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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Mozambican insurgency is, among others, financed through a number of means by Islamic State (IS) sympathisers and 'terrorist cells' in South Africa.
- The government's Northern Resilience and Integrated Development Strategy (ERDIN) appears to be faltering.
- Mozambique is ranked 116 out of 180 countries (1=best; 180=worst) on the 2022
- World Press Freedom Index, down from 108 in 2021.
- The National Elections Commission (CNE) does not have the finances to organise the municipal elections scheduled for October 2023.
- The Frelimo Central Committee will meet at the end of May 2022 to prepare for the 12th party congress.
- Kidnappings have been rampant with members of the Criminal Investigation Service (SERNIC), police, magistrates and lawyers involved.
- There has been a resurgence of insurgent attacks and kidnappings in Nangade, Palma, and Macomia districts.
- Mozambican insurgents receive training in Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) camps in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- The World Food Programme (WFP) is to cut food rations by half for 900 000 internally displaced people (IDPs) due to a funding shortage.
- By 17 May 2022, the country had recorded 225 503 positive COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 223 217 people have recovered while 2 201 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 1 320 294.
- The World Bank April 2022 Macro Poverty Outlook states that Mozambique's economy recovered moderately in 2021 with 2.2% growth.
- Draft legislation is being finalised by the government to oversee the management of a sovereign wealth fund to be established later this year.

MOZAMBIQUE



- The Mozambican government approved new minimum wages on a sectoral basis.
- Standard Chartered's funding of the Mozambican liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects will enhance emissions far beyond the United Kingdom's total target.
- TotalEnergies' operations in Mozambique are unlikely until at least 2023 but subcontractors are being engaged to prepare for a resumption of work.
- Brazilian mining company Vale has completed the sale of assets in coal exploration in Mozambique to India's Vulcan Minerals.
- Uganda is considering deploying a large Uganda People's Defense Forces (UPDF) contingent to assist in fighting the insurgency in Cabo Delgado province.
- Mozambique is on track for election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

