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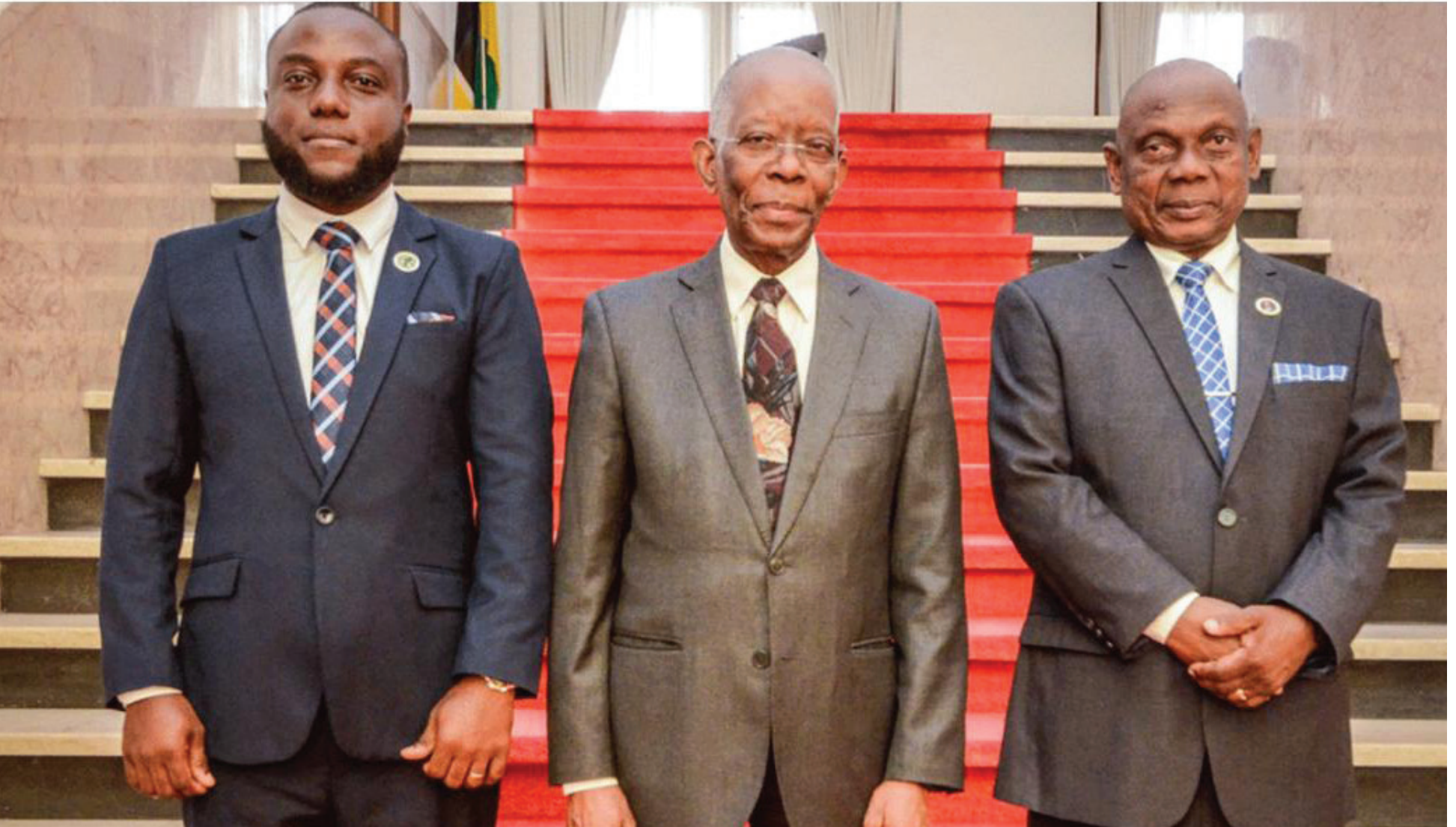
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The government gives preference to pensioners in leadership positions, to the detriment of young people

- With thousands of highly trained and skilled young people supported by the state and development partners, including the private sector and civil society, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique, Adriano Maleiane, appointed Mr. Severino Khoy to the challenging position of Deputy Director-General of the National Administration of Conservation Areas on April 24, 2024.





While we recognize the important role that the elderly play in the social cohesion of our society, it is essential that young people take the forefront in governance and leadership processes. In the country's strategic documents, such as the Five-Year Government Plan, young people are highlighted as agents of change and transformation, yet they continue to be neglected in decision-making and leadership processes.

We expect a formal statement from the Secretary of State for Youth and Employment

(SEJE) regarding this controversial appointment, which will negatively affect the morale of young Mozambicans and contradicts the vision of the African Union's Agenda 2063, which states that "the creativity, energy, and innovation of African youth will be the driving force behind the continent's political transformation."

Viewed from the perspective of Public Finance, this also requires a statement from the Minister of Economy and Finance. Over the past two years, the state has retired hundreds of senior government officials

prematurely, allegedly to contain public expenditure. However, it is observed that pensioners from INSS and/or the state are being appointed to strategic positions that require knowledge, energy, and dynamism.

The position occupied by Mr. Severino Khoy should have been filled by a young person, preferably a young woman, to work alongside the Director-General also appointed yesterday, to attract tourists to our country. Instead, an elderly person has been placed there, apparently due to political influence.

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