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**Informal Finance and
the Cabo Delgado
Insurgency**

**Diplomats Relaying
Nyusi's Messages on
Cabo Delgado**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Joint Forces operations have shifted toward pursuing small groups of insurgents and preventing the insurgency group from reconstituting itself.
- President Filipe Nyusi has reconstructed the diplomatic corps to convey the "right messages" regarding the situation in Cabo Delgado.
- The government is keen to get the liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects restarting by 2022, but TotalEnergies target 2026 while ExxonMobil is reconsidering.
- The Institute for Multi-party Democracy (IMD) believes the Mozambican state budget needs greater transparency.
- The prosecution in the "hidden debt" trial reportedly has no evidence against President Nyusi or former President Armando Guebuza despite them allegedly approving all deals under investigation.
- Credit Suisse Group AG and VTB Capital separately agreed to pay fines for their involvement in the "hidden debt" scandal.
- Joint Forces commanders agreed various resolutions on the way forward but Rwandan commanders are dissatisfied with SAMIM's 'operational reluctance'.
- Former President Joaquim Chissano favours negotiations with remnants of the Renamo Military Junta while a new Junta leader emerges.
- The World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) expect the economy to grow at 2.3% and 2.5% respectively in 2021 but public debt will remain above 100% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- By 26 October 2021, the country had recorded 151 226 positive COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 148 666 people have recovered while 1 928 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 935 296.
- The United Kingdom (UK) is cutting aid to Mozambique.

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- Rwanda and Mozambique signed an agreement that will boost their economic development through trade and investment activities.
- The European Union (EU) training mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique) was officially launched in October 2021.

