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**UN Security Council
Monitoring Team Report
on Insurgency in
Mozambique**

**US Africa Command's
Perspective on
Terrorism in Africa**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The trajectory of the insurgency has changed significantly; but differences of opinion about Islamic State leadership influences may lead to an incorrect counter-insurgency strategy.
- Mozambique has maintained its 26th position in the 2022 Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG) with some progress in the category of 'Human Development' but a slowdown in 'Foundations for Economic Opportunity'.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) 2022 Democracy Index ranks Mozambique 117 out of 165 countries (1 being best); an "Authoritarian Regime."
- Transparency International's (TI) Corruption Perception Index 2022 (CPI) scored Mozambique 26 out of 100 (100 is best) with a ranking of 142 out of 180 countries (1 is best).
- The voter pilot registration process for municipal elections was successful, but there was an estimated 46% cost increase for this election.
- The European Union (EU) will increase support for Mozambique and cooperation with South Africa to fight the insurgency in Mozambique more effectively.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) may suspend the distribution of food aid in Cabo Delgado from February due to a lack of funds.
- Mozambique will be a main exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Africa by 2032, but the insurgency poses a major risk to LNG projects.
- TotalEnergies is awaiting an expert-report on the humanitarian situation in Cabo Delgado before deciding to restart its LNG projects.
- A final investment decision (FID) in the LNG Area 4 may be delayed by months due to differences of opinion between ExxonMobil and ENI on how to proceed.

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- Portugal's Galp Energia mandated Bank of America to prepare a sale of its 10% stake in the LNG project in Mozambique's Rovuma basin.
- A high tax burden of 36.1% on companies in Mozambique is threatening to wipe out company profits, undermining business viability and competitiveness.
- President Filipe Nyusi wants the Bank of Mozambique to request commercial banks to resume financial operations in Cabo Delgado due to an improvement in security.
- The US respects Mozambique's foreign policy, but has reaffirmed its position that neutrality is impossible in the face of the war in Ukraine.
- Switzerland is to support parts of northern Mozambique affected by the armed insurgency with a programme valued at US\$123 million over four years.
- Mozambique takes over the rotating month-long presidency of the UN Security Council for the first time on 1 March, determined to raise the alarm bell over the rising threat that terrorism poses to the entire continent.

