

LXXV DAY OF THE "HIDDEN DEBT" SCANDAL TRIAL

The Court appoints Thursday to debate the provisional seizure of more than 50 properties and 40 plots of land

- The Public Prosecutor's Office has listed 45 properties (mostly flats) that it believes belong to the defendant António Carlos do Rosário, at the time of the facts National Director of SISE Intelligence and CEO of ProIndicus, EMATUM and MAM. There are also 16 plots of land (in Belo Horizonte, municipality of Boane) targeted by the request for provisional seizure.



- Who also saw his land (15 plots located in the Romão area, City of Maputo) to be listed by the Public Prosecutor is the defendant Manuel Renato Matusse, the Professor who served as political advisor of the former President of the Republic, Armando Guebuza.
- Judge Efigénio Baptista postponed to Thursday the debate of the contradictory deferred as the defense lawyers complained that they had not been notified of some annexes referred to by the Public Prosecutor. These are the records of external diligence with the location and exact description of some properties targeted by the injunction submitted by the Public Prosecutor's Office.

The Court of Justice, which is hearing the main case of the financial scandal of the "hidden debts", had scheduled for Monday the debate on the contradictory deferred seizure of assets of some defendants, after the hearing of the former President of the Republic Armando Guebuza, the last declarant.

This is a precautionary measure requested by the Public Prosecutor's Office and which must be submitted to adversarial proceedings to allow the defendants to state their case before the order of Judge Efigénio Baptista. "It is a 40-page order and must be delivered to the lawyers of each of the 19 defendants. As you can imagine, it's a lot of paper volume," the judge said.

Meanwhile, the Court postponed the deferred contradictory debate as the defense lawyers said they had not been notified of some attachments referred to by the Public Prosecutor's Office in its request for provisional seizure. These were external records indicating the exact location and description of some of the properties targeted by the precautionary measure submitted by the Public Ministry. The situation led Judge Efigénio Baptista to interrupt the hearing and schedule for Thursday the debate on the contradictory deferred seizure of property.

The civil action of seizure of assets triggered by the Public Prosecutor's Office is not aimed at all defendants, a situation that led the lawyer Isálcio Mahanjane to question the criteria used to include some and exclude others. "If the seizure is applied against some defendants the principle of equality provided for in Article 35 of the Constitution of the Republic will be violated.

According to the aforementioned article, "all citizens are equal before the law, enjoy the same rights and are subject to the same duties, regardless of colour, race, sex, ethnic origin, place of birth, religion, level of education, social position, marital status of parents, profession or political option".

From the list of assets listed by the Public Prosecutor, the highlight goes to the real estate registered in the name of the defendant António Carlos do Rosário (former Nation-



al Director of Economic Intelligence of SISE) and through companies created in his interest supposedly for the laundering of money from "hidden debts". These are the companies Indico Property, Txopela Investments and Mabassa Hotel.

The Public Prosecutor's Office says that António Carlos do Rosário is the owner of 30 Type 1 flats, which are located between the 11th and 18th floor of the Xenon Urban Apartments building, located on Julius Nyerere Avenue in Maputo City. In the same building, he owns a shop (on the ground floor), an auditorium, an office, a meeting room and a Type 2 flat. In the same building, he also owns a penthouse - a Type 3 flat on the 18th floor, with a terrace and swimming pool.

Still in the Mozambican capital, the former National Director of Economic Intelligence holds five (5) flats in Condomínio Zimpeto, located in the Zimpeto area, next to the Joaquim Chissano University (Universidade Joaquim Chissano), former Higher Institute of

International Relations (Instituto Superior de Relações Internacionais) (where the defendant graduated in International Relations and Diplomacy); a flat on Ahmed Sekou Touré Avenue; a warehouse (in the ZTC warehouses) in the Zimpeto area, on National Road No. 1.

In Zambézia province, António Carlos do Rosário owns four properties, all located in Quelimane city; and a plot of 5,436 square metres, located in Pebane district. In Maputo province, the defendant owns 16 plots of land located in Condomínio Natureza Viva, in Belo Horizonte district, in Boane municipality. He also owns a plot in the Costa do Sol area (behind the Taverna restaurant), Maputo City.

Speaking of plots of land, the Public Prosecutor's Office listed 15 plots located in the Romão area, Maputo City, belonging to the defendant Manuel Renato Matusse, political advisor of the President of the Republic Armando Guebuza at the time of the facts. The defendant's residence located in Muzingane, Limpopo district, Gaza province, is also in-

cluded in the restraining order.

The assets of the defendant Maria Inês Dove, former executive secretary of Armando Guebuza, are also the target of seizure request of the Public Prosecutor. They are a property located in Triunfo area, Maputo City; a hall called “Quinta Happy”, located in Matola Rio, Boane district, Maputo province; and a plot located on Avenida Marginal, in Polana Caniço district, in Maputo city.

The “Quinta Happy” events hall is registered as the property of the company Quinta Happy Lda, owned by the defendant Maria Inês Dove and Roberto André Dove; while the plot in Polana Caniço is referred to in the records as the property that Maria Inês Dove intended to sell to Jean Boustani, manager of the Privinvest group and responsible for paying bribes to staff involved in the “hidden debts”.

The defendant Cipriano Sisínio Mutota, a senior SISE officer, also saw his property being enlisted in the Public Prosecutor’s request for provisional seizure. These are two properties located in 25 de Junho district “A” and “B”, and a property located in Mapulango, Marracuene district. The application that will be submitted to the adversary on Thursday includes property of other defendants such as a property located on the 4th floor of Xiluva Condominium, Avenida Julius Nyerere, Maputo City, owned by Armando Ndambi Guebuza. The Public Prosecutor wants to seize a share corresponding to 5% of the capital held by the defendant Armando Ndambi Guebuza in Focus 21, a company of the Guebuza family.

The Public Prosecutor wants to seize two properties of the defendants Teofilo Nhang-



umele and Bruno Langa, both located in Djuba district, Boane district; a property of the defendant Zulficar Ali Ahmed located in Avenida Mao Tse Tung, Maputo City; and a house located in the Magoanine “A” area, of the defendant Fabião Salvador Mabunda.

In relation to the defendants Gregório Leão and Ângela Leão, the Public Prosecutor’s Office says the couple holds assets in their

personal name, as well as in the name of the company Anlaba Investments, in which the former General Director of SISE is listed as a shareholder. “It should be noted that other assets belonging to them have not yet been formally registered in their names, there being some plots of land in the name of Ambrósio Orrubale, brother of the defendant Gregório Leão José...”



EDITORIAL INFORMATION

<p>Property: CDD – Centro para Democracia e Desenvolvimento Director: Prof. Adriano Nuvunga Editor: Emídio Beula Author: Emídio Beula Team: Emídio Beula, sDimas Sinoa, Américo Maluana Layout: CDD</p>	<p>Address: Rua de Dar-Es-Salaam Nº 279, Bairro da Sommerschild, Cidade de Maputo. Telefone: +258 21 085 797</p> <p>Twitter: @CDD_moz E-mail: info@cddmoz.org Website: http://www.cddmoz.org</p>
--	--

<p>PROGRAMMATIC PARTNER</p>	<p>FINANCING PARTNERS</p>
------------------------------------	----------------------------------