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MAIN STORIES

Cabo Delgado:
Insurgents, Jihadists
or Terrorists?

Will the South African
Military Intervene
in Mozambique?

Enters Rwanda

Covid-19

HIGHLIGHTS

- Recent reports suggest that the insurgency in Cabo Delgado is driven by radicalised Mozambicans, supported by foreign fighters.
- Reports/rumours are rife that the insurgents may launch a major attack following the end of Ramadan.
- South Africa risks both domestic and jihadist opposition should it militarily supports Mozambique's counter-insurgency efforts.
- Southern African Development Community (SADC) ministers accepted a plan for military intervention in Mozambique but an endorsement at a summit of leaders is still awaited. President Filipe Nyusi remains reluctant to involve foreign (SADC) troops.
- Rwanda dispatched a team of officers to assess the potential for its army to support Mozambique in its battle against Islamist insurgents.
- Mozambique came in at 101 out of 104 (1 = best) in the inaugural Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) report of 2021.
- The 2021 World Press Freedom Index of Reporters without Borders (RSF) has ranked Mozambique 108 out of 180 countries (1 = best).
- The Islamic Council of Mozambique (CISLAMO) wants government control over "any religious faith" to prevent radicalisation.
- Research found little evidence that illicit economies had become a major source of income for the insurgents.
- Cabo Delgado province's coastline has been designated a "Listed Area" by Lloyds and the International Underwriting Association (IUA).

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- The attacks in Cabo Delgado have caused losses of US\$209 million and led to the closure of 1 110 companies.
- Total declared *force majeure* on its LNG project in Mozambique with Fitch Solutions indicating a delay in the start of the project until 2026.
- Mozambique will receive up to US\$700 million in funding from the World Bank.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects Mozambique to recover from last year's 0.5% recession and grow by 2.1% this year and 4.7% in 2022.
- Fitch Solutions expects the Mozambican currency to depreciate from 55 to 74 meticals per US dollar by the end of 2021.
- "Various factors" prevent Mozambique's former Minister of Finance, Manuel Chang's extradition from South Africa to either the US or Mozambique.
- By 12 May 2021, the country had recorded 70 267 positive COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 67 884 people have recovered while 826 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 529 546. There are currently 1 556 active cases.

