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Seeking justice for 131 lives: CDD confronts police killings at attorney general's office

- This morning, December 19, 2024, at the premises of the Attorney General's Office (PGR), a hearing took place regarding the complaint filed by the Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD) concerning the fatalities caused by the actions of the Mozambican Republic Police (PRM), particularly the Rapid Intervention Unit (UIR) and the National Criminal Investigation Service (SERNIC).



The complaint highlights the deaths that occurred between October 24, 2023, and November 17, 2024, during the police repression of public demonstrations. These protests were driven by dissatisfaction with the electoral results and the dire social conditions faced by the Mozambican population.

During the hearing, CDD, represented by its Executive Director, Professor Adriano Nuvunga, emphasized that the protection and respect for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms must prevail, regardless of the political context in which the country finds itself. Professor Nuvunga pointed out that, at the time of the initial submission of the complaint, 65 deaths and over 1,000 injuries had been recorded as a result of police repression. However, these numbers have since increased significantly, with the current death toll estimated at 131 and more than 3,000 injuries.

The complaint draws attention to the excessive and disproportionate use of force by PRM and SERNIC, including the use of lethal weapons

against unarmed citizens, among them women and youth. This conduct constitutes grave violations of fundamental rights, necessitating a robust response from the State.

CDD also called for reparations for the victims' families, including financial compensation, medical assistance, and psychological support, urging the State to recognize and take responsibility for these tragedies. During the hearing, CDD stressed that this is a pivotal moment to ensure that those responsible are held accountable and that security institutions operate within the limits of the law and with respect for human dignity.

At the conclusion of the hearing, CDD renewed its appeal to civil society and the international community to closely monitor the developments of this case, underscoring the urgent need for justice and accountability. CDD also announced its intention to supplement the initial complaint with the latest cases of deaths and injuries caused by police repression, reaffirming its commitment to holding the State and its agents accountable for their actions.





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