



DAY XXXII OF THE "HIDDEN DEBT" SCANDAL TRIAL

Txopela Investments, a company linked to António Carlos do Rosário, received 43.7 million meticaais from the Ministry of Finance

- According to the Public Prosecutor, in 2013, the defendant António Carlos do Rosário bought three properties in the amount of USD 1,500,000 in the Deco Residence condominium in Maputo city. The amount used was transferred by IRS, a company based in Lebanon, to Txopela Investments and in turn, Txopela Investments paid for the three flats to the company Paraíso de Férias.

The Public Prosecutor believes that IRS is a company linked to the Prinvest group. Confronted with these facts, the defendant denied being the owner of the three flats, claiming that the owner is the company Txopela Investments. He also said that there is no relationship between IRS and the Prinvest group. The Public Prosecutor confronted him with the promissory contract for the purchase and sale of the three properties at a price of USD 1,500,000, signed by António Carlos do Rosário and the company Holiday Paradise. "This signature is not mine. They tried to imitate my signature. The files show that Txopela Investments received 43,750,000 meticaís from the Ministry of Finance, via the Treasury account domiciled at the Bank of Mozambique (Central Bank). Of that amount, Txopela used just over 6 million meticaís to pay for the three apartments at the Deco Residence condominium. António Carlos do Rosário denied that the Treasury had transferred money to Txopela and, when confronted with the bank statement of the Txopela Investments account domiciled at Banco Único, he said that the documents were vitiated.

In the middle of the hearing, the Public Prosecutor denounced the loss of 34 important procedural documents, such as court and Public Prosecutor's orders, documents provided by the company Paraíso de Férias and contracts related to Txopela Investments, Indigo Property, Dandula Empreendimentos and Paraíso de Férias. No one can say when the 34 pages that were in the transfer documents were lost, but judge Efigénio Baptista assured that the court will replace the lost documents. António Carlos do Rosário took the opportunity to say that the loss of documents proves that something strange is happening with the case: "I have always been talking about documents being 'manipulated'"

Asked whether he confirms using 454,000 euros transferred by IRS to Txopela and in turn, from Txopela to Deco Construções and Holiday Paradise for the payment of three unfinished apartments in the Deco Assos condominium, located on Marginal Avenue, Maputo City, the defendant did not confirm. "If it was Txopela that paid, then it is the owner of the properties. It makes no sense that I have ordered that a paper confirming that the apartments are mine should not be issued. What if I die today?" Nevertheless, Paraíso de Férias, the developer of the Deco Assos condominium, confirmed to the court that the three flats were bought by António Carlos do Rosário, but after their seizure, he allegedly requested in January 2021 that



the properties be registered in the name of Txopela Investments. "This is the first time I am learning about it".

When asked who the defendant had mandated to represent him in the signing of the new contract for the purchase and sale of the apartments on behalf of Txopela, he said that he had not spoken to anyone. "Who deals with the management affairs of Txopela is Doctor Alexandre Chivale. He is the administrator of Txopela representing the IRS. I have been illegally imprisoned for two years and seven months and I have no contact with anyone."

Asked whether he knew since when lawyer Alexandre Chivale has been living in one of the condominium Deco Assos apartments bought by Txopela Investments in the interest of António Carlos do Rosário, the defendant replied that he became aware of it on 23 August, the first day of the trial. "I learned right here in court that Doctor Chivale was residing in one of Txopela's properties. And I think that's completely normal. As an administrator of Txopela, Doctor Chivale does not report to me and does not owe me any satisfaction. He reports to the owners of Txopela."

In 2015, Txopela Investments transferred USD 2.9 million to the real estate company ImoMoz for the purchase of apartments in Xenon Urban Apartments building located on Julius Nyerere Avenue. In the case file, Chairman of Board of Director of Txopela at the time of the facts, Bilal Sidat, stated that he transferred the money on orders from António

Carlos do Rosário. Confronted with this information, the defendant said he did not remember giving orders to Bilal Sidat to transfer about three million dollars for the purchase of apartments.

Of the 9.4 million euros that Txopela Investments received from the Lebanese company IRS (which the Public Prosecutor believes to be from the Prinvest group), it transferred 2.6 million euros to M Moçambique Construções, the company of the defendant Salvador Mabunda. According to the Public Prosecutor, M Moçambique Construções received and used the 2.6 million euros in the interest of the Gregorio and Angela Leão. The Public Prosecutor prosecution asked why Txopela Investments, a company used as an operating vehicle by SISE, transferred money to M Moçambique Construções, António Carlos do Rosário said the money was intended for secret service operations. Asked who hired Bandula Empreendimentos, a company whose partner is Alexandre Chivale, to manage the flats seized by the court at Deco Residence condominium, the defendant said that if the properties belonged to Txopela it could only have been that company.

Last week, António Carlos do Rosário said that he did not receive salaries in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ProIndicus, EMATUM and MAM. But yesterday he was confronted with bank statements from his accounts which show entries of amounts described as salaries. However, the defendant said he could not confirm receipt of salaries from the three companies.



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