



### MAIN STORIES

#### Mozambique Shifts Gear with its New Strategy for the North

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A counter-terrorism strategy has been developed with 'solutions to local problems' that are driving the insurgency.
- The government is seeking a review of the terrorism laws, including related crimes dealing with violent extremism.
- Mozambique scored 26/100 (zero being highly corrupt) in the 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) of Transparency International.
- Former President Armando Guebuza's testimony in the "hidden debt" trial implicated President Filipe Nyusi, while Finance Minister Adriano Maleiane blamed his predecessor.
- Fighting continues in Cabo Delgado province, albeit at a lower level, while insurgents have egressed from Niassa province to the former province.
- The African Union's (AU) Peace and Security Council (PSC) endorsed the SAMIM deployment while also seeking international financial support for the latter.
- The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) sees no co-optation of existing illicit markets by the insurgents in Mozambique.
- Human Rights Watch's (HRW) World Report 2022 indicates a worsening of the human rights situation in Mozambique.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) assisted nearly a million Mozambicans in December 2021 but requires US\$143.8 million for January to June 2022.
- The government is to finance the immediate resumption of economic activities in Cabo Delgado districts affected by the insurgent attacks.
- TotalEnergies will not exit the force majeure in Cabo Delgado province until the situation is stable and the population has returned to their villages.

# MOZAMBIQUE



- By 22 February 2022, the country had recorded 224 920 positive COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 219 106 people have recovered while 2 189 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 1 259 935.
- Grindrod Ltd is to triple capacity at its dry-bulk port terminals in Mozambique to cater to the growing demand for coal exports from South Africa.
- Mozambique is seeking diplomatic support for its bid to become a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- The European Union's (EU) Head of Military Staff' wants EU troops deployed in Cabo Delgado province while President Nyusi wants EU financial assistance.
- Mozambique and France signed an agreement on maritime security.

