

DAY NINE OF THE "HIDDEN DEBTS" SCANDAL TRIAL

The Bar Association requests investigation into the companies that sold houses in Mozambique to defendants Bruno and Nhangumele and received money abroad

- The Mozambican Bar Association (OAM), Private Assistant in Case 18/2019-C, yesterday requested the opening of autonomous proceedings to investigate suspected crimes of money laundering and tax evasion by the entities that sold properties located in Mozambique to defendants Bruno Langa and Teófilo Nhangumele and received the respective payments abroad. These are the companies ATA Construções, Lda, Paraíso de Férias, Lda, and the Portuguese citizen Ernesto Amaral Fonseca, who received in their accounts domiciled in Turkey and Portugal money transferred from the defendants Bruno and Nhangumele's accounts domiciled in the First Gulk Bank, of the United Arab Emirates, relating to the sale of property located in Mozambique.



Apartment sold by the company Paraíso de Férias and paid for abroad is located in Prédio Deco Residence, Maputo City



Some properties sold by ATA Construções Lda and paid for abroad are located in the Golden Park condominiums, in Matola

Filipe Siteo, a member lawyer of the OAM, who spoke on behalf of the Private Assistant, said there were indications of commitment of the crimes of money laundering and tax evasion by the entities selling the properties that deserve to be investigated by the Public Prosecution's Office in their own processes. When asked to issue her opinion, the representative of the Public Prosecution expressed reservations regarding the commitment of the crime of money laundering by the entities that sold property in Mozambique and received money abroad. "The seller is free to indicate where payment should be made, without prejudice to paying tax duties," said Marrengula, but did not oppose to OAM's request for copies of the relevant documents to be extracted so that the Public Prosecutor's Office can start separate proceedings. The judge sustained OAM's requests.

Let's stick to the facts. Bruno Langa bought a four room and three-storey building located at O Palmar Street No. 1, Costa do Sol Neighbourhood, Maputo City, at a price of USD 1.5 million. The house belonged to Ernesto Amaral Fonseca. Instead of transferring the purchase money directly from his account at First Gulf Bank to the seller's account at Millennium BIM in Mozambique, Langa transferred USD 200,000 from his account in Abu Dhabi to an exchange house in Dubai called Al Zarooni Exchange on 6 May 2013. In turn, the Dubai exchange house ordered another Mozambique exchange house (Africâmbio) to pay the corresponding amount into the account of the

defendant, domiciled at BCI, in the amount of seven (7) million meticaís.

Then, Bruno Langa transferred the seven million meticaís from his BCI account to Ernesto Amaral Fonseca's account at Millennium BIM. The remainder of the house payment, for 1.3 million dollars, was paid through transfers from the defendant's bank account in Abu Dhabi to Ernesto Amaral Fonseca's account in Portugal. In August 2013, the defendant bought a 9 room house again from Ernesto Amaral Fonseca, located at Chizavane beach, in Gaza Province, at the price of USD 350,000, paid through transfers from his Abu Dhabi account to the seller's account in Portugal. In 2014, the defendant again sold the same property to the previous owner, Ernesto Amaral Fonseca, at a price of USD 300,000, and he was paid nine (9) million meticaís, by means of transfers to his account at BCI. What he intended in fact was getting part of the money he had in his account in Abu Dhabi to Mozambique, making that purchase so he could later sell the same property to the previous owner.

In Matola city, Bruno Langa bought two four room flats (flats 9 and 10), in building number 55, 4th floor, at Garden Park Village condominium, from the company ATA Construções Lda, for USD 500,000 each. To pay the two flats, the defendant ordered on 28 March 2014 a transfer of one million dollars from his account domiciled at First Gulf Bank to the account of the selling company, domiciled at Kuveyt Turk Katilim Bankasi A.S, in Turkey. In January 2017, Bruno Langa sold a flat (flat 9) at a price equivalent to 25 million

meticaís, paid in foreign currency in the amount of USD 230,000 and in meticaís in the amount of eight (8) million.

The defendant Teófilo Nhangumele also used the same strategy to purchase real estate located in Mozambique, from ATA Construções Lda, by means of transfers ordered from his account domiciled at First Gulf Bank in Abu Dhabi to the seller's account, domiciled at the Kuveyt Turk Katilim Bankasi A.S bank, held by Merdil Tekstil Elektronik Ic Ve Dis Ticaret San Ve,

Nhangumele bought two properties in Matola; one located at Garden Park Village condominium, at the price of USD 650,000; and another at Garden Village Premium condominium, for USD 900,000. From the company Paraíso de Férias, Lda, the defendant purchased a type 3 house, located at Eduardo Mondlane Avenue, Deco Residence Building, 15th floor, no. 32, at USD 380,000. The amount for purchasing this property was transferred from the defendant's account domiciled at First Gulf Bank in Abu Dhabi, to account number 3735359, domiciled at Bank Asya, in Turkey, held by Decotek, Ltd.

Because Bruno Langa and Teófilo Nhangumele's wife, Luisa Langa Nhangumele, have the same surname, the OAM requested the court to get information from the Civil Identification Services whether or not there is a family relationship between them. At his hearing, Bruno Langa told the court that he met Teófilo Nhangumele when the latter was a deputy director of the Organising Committee of the African Games (COJA), held in Maputo in 2011.

“I will not answer” - Bruno Langa's reaction to the 24 questions made by the Mozambican Bar Association (OAM)

On the second day of his hearing, the defendant Bruno Langa was a man of few words, like a silent movie star. After a Thursday marked by strong clashes with the Public Prosecutor's Office, it was expected that the indicted would return to the tent of the sessions more calm, serene and collaborative. However, this was not the case. Bruno Langa returned "mute", and the only sentence he could say was this: "I will not answer". And he did not answer the 24 questions posed by lawyer Filipe Siteo, on behalf of OAM, private assistant in Case 18/2019-C. CDD reproduces in full the questions Bruno did not want to answer.

What professional training do you have associated with the area of business and what professional experience do you also have in that area?



Bruno Langa



Lawyer Filipe Siteo heard the same answer to the 24 questions he asked the defendant

Can you provide the court with elements of your professional background that justify your choice by Privinvest to integrate the team that would participate in the consultancy of the project of monitoring and protection of the exclusive economic zone?

Yesterday you answered that you were a trader of all kinds of products. What kind of business were you doing between 2011 and 2012?

Having into account the documents read out yesterday by the honourably magistrate of the Public Prosecutor's Office, namely: the consultancy contract and the report prepared by the defendant Teófilo Nhangumele, to which Mr. Bruno said he never had access, what, by the way, was your real job description in this process?

Did the relationship with the defendant Teófilo Nhangumele begin within the scope of the Organizing Committee of the African Games (COJA) or does it predate it?

After reviewing the case file, and more specifically paragraph 138 of the indictment, we note the coincidence of the surname Langa of Luisa Maria Langa Nhangumele, wife of Teófilo Nhangumele, and Bruno Evans Tandane Langa. What relationship does Mr. Bruno have with Mrs. Luisa Nhangumele?

You replied at yesterday's hearing that your intervention had been in the areas of real estate and hospitality. Can you tell the court which Privinvest hotel enterprises you visited in Germany?

Normally, in consulting situations for a certain area, prospective consultants visit enterprises that can enable them to advise better their clients. Can you indicate reference hotels of the Privinvest group visited in Germany and the United Arab Emirates?

Can you indicate companies of the Privinvest group engaged in hotel and real estate business?

Could you, at least today, confirm whether you have purchased cattle and tractors?

Could you confirm to the court today how the Garden Park Condominium properties were paid for, bearing in mind that you have stated to this court that at the time of your arrest you were living in one of them?

What kind of works did you provide to the Privinvest group in the period between 20 January 2012 and 25 March 2013, when you received the first payment?

On what outcome did the payment of the amount had to do?

Did you know or aware of the overall amount of the project on monitoring and protection of the exclusive economic zone?

Did you ever ask your friend Ndambi Guebuza or Jean Boustani why he sent you emails concerning matters, which did not concern you. In other words, matters relating to the project to protect the exclusive economic zone?

How do you explain the fact that four (4) days after Credit Suisse had transferred USD 327,900, 000.00 to Privinvest's account at First Gulf Bank, under the supply contract concluded between the Privinvest group and ProIndicus (Privinvest transfer on 21 March 2013 and crediting to Bruno Langa's account on 25 March 2013), have been transferred amounts totalizing USD50 million. Although the transference to the Teófilo Nhangumele, Bruno Langa and Armando Ndambi Guebuza accounts were in instalments, it was stated in the e-mail from Teófilo Nhangumele to Jean Boustani to massage the system.

Did you declare to the Mozambique Tax Authority the income of USD8.5 million paid by Privinvest? If yes, did you pay the corresponding personal income tax?

How long was the trip from Maputo to Germany you made with Teófilo Nhangumele, where you sat side by side?

Since you said that you had not read the email containing the programme for the trip (to Germany), did it not occur to you to ask Teófilo Nhangumele on what the objectives and programme of the trip were and what your role would be?

You were accused and has given its judgement of having passed a Privinvest group brochure to Ndambi Guebuza, to be handed to the President of the Republic. Can you confirm this?

In relation to the USD10 million that was intended for Bang and DP, i.e. António Carlos do Rosário and Gregório Leão, and assuming that you participated as a private individual in carrying out a consultancy for Privinvest. Can you explain to the court in what capacity the two defendants, both of them public servants, assigned to the State Information and Security Service (SIZE0), were entitled to payments from the Privinvest group?

After everything you heard yesterday, do not you think you were involved in an activity that caused serious problems to the country?

After everything you heard yesterday, do you have any intention or will to reimburse the Mozambican State?


Taking into account the answers given in yesterday's session where you made serious allegations to the Deputy General Prosecutor, Dr. Alberto Paulo, currently Deputy Attorney General of the Republic, to your lawyer (at the time of the facts Paulo Nhangumele), and to the Honourable Judge of criminal instruction, Dr. Délio Portugal. Would you today have the intention or the will to retract yourself?



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