

## Decapitation and Sale of Human Organs Reported in Nhamatanda, Sofala Province

- A young man and an alleged “boss” are being held accused of committing crimes similar to those that have been registered in Cabo Delgado. The two are accused of killing people and extracting and selling human organs.





“I am stuck. I was bought by my boss for dirty business, looking for [human] heads. I did it in Savane and Tica [Districts of Dondo and Nhamatanda, respectively]. We cut off the head and sex”, confessed the 27-year-old, without remembering the days when the crimes were committed. In the most recent case in Tica, where he lives, V. Domingos communicated to the boss that the work was “already done”, hoping that he would come to settle the accounts, as usual.

The “boss replied [during the telephone call made by the killer] that “he was in a meeting”. But because there was noise in the place, V. Domingos sent a text message, reinforcing the “mission accomplished” communication. The “boss” never arrived again, and V. Domingos was discovered by people when he was transporting the body on his motorbike for the removal of organs at his residence. “When you do bad things, you will always be found out”, he acknowledged.

He also said that this was not the first time providing gender services. He used to receive between 200,000 and 300,000 meticaís for each completed mission. This time he still hadn’t received the money. “I made 200,000 meticaís for being a trustworthy boss”, said the young man, adding that he

received the amount whenever he delivered the extracted human organs.

The two victims of murder and organ harvesting were boys, one from Nhamatanda via Nhampoca, the other from Savane - Dondo. “He [kid] was passing by one night. We closed [his face] and cut his neck.” All in cold blood and with the help of another accomplice, now in an uncertain part.

The young man hired to murder people and extract human organs spent the money on household expenses – taking care of his children and wife. The “boss” invested in the education of his children, some in higher education.

In his possession, instruments used in the commission of crimes were seized and which the young man claims to be “material left by his father”. Knives, axes, traps, sharpened irons, tin masks, iron slippers and bottled water. “I shower so I don’t see ghosts” after murdering people.

When the “Profundus” team interviewed the young man, some instruments were still bloodied. The young man says he regrets being in the cells, worse because the “boss” is denying everything. In the interview, the boss started by refusing. “I am not in-

involved in the [crime] case.”

The 57-year-old said he only employed the young man on his farm two years ago, without knowing his name and where he lives. After a week, he ran away with all the farm’s goods and they only saw each other again in the last week, allegedly because he wanted to tell him something.

J. Viano is a resident of Munhava, in the city of Beira, and says he is a merchant, and father of 11 children, some with higher education. “That young man is not right in the head, he suffers from mental problems”, he said, suggesting that he be taken to the hospital. “I have never killed anyone in my life. The faith I have is to leave [the cells]”.

For the Police of the Republic of Mozambique (PRM), there is no doubt that the two detainees are

involved in the practice of aggravated homicide and the other in the transport and sale of human organs. “There are two detainees, one for material authorship [the murderer] and the other for moral authorship [boss], who recurrently cut off the heads of citizens [inside] the districts of Nhamatanda, Dondo, Manica and Morrumbula”, said the spokesman from the PRM Provincial Command in Sofala, Dércio Chacate.

The detention was thanks to a complaint and the Police say that steps are continuing to clarify the case. This is the first case of murder, extraction, and trafficking of human organs registered in Nhamatanda and which still does not have leads on possible buyers.

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