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London Lecture Wed 16 March, LSE

Fraud at polls: can journalists and statisticians check?

The Mozambican experience

Joseph Hanlon, Johan Ahlback

Wednesday 16 Mar 2016; 6.30-8pm Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House, Aldwych, LSE

In every Mozambican election, Frelimo won, and Renamo cried fraud. Now it appears Renamo has gone back to war. This is a first report on a unique project to put journalists and statisticians together - and test the official outcome of five presidential elections.

A blog last week setting out some of the issues is on bit.ly/1RHGX5n

Also in this issue:

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Chipande family behind gas pipeline plan

The Chipande family are owners of Profin Consulting, and thus are the Mozambican partners in the \$6 billion proposed gas pipeline from Cabo Delgado to South Africa (See *Mozambique News Reports* 312 last week). Alberto Joaquim Chipande, 77, is the most powerful man in Cabo Delgado, an important member of the Frelimo Political Commission, and key backer of President Filipe Nyusi. He is said to have fired the first shots of the war for independence on 25 September 1964 and was the first Defence Minister.

Thus Nyusi is continuing the Frelimo tradition of rewarding backers with business opportunities.

Profin was set up last year and is a "sociedade anonima", so its shareholders were not published, but they were discovered last week by the Public Integrity Centre (CIP, Centro de Integridade Pública). Profin is owned 47% by Chetu Lda, which is owned by Alberto Joaquim Chipande, his wife Hortência Cornélio João Mandanda Chipande, and their daughter Doroteia Alberto Chipande. http://www.cip.org.mz/cipdoc/439_CIP-a_transparencia_49.pdf in Portuguese only.

The pipeline would be build by a consortium of Mozambique's National Hydrocarbon Company (ENH), SacOil (chaired by Tito Mboweni, former governor of the South African Reserve Bank), Profin Consulting, and the China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau (CPP). The CPP will finance and carry out the pre investment studies and secure 70% of the project's budget from Chinese financial

institutions. CPP is owned by China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China's largest oil and gas producer and supplier, which holds 20% of the ENI-led Area 4 project offshore northern Mozambique.

However it appears that an alternative gas pipeline agreed under the Guebuza government is still under discussion. It also involves ENH, as well as the South African company Gigajoule and its subsidiary Matola Gas which already supplies piped gas in Maputo and Matola. The chief executive of Matola Gas, Bruno Morgado, is close to the family of former president Joaquim Chissano. South African and Mozambican electricity companies (Eskom and EDM) are talking to Gigajoule about electricity generating stations along its pipeline, (Zitamar 8 Mar) Both projects require detailed feasibility studies.

Delayed payment of Ematum bond proposed

Mozambique last week proposed a restructuring of the Ematum bond, under which most of the money borrowed would not be repaid until 2023, when revue from gas should finally start. The \$850 million bond was for fishing boats, patrol boats and other military equipment, and, it is alleged, substantial amounts of money for members of the previous government. The current bond has a high interest rate of 6.3% and repayments are made every six months, costing about \$200 mn per year - which Mozambique is finding hard to pay.

The proposal from the government on 9 March is that the \$697 mn remaining of these bonds be replaced by new bonds which pay interest only, and the entire principle would be repaid in 2023. The old bonds were issued by Ematum but with a government guarantee; the new bonds would be government bonds. Government is asking bondholders to do the exchange at the rate that the bonds are trading now, about 80 US cents to \$1 of the face value of the bond. Further details of the proposal will be announced Thursday. (Bloomberg, Zitamar, Rhula)

Fighting continues

Fighting between Renamo and government continues in at least four places:

- + Sabe, Morrumbala, Zambézia where Renamo has established a major base; i
- + Gorongosa, Sofala near the old Renamo base of Casa Banana;
- + Nkonedzi, Zóbuè, Moatize, Tete, from which refugees have fled to Malawi; and
- + Honde, Barué, Manica.

The local Televisão Comunitária de Barué aid that on 10 March government forces shot and killed a mother and her child while demanding to be shown where Renamo men were hiding.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFZNe_aub0A&feature=youtu.be

The number of Mozambican refugees in Malawi now exceeds 11,000 and UNHCR has appealed for \$15 mn to care for them. (Lusa 10 Mar) Meanwhile the social assistance institute says it is having difficulty distributing pensions in Nkonedzi, Tete, because of fighting. (AIM Pt 10 Mar) The Council of Ministers sent a team led by Deputy Justice Minister Joaquim Verissimo, and including Deputy Interior Minister Jose Coimbra, to investigate allegations of human rights violations in Tete. (AIM En 10 Mar) Verissimo told Radio Moçambique (13 Mar) that they had found no evidence of violations of human rights by government forces.

On Monday 8 March Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama's office responded to President Filipe Nyusi's invitation for talks by saying that first mediators from the Catholic Church, the EU and Jacob Zuma had to be in place. Nyusi responded that there could be no pre-conditions.

Bus companies based in Nampula, who operate over a dozen buses on inter-provincial routes, have cancelled their services to the south of the country because of the attacks on buses by

Renamo. (AIM En 9 Mar) A senior figure in Renamo, Aly Jane, was shot and killed in Maxixe on 5 March. (O Pais 8 Mar) Police have confirmed that they have arrested Renamo members in Manica, but claim it is for criminal offenses. (Lusa 9 Mar)

And a pair of articles in @Verdade (9 and 11 Mar) based on research funded by the Belgian-based Journalism Fund point to other abuses by the military.

www.journalismfund.eu; <http://www.verdade.co.mz/tema-de-fundo/35-themadefundo/57135-populacao-civil-denuncia-clima-de-terror-no-centro-de-mocambique>

<http://www.verdade.co.mz/tema-de-fundo/35-themadefundo/57164-ha-esquadrões-de-morte-para-abater-opositores-revela-agente-da-polícia-da-república-de-mocambique>

The reports also provide evidence that the Mozambican military may have been behind the two attacks on Afonso Dhlakama's motorcade in Manica last September. This includes interviews with local people and packets labelled "Forças Armadas da Defesa de Moçambique" found in places that local people said armed men were placed waiting for the motocade. They also publish a lengthy interview with a member of the riot police (Unidade de Intervenção Rápida) who claims to have been involved in the attacks.

China, Brazil and Mozambican agriculture

A special issue of the prestigious academic journal World Development is on "China and Brazil in African Agriculture". It is open access, available on <http://www.future-agricultures.org/research/cbaa/8052-world-development-special-issue-china-and-brazil-in-african-agriculture>

The journal has two articles on Mozambique:

+ South-South cooperation, agribusiness and African agricultural development: Brazil and China in Ghana and Mozambique by Kojo Amanor and Sérgio Chichava

+ Imagining agricultural development in South-South Cooperation: the contestation and transformation of ProSAVANA, by Alex Shankland and Euclides Gonçalves

Other news

Journalist Paul Murphy writes in the *Financial Times* that he **bought 1 hectare of land** for £10,000 (\$14,000) and was given permission to build a house "high on a sand dune overlooking the length of Praia de Barra," Inhambane. Buying land and building on sand dunes is usually prohibited. <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/6d749bf0-c035-11e5-846f-79b0e3d20eaf.html?siteedition=uk#slide0>

Eight **health units** in Nampula costing \$1.4 million from the government and World Bank have been **left incomplete** by contractors who took the money but then abandoned them unfinished, according to provincial health director Munira Abubakar. (AIM En 11 Mar)

Inflation in February was 2.24% following 2.65% in January, mainly caused by rising food prices.

518,000 hectares of crops (mostly maize, rice and pulses) are considered **lost due to the drought** in the south; this is 11% of the planted area of the country. In northern and central Mozambique there have been rains and a good harvest is still possible. But the crop failures mean that 375,000 people are now facing food insecurity.

Frelimo's Central Committee will meet 21-24 April to determine the date and venue of the **11th party congress** some time in 2017, the Political Commission decided on 4 March.

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Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique

by Teresa Smart and Joseph Hanlon

E-book for Kindle and iPad, for \$9.32 from US Amazon -
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In pdf format, 6 Mb file, free on <http://bit.ly/chickens-beer>

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento

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by Joseph Hanlon, Armando Barrientos, and David Hulme
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Mozambique media websites:

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O Pais: www.opais.co.mz

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

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

CanalMoz on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CanalMoz>

Macauhub English: www.macauhub.com.mo/en/

AIM Reports: www.poptel.org.uk/mozambique-news

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

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