



Angela Leão had to lean on her husband to be able to walk

DAY LIII OF THE "HIDDEN DEBTS" SCANDAL TRIAL

Ângela Leão was ill in court and the judge had to interrupt the sessions until Thursday

- Weeks after being excused from attending the trial sessions for health reasons, Ângela Leão returned yesterday to the Highest Security Prison Facilities to accompany the hearing of the declarants who have a connection to facts imputed to her. She returned weakened and her presence in the tent did not last more than three days. Ângela Leão became ill, was assisted on site and later taken to hospital. The judge adjourned the sessions until Thursday.

Last week, Judge Efigénio Baptista informed Damião Cumbane, the lawyer for Ângela Leão, that, as of Monday (yesterday), his client Ângela Leão should attend the trial sessions to follow the hearings of declarants who have a connection to facts alleged against her. Ângela Leão, who had been excused for health reasons, appeared in court without that brilliance that is characteristic of her. She is debilitated.

When the hearing of the declarant Italma Ariane Simões Pereira was beginning, Damião Cumbane asked for the floor to inform the court that Ângela Leão was still not in condition to remain in the session room for long hours. And he regretted that those in charge of the Maputo Preventive Penitentiary Establishment, formerly the Cadeia Civil (Civil Prison), were making it difficult for the defendant Ângela Leão to access health care. "It has not been easy for her to have access to health care simply because those in charge of the prison facilities are not helpful"

At the request of Ângela Leão's lawyer, the judge gave the floor to the defendant Ângela Leão and she, with a choked voice, confirmed that she was not able to remain in the trial until late at night and reported the difficulties created by the prison management to prevent her from getting medical assistance. The judge admitted that the physical appearance of Ângela Leão indicated that she was not well, and said he would issue an order ordering the management of the Preventive Prison of Maputo to facilitate medical assistance to the Ângela Leão, taking her to the hospital whenever necessary.

Damião Cumbane thanked the judge for his decision, but warned that in the case file there is an order by Judge Evandra Uamusse, the magistrate who led the contradictory instruction, ordering that the prison management should take all measures to ensure medical assistance to the defendant Ângela Leão. "That order is not being complied with." In reaction, Judge Efigénio Baptista promised to personally go to the Maputo Preventive Penitentiary on Wednesday to get an explanation from the management.

The court resumed the hearing of the declarant Italma Simões Pereira and everything seemed to be going normally until when the Public Prosecutor was started her questioning. Ângela Leão got up to leave the tent where the sessions was taking place, but she could barely walk. She started to stagger and only did not fall because she was



One of the moments when Angela Leão was rescued



Judge Efigénio Baptista accompanying the moment when Angela Leão was transported to the hospital

promptly assisted by her co-defendants. The judge immediately interrupted the session to allow her to be assisted. And it was her family members (her husband Gregório Leão and her sister Mbanda Anabela Henning), her lawyers and some defendants who provided the first aid.

The assistance of the Maximum Security Penitentiary Institution, alias (BO) only appeared 10 minutes later. Later, Ângela Leão was

taken in a prison services vehicle to the hospital, accompanied by her husband and her sister. The judge returned to the tent only to announce the interruption of the session until Thursday and to announce the new schedule for the hearing of the declarants. So the declarants who have connection with facts that are charged to defendant Ângela Leão should be heard as soon as she is able to attend the trial.

Italma Pereira says her company Arktek has worked on the design and supervision of more than five home construction projects for Ângela Leão

The court yesterday heard the declarant Italma Ariane Simões Pereira, partner and manager of Arktek, a consulting and Management Company for architectural and engineering projects. The declarant confirmed that she met the defendant Mbanda Anabela Henning in 2012, through a friend. In 2013, Mbanda Henning, through her company Hight Imobiliária, engaged Arktek to design a project to build 14 houses at Costa do Sol Neighbourhood of the company Hight Imobiliária. For the work, Arktek charged USD 50,000.

In addition to designing the project, Arktek was later contracted to supervise the respective works, but this work was not carried through to completion due to a lack of understanding with the contractor, M Moçambique Construções, the company of the defendant Fabião Mabunda. "On several occasions, the contractor did not comply with Arktek's recommendations, in its capacity as supervisor of the works."

The declarant said that in late 2013, when she was still working on the supervision of Mbanda Henning's company work, she met her sister, the defendant Ângela Leão. A year later, Ângela Leão began presenting herself as the owner of the project. "At the time of design of the project, the owner was Mbanda Anabela Henning, but when construction started the project passed to Ângela Leão. I don't know what kind of deal the two sisters made."

Also in 2013, Ângela Leão hired Arktek to design two construction projects: one of four (4) identical houses at Costa do Sol Neighbourhood, and another of a nightclub at Belo Horizonte. For the work, Arktek charged USD 120,000. The nightclub project did not go ahead, as the documentation for the plot was still missing.

Later, the project of four (4) villas was scaled down to two equal villas and an eight (8) apartment building. The works were awarded to M Moçambique Construções and Ark-



Italma Ariane Simões Pereira

tek was responsible for the supervision. As with the 14 houses project, Arktek withdrew from supervising the works because the contractor M Moçambique Construções did not comply with its recommendations.

Italma Simões Pereira said that payments for the work were made by the defendant Ângela Leão, but also by the company M Moçambique Construções, at her direction. "I never understood why the payments were made by M Moçambique Construções. As M Moçambique was the contractor, it was not ethically correct for them to pay the supervision company."

Arktek also provided advisory services in Ângela Leão residential complex, located at Jonasse Neighbourhood, in Matola Rio, District of Boane, Maputo Province. The work was to review the architectural design and supervision of the works. For the review of the project, Arktek charged USD 16,500, and for the supervision it charged about USD 3,000 a month for a year.

The declarant confirmed that when Arktek

started supervising the works of the Jonasse residential complex, the contractor was M Moçambique Construções. Arktek was also hired to supervise the works of two houses of Ângela Leão located at Triunfo Neighbourhood, Maputo City at a price of USD 2,000 per month.

Later, Arktek was contracted by Ângela Leão to overhaul a building located in Quelimane City. But the company found that the solution was to destroy the work and design a new project. Arktek charged USD 22,000 for that. Ângela Leão also hired Arktek to design the project of a house in a one hectare area in Marracuene District, Maputo Province. The architectural project cost USD 33,000.

The declarant said that while working in the residential complex of Jonasse, there are times when Ângela Leão went there accompanied by a man named Barros, identified as her husband. This is Gregório Leão, Ângela Leão's husband and former General Director of the State Intelligence and Security Service (SISE).



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