

THE "HIDDEN DEBTS" SCANDAL TRIAL

The trial is resuming today in B.O, but the news is coming from London, where "innocent" Filipe Nyusi was notified

- After the bombshell news about the opening of an autonomous process against Alexander Chivale for alleged indications of money laundering and obstruction of justice, another "bomb" came from London related to the "hidden debts": the notification of Filipe Nyusi made by the Privinvest group.
- Presented as "innocent and immaculate" by Mozambican justice, Filipe Nyusi is pointed out by the Privinvest group as one of the Mozambican leaders who benefited from the "hidden debts" money. "Privinvest's claims against President Nyusi relate to payments made for his benefit, including to fund his presidential election campaign in 2014, and because he was at the centre of the creation and subsequent sabotage of the Projects in Mozambique," the Privinvest statement said.



An unlikely greeting currently - Filipe Nyusi shaking hands with Gregório Leão, former SISE General Director. Today, Gregório Leão faces trial and wears the unmistakable orange suit

After a five-day interruption, the trial of the “hidden debts” financial scandal resumes today, Thursday, 27 October, with the Mozambique Bar Association (OAM), assistant in Case No. 18/2019-C, questioning the defendant António Carlos do Rosário, former National Director of Economic Intelligence at the State Intelligence and Security Service (SISE).

The trial, which has been running since last August 23 at the Maximum Security Prison Facility, known as BO, was interrupted last week to give time to Isálcio Mahanjane, António Carlos do Rosário’s new lawyer, to analyse

and consolidate the defence strategy, as well as study the defendant’s statements made during his questioning by the Public Prosecutor which took eight days.

Note that following the removal of Alexander Chivale from Case No. 18/2019-C, now on trial, the former SISE National Director of Economic Intelligence appointed Isálcio Mahanjane as his defender. Mahanjane, who was Armando Ndambi Guebuza’s lawyer since the beginning of the trial, will also defend Maria Inês Moiane, former Armando Guebuza private Secretary, and Elias Moiane, two defendants who also defended by Alexander Chivale.

Chivale’s removal was requested by the Public Prosecutor because the lawyer is in a situation of conflict of interest as he is a collaborator of the secret services (SISE). The allegation that Chivale is a SISE collaborator was made by his own client, António Carlos do Rosário, during his hearing. The Public Prosecutor and the court understand that, having a link with the state, the lawyer cannot defend causes against the State. The OAM challenged Judge Efigénio Bapstista’s decision, considering it illegal and abusive because, in its view, it is the Bar Association task to decide on impediments of its members.

Prinvest says Nyusi was at the centre of creation and subsequent sabotage of the project

In a statement released yesterday, the Prinvest group lawyers said that Filipe Nyusi, President of Mozambique, had been notified of the allegations against him in the civil case over the “hidden debts,” which is currently before the British courts. The notification was made on 19 October at the Presidential Palace (Ponta Vermelha) and the Office of the President (Presidency of the Republic), following the authorisation given in May by the High Court of England and Wales.

“Prinvest’s claims against President Nyusi relate to payments made for his benefit, including to fund his presidential election campaign in 2014, and because he was at the centre of the creation and subsequent sabotage of the Projects in Mozambique,” reads the statement, which notes that the notification of “President Nyusi reflects the fact that he is a party to the London litigation.”

Prinvest group’s lawyers notified the Mozambican president following the civil liability action that is brought by the Attorney General (PGR) against entities and executives of Credit Suisse (creditor of the “hidden debts”) and Prinvest (equipment supplier). In the action triggered in 2019, the PGR is requesting the cancellation ProIndicus Company USD 622 million debt to Credit Suisse bank and for compensation to be paid to the Mozambican State covering all losses resulting from the “hidden debts” scandal.

As Minister of National Defence and Coordinator of the Operational Command, Filipe Nyusi played an active role in the approval of the Integrated System of Monitoring and Protection of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mozambique, the project in the name of which the companies linked to the Defence and Security sector, namely ProIndicus, EMATUM and MAM, were created and financed. Incidentally, during his hearing at the trial, the



former SISE General Director, Gregório Leão, complained that he was the only member of the Joint Command arrested in connection with the “hidden debts”.

“In the Joint Command and the Operative Command we have hierarchies. However, I am here alone. Matters about the creation of the companies were closed, there was compartmentalisation of information. There was leakage of information and the one who is at court is me. The former Minister of National Defence, Filipe Nyusi, and the former Minister of the Interior, Alberto Mondlane, should be at court. They were also part of the Joint Command,” Leão said. Nevertheless, the judge has always come out in defence of the former National Defence Minister, saying there is no evidence that he received money from the

Prinvest group and asked anyone with contrary information to present it to the Attorney General. “President Nyusi has nothing in the case that indicates he received money from Prinvest.”

Meanwhile, Nyusi has been notified as having received USD 1 million from Prinvest to support his 2014 presidential election campaign. “Nyusi is the current President of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi. We paid him one million dollars as a contribution to his election campaign. I think it was in May 2014, by then we already knew how big the projects in Mozambique were. It was also the campaign of the future President Filipe Nyusi, to which we contributed,” Jean Boustani, Prinvest manager, said, during the trial in the United States of America in November 2019.



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