



MAIN STORIES

**Return of the Populations
and Reconstruction of
the Northeast of Cabo
Delgado**

**Cross-Border
Cooperation Could Curb
Kidnappings in
Mozambique**

**Mozambique: Rwanda
Extradition Treaty
Payback for Fighting
jihadists?**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The return of tens of thousands of individuals to the northeast of Cabo Delgado, as well as the return of employees and reopening of public services, is an important indicator of improved safety, which increases expectations for the return of the gas extraction project by TotalEnergies.
- The absence of an effective deterrent allows kidnapping syndicates to thrive, expanding their operations into neighbouring South Africa.
- Rwandan military support for Mozambique comes at the price of human rights violations for Rwandan refugees residing in the country.
- Freedom House's Freedom in the World 2023 report rated Mozambique as "Partly Free" with an aggregate score of 45/100 (0=Least Free).
- Mozambique scored 3.18 (high impunity) and is ranked at 25 out of 197 countries (197=best) in the Atlas of Impunity report.
- The National Elections Commission (CNE) still suffers from a lack of government funds to manage the 2023 local elections.
- Mozambique was ordered by a London Judge to allow access to "hidden debt" case documents or risk derailing a London lawsuit against Credit Suisse.
- Limited insurgent activities had been noted for almost a month as rains restricted everyone's movements.
- Tropical Cyclone Freddy resulted in at least 53 deaths, adversely affecting 224 000 people with cholera cases on the rise.
- The 2023 Index of Economic Freedom ranked Mozambique 134 out of 176 countries (1=best) putting it in the category of "Mostly Unfree" nations.
- The 2023 Legatum Prosperity Index scored Mozambique 42.7 out of 100 (100=best) for prosperity putting the country 150th out of 167 countries (1=best).

MOZAMBIQUE



- A new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for Mozambique was endorsed by the World Bank (2023-2027). It gives a positive review of the situation in Cabo Delgado.
- The World Bank reported Mozambican economic growth of 4.1% in 2022, led by the agriculture and services sectors which contributed 60% of the total.
- Indications are growing that TotalEnergies will accept a security zone in the two districts around the on-land liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects.
- Mozambique's ability to keep servicing its rising debt pile depends on the resumption of TotalEnergies' US\$20-billion LNG project.
- President Filipe Nyusi's visits to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia are indicative of their growing economic prominence in Mozambique.

