

Justice Buys Chang Family Building for USD 4.2 Million to Serve as Inhambane Provincial Court

●The two-floor building is in the finishing stage and was bought through direct award by the Courts Vault for 270 million meticaís, equivalent to 4.2 million dollars at the exchange rate of the day. The company that won the suspected millionaire deal is called CONSÓRCIO INVESTIMENOS IMOBILIÁRIOS, LDA, and has links with Manuel Chang's family, through his son-in-law, named Ingilo Dalsuco.

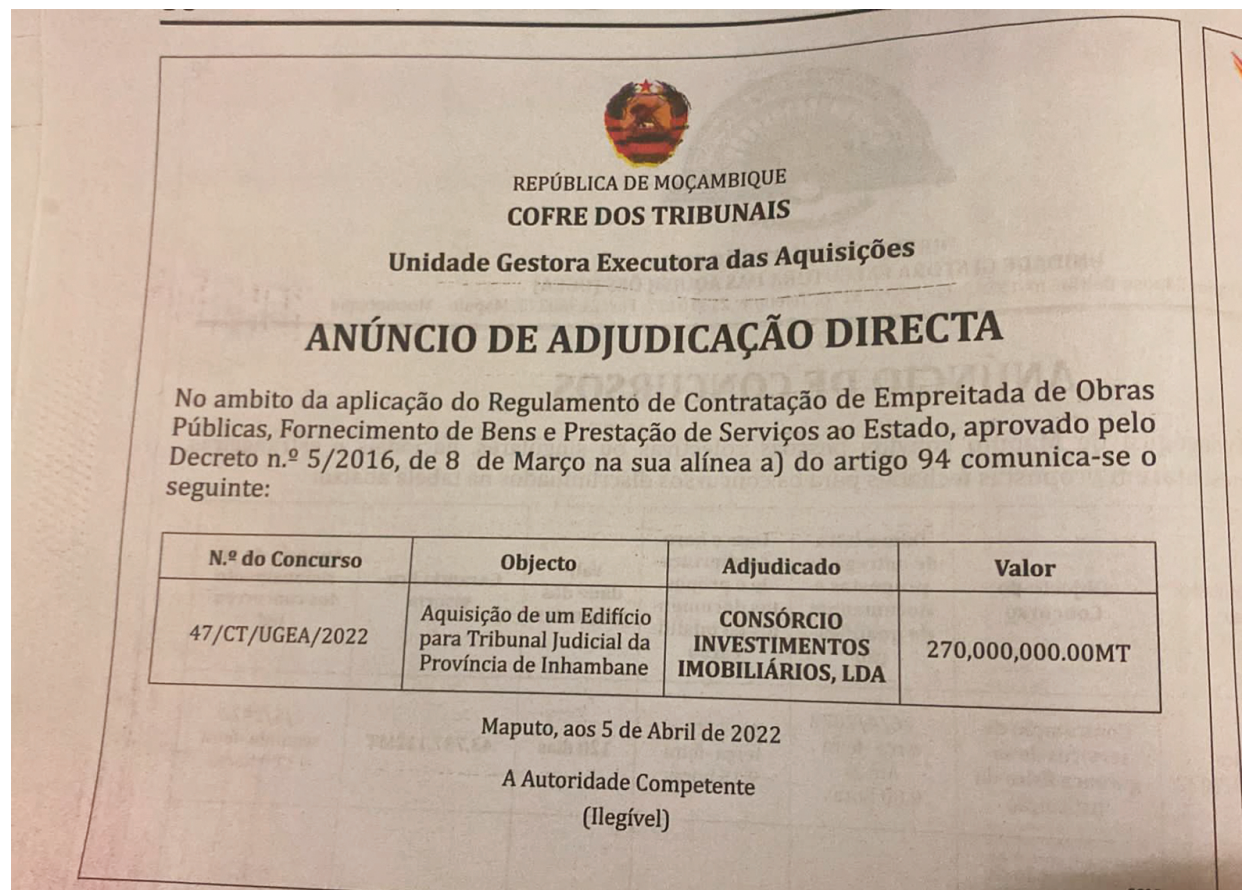


Building purchased for 4.2 million dollars.

● Described as a front man for the businesses of the former Minister of Finance, Ingilo Dalsuco built and sold buildings where several State institutions operate, in the city of Inhambane (his homeland), with emphasis on the Provincial Office for the Fight Against Corruption of Inhambane. Yes, the office that was supposed to investigate crimes of corruption and money laundering operates in the building sold by a company linked to the family of the former Minister of Finance, who is accountable to the Mozambican justice.



Ingilo Dalsuco, Manuel Chang's son-in-law



Through an advertisement published in the newspaper Notícias, edition of 05 April 2022, the Courts' Safe announced the purchase of the building for the Judicial Court of Inhambane Province for 270 million meticals, equivalent to 4.2 million dollars. The million-dollar deal was awarded to CONSÓRCIO INVESTIMENTOS IMOBILIÁRIOS, LDA, a company represented by Ingilo Dalsuco, son-in-law of Manuel Chang, former Minister of Finance between 2005 and 2015. This is a suspicious business deal, prima-

rily because of the way it was passed on to the family connected to the former Minister of Finance: direct award. It is difficult to understand how a deal to buy a building worth more than four million dollars is done by direct award. What led the Courts' Treasury to conclude that this two-storey building was the only solution in the city of Inhambane? Why didn't the Courts' Treasury launch a public tender? Why did the Courts' Treasury prefer to purchase a building still under construction and not invest in the construction of

a building from the ground up, as it has been doing in the districts?

Another question has to do with price. Besides the typology of the buildings, another issue that influences the prices in the real estate market is the city and/or area where the property is located. Well, the city of Inhambane, despite its tourist potential, is not attractive in real estate terms. So there is no justification for a two floor building of normal dimensions to be valued at more than four million dollars.

Even if the building bought by the Courts' Safe, with all the original features, was located in the Marginal of Maputo City, one of the most expensive prime areas of Mozambique, it would not be valued at 4.2 million dollars. The question that arises is how a two floor building built in the quiet city of Inhambane is being sold at such a high price compared to what would be charged in the prime area of Maputo City?

Apart from the direct adjudication and the absurd price of the building, are the connections of the company that won the millionaire business. The company CONSÓRCIO INVESTIMENOS IMOBILIÁRIOS, LDA is linked to Manuel Chang's family, through his son-in-law, Ingilo Dalsuco. It is known that in his capacity as Minister of Finance, Manuel Chang received bribes valued at almost 10 million dollars paid by the Privinvest group to enable the scheme of illegal loans granted to the companies ProIndicus, EMATUM and MAM.

In December 2018, he was detained in South Africa on American justice orders, which are calling for his extradition to the United States to answer for the crimes related to the illegal debts. The Mozambican justice, through the Attorney General's Office (PGR), also entered the fight for Chang's extradition to Maputo, which is why the former Finance Minister is still detained and awaiting a decision from the South African authorities.

In the political corridors, Ingilo Dalsuco is described as the front man for the Chang family. From son-in-law, Dalsuco has become the manager of the Chang family business and is believed to be investing the money the former Finance Minister received to enable the 'hidden debt' financial scandal. The money laundering scheme consists of buying ruins scattered around the city of Inhambane, Dalsuco's birthplace, and in their place constructing buildings with the aim of selling them to state institutions.

This is how Manuel Chang's son-in-law built and sold the buildings where the Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism, the National Communications Institute of Mozambique (INCM) - Telecommunications Regulatory Authority and the Provincial Office for the Fight Against Corruption in Inhambane operate. Yes, the office that was supposed to investigate crimes of corruption and money laundering operates in the building sold by a company linked to the family of the former Minister of Finance, which is accountable to the Mozambican justice.

The CDD argues that the least the Mozam-



Other buildings sold by Ingilo Dalsuco to the State.

bican justice system should do is to nullify the deal for the purchase of the Inhambane Province Judicial Court building and investigate its details to determine responsibility. And more: the justice system should investigate all business deals in which the Mozambican State and CONSÓRCIO INVESTIMENOS IMOBILIÁRIOS, LDA and other companies linked


to Ingilo Dalsuco were parties, starting with the purchase and sale of the buildings where the Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism, the National Communications Institute of Mozambique (INCM) - Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, and the Provincial Office of Anti-Corruption of Inhambane operate.



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