Mocambique*, Fernando Veloso, have been told to appear at the Maputo city attorney general's office on Friday morning to answer questions. Both published the open letter.

The open letter is a very strong attack on the President, and starts "Mr President, you are out of control." Frelimo has recently run a major campaign to improve the standing of Armando Guebuza, which led to the dismissals of the editors of *Noticias* and *O Pais* because they did not do enough to polish the Guebuza image. Castel-Branco's letter resonated with the educated urban youth, and was widely circulated on social media. The led to bitter attacks on him in Frelimo-aligned media such as *Domingo*.

The open letter, in Portuguese, is on <https://www.facebook.com/JornalVerdade/posts/646623402026022> and [http://macua.blogs.com/moambique\\_para\\_todos/2013/11/carta-ao-presidente-de-mo%C3%A7ambique.html](http://macua.blogs.com/moambique_para_todos/2013/11/carta-ao-presidente-de-mo%C3%A7ambique.html)

## Renamo retakes Satundjira

Renamo military retook Afonso Dhlakama's headquarters at Satundjira on Monday, according to @Verdade. Government forces took the camp on 21 October sending Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama into the bush, where he remains. Renamo claims that a government attempt to take back the base yesterday failed.

On 2 December Renamo forces attacked a police post and health post in Tica, 60 km west of Beira on the main road to Zimbabwe. It was the first attack in this area. There were no deaths or injuries, but health workers had to evacuate their patients, including women about to give birth. The raiders then took food and medicine from the health post.

## FT warns on gas

Gas prices are falling sharply, particularly due to US and Canadian shale gas (from fracking), and "one casualty is Mozambique", according to the Financial Times (25 November 2013). There is a danger that there will be a glut of LNG (liquefied natural gas). Gas liquefaction plants are hugely expensive, costing tens of billions of dollars, and they cannot be built without long term contracts to supply the LNG. But with falling prices, buyers will not sign contracts. The FT cites one expert to say that the 2018 target for the LNG plant in Cabo Delgado is "completely unrealistic", and it will not be operating before 2020 or even later.

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## **PRESIDENCIAIS DE 2014: Frelimo com pré-candidatos**

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JOSÉ Pacheco, Alberto Vaquina, membros da Comissão Política da Frelimo, e Filipe Nyussi, membro do Comité Central, foram ontem indicados pela Comissão Política do partido, para pré-candidatos à candidatos para o cargo de Presidente da República de Moçambique, nas eleições presidenciais do próximo ano. Esta foi uma das decisões saídas da 21ª sessão ordinária da Comissão Política realizada ontem, em Maputo.

De acordo com um comunicado de imprensa daquele órgão do partido no Governo, enviado na noite de ontem a Redacção do "Notícias", a decisão surge nos termos do Artigo 61, número 3, alínea J, dos Estatutos da Frelimo, segundo o qual, compete ao Comité Central "apreciar e aprovar as propostas da Comissão Política referentes as candidaturas da Frelimo ou por ele apoiadas a Presidente da República".

Recorde-se que o Governo garantiu ontem a realização das quintas eleições gerais aprazadas para 15 de Outubro de 2014, antecedidas de um recenseamento eleitoral de raiz, que vai ocorrer de 30 de Janeiro a 14 de Abril.

O Presidente Armando Guebuza, marcou a data para a realização das eleições gerais, presidenciais e legislativas, bem como para as assembleias provinciais para 15 de Outubro de 2014, em todo o território nacional, e no estrangeiro, para 12 de Outubro do próximo ano. A votação realizar-se-á simultaneamente, num único dia, em todo o país.

### **OS PRÉ-CANDIDATOS**

#### **José Pacheco**

José Pacheco é Ministro da Agricultura desde 11 de Outubro de 2010. Nasceu a 10 de Setembro de 1958, na localidade de Ampara, Distrito de Búzi, província de Sofala.

De 1981 a 1990, foi Director Provincial de Agricultura da Zambézia, e, a partir de 1984 acumulou com as funções de membro do Conselho de Administração da Sociedade Argelino- Moçambicano de Florestas (SAMOFOR).

De 1990 a 1995, foi Director Nacional de Desenvolvimento Rural, tendo em 1992 e 1994, acumulado com as funções de membro do Conselho de Administração do Instituto Nacional do Desenvolvimento da Indústria Local ( IDIL ) e de Presidente do Conselho de Administração do Instituto de Cereais de Moçambique, respectivamente.

Pacheco foi Ministro do Interior de 2005 a 2009, tendo sido reconduzido ao mesmo cargo de Janeiro a Outubro de 2010.

Anteriormente, exerceu o cargo de Governador da Província de Cabo Delgado, de 1998 até Fevereiro de 2005. Foi Vice-Ministro da Agricultura e Pescas, no período de 1995 a 1998.

Frequentou o Wy College da Universidade de Londres, Reino Unido em 1989. Estudou ainda nas Universidades norteamericanas de Minnesota em 1992 e de Madison, em Wisconsin, em 1994, tendo obtido o diploma em Transferências de Tecnologias para o Desenvolvimento Rural,

#### **Alberto Vaquina**

Alberto Vaquina é Primeiro-Ministro, desde Outubro de 2012. Nasceu a 4 de Julho de 1961, na Aldeia de Timaquela, Posto Administrativo de Namapa, Distrito de Eráti, província de Nampula.

Licenciou-se em Medicina pelo Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas de Abel Abel Salazar, da Universidade do Porto, Portugal, onde fez o curso de 1986 a 1992. Tendo regressado a Moçambique em 1996, trabalhou como médico, no distrito de Monapo, província de Nampula, onde simultaneamente foi director do centro de saúde, director do hospital rural e director distrital de saúde.

De 1998 a 2000, trabalhou na província de Cabo Delgado, como Director Provincial de Saúde.

Foi igualmente Director Provincial de Saúde de Nampula, desde finais de 2001 até princípios de 2005, altura em que passa a Governador da Província de Sofala, até princípios de 2010. Desde este ano, foi Governador da Província de Tete, até 8 de Outubro de 2012, quando ascende ao cargo de Primeiro-Ministro.

### **Filipe Nyussi**

Filipe Nyussi, é Ministro da Defesa Nacional, desde 15 de Janeiro de 2010, numa continuação do mandato começado a 26 de Março de 2008. Nasceu a 9 de Fevereiro de 1959, em Namaua, Distrito de Mueda, na Província de Cabo Delgado.

Profissionalmente, ele trabalhou nos Caminhos-de-ferro de Moçambique (CFM) em Nampula, entre 1992 e 2007. Aqui, foi assistente do chefe de serviços e manutenção oficial entre 1992 e 1993, director ferroviário, de 1993 a 1995, e director executivo de 1995 a 2007.

Transferido para Maputo, exerceu as funções de administrador executivo entre 2007 e 2008, altura em que é nomeado ministro.

Foi docente em regime de tempo parcial no Departamento de Matemática, na delegação da Universidade Pedagógica, em Nampula, entre 2002 e 2007.

Frequentou e concluiu a licenciatura em Engenharia Mecânica pela Academia Militar de Brno, na República Checa, em 1990., tendo feito a pós graduação pela Vitória University, de Manchester, em 1999, e onde obteve um certificado pela Indian Institute of Management, da Índia, em 2003.

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