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**Donors and the
Government's
Explanation of the Cabo
Delgado Conflict**

**Total's Patrick
Pouyanné is not Backing
Down**

**ExxonMobil and ENI
Leave Totalenergies in
Lurch Over Afungi**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Donors seem to accept government's lessening of the socio-political dimension in strategy to develop northern Mozambique.
- TotalEnergies' CEO is still bent on delivering on Mozambique's liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects.
- ExxonMobil and ENI prefer floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) projects, leaving TotalEnergies in the lurch with the on-land Afungi project.
- The National Elections Commission (CNE) is to set up a monitoring and management system for upcoming elections to mitigate electoral risks.
- A South African court has ruled in favour of former finance minister Manuel
- Chang's extradition to the US despite Mozambican government attempts to prevent it.
- Insurgent attacks continued at a relatively slow pace but with a greater willingness to directly confront Mozambican security forces.
- A government verification team is working in Cabo Delgado province to ascertain the security situation for a resumption of TotalEnergies' projects.
- President Filipe Nyusi has denied that inter-religious conflict is playing any role in the insurgency.
- While refugee numbers reached 946 000 people in June 2022, many were leaving the displacement centres without formal government approval.
- Higher external demand for Mozambican products boosted exports in the first quarter of 2022 with the value of exports increasing by US\$724 million.
- The Bank of Mozambique extended the suspension of Standard Bank from the country's Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (MCI) for another year.
- Standard Bank believes that Insecurity in Mozambique is the biggest impediment to a greater flow of investment into the country.

MOZAMBIQUE



- Year-on-year inflation was 11.77% in July, the highest level in nearly five years.
- The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Carlos Zacarias, said on 22 July 2022 that the governments of Mozambique and South Africa were accelerating negotiations on the speedy implementation of projects to increase electricity production and fill South Africa's energy deficit.
- Mozambique could buy Russian oil in roubles, after Russia presented the option to the government. Russia favours the rouble and metical to maintain trade transactions with Mozambique.
- President Nyusi announced a cut in profit tax (IRPC) as one of a range of measures intended to stimulate the economy.

