



### MAIN STORIES

**EU NavFor Somalia  
Ready to Assist EUTM  
Mozambique**

**Mozambique Appears to  
be Prioritising LNG  
Profits Over Security of  
its People**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The government's prioritisation of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects could come at the cost of sacrificing the security of local communities.
- There is a possibility that the European Union Naval Force Somalia (EU NavFor) mission may assist counter-insurgency operations in Mozambique.
- President Filipe Nyusi was re-elected for the leadership of the ruling Frelimo party for the next five years.
- Frelimo attempts to manipulate the election of an important candidate for the National Elections Commission (CNE) were defeated.
- The October 2022 Basel Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Index ranks Mozambique in 4th position out of 128 countries (1=high risk; 128=low risk)
- Insurgent activities remain at a relatively low level while SAMIM forces have stepped up counterinsurgency operations despite logistical challenges.
- The humanitarian situation across Cabo Delgado has continued to deteriorate with displacement figures increasing by 20%.
- Mozambique's Human Development Index (HDI) value for 2021 is 0.446, which places the country in the Low human development category.
- By 18 October 2022, the country had recorded 230 370 COVID-19 cases. Of these cases, 228 146 people have recovered while 2 224 people have died. The total number of tests carried out was 1 371 127.
- The draft law creating the Sovereign Wealth Fund (FSM) is now complete, providing for the participation of social organisations in monitoring accounts.
- The state's business sector lacks transparency and is not sustainable, with some companies technically bankrupt, needing State interventions for their survival.

# MOZAMBIQUE



- The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook foresees Mozambique's 2022 growth rate at 3.7% while it is expected to be 4.9% in 2023.
- IMF approval of the First Review of the programme under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement has been reached.
- The Monetary Policy Committee (CPMO) of the Bank of Mozambique increased the monetary policy interest rate from 15.25% to 17.25%.
- The Mozambican Association of Banks (AMB) kept the prime rate for credit operations in Mozambique at 20.6%.
- The Bank of Mozambique imposed fines on seven commercial banks, one financial institution and four microfinance operators between June 2021 and August 2022.
- Parliament on 12 October 2022, by consensus, approved the draft law establishing the legal framework for bank accounts. Renamo deputy Carlos Manuel said that the law would help combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism.
- Mozambique and Tanzania signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) aimed at sharing intelligence to combat transnational organised crime.
- Mozambique abstained from a UN vote in condemning Russia's annexing parts of Ukraine while Ukraine is lobbying the country to change its diplomatic approach.

