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TotalEnergies Report on Cabo Delgado with a Recommended Action Plan

Will Municipal Elections be Good for Mocímboa da Praia?

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HIGHLIGHTS

- TotalEnergies' Rufin report recommends a socio-economic development programme for Cabo Delgado province and a review of the Mozambican Defence Forces (FADM) framework relationship with Mozambique LNG.
- Local elections in Mocímboa da Praia may benefit Frelimo but will not change the challenges of under-development and the root causes of the insurgency.
- The insurgency in Mozambique receives less than 2% of the total funding that the Islamic State (IS) obtains for its Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP).
- The voter registration for local elections ended with about 1.4 million potential voters failing to register due to alleged deliberate obstruction of the process.
- President Filipe Nyusi is seeking immunity in the "hidden debts" London trial while former Finance Minister Manuel Chang will be extradited to the US following a final South African constitutional court ruling.
- Insurgent attacks remain low but large-scale insurgent movements were reported across Macomia district.
- Two European based organisations have started mediation initiatives between the different parties in the Cabo Delgado conflict to end the insurgency.
- President Nyusi indicated that 300 000 of 800 000 displaced people in Cabo Delgado had returned to their areas of origin.
- TotalEnergies' planned restart of its liquefied natural gas (LNG) project put a US\$4.7 billion loan agreement with the US at risk.

MOZAMBIQUE



- The African Development Bank (AfDB) stated that Gross Domestic Growth (GDP) may rise to 4.8% in 2023 and 8.3% in 2024.
- Bank of Mozambique flagged high government spending while Moody's rating agency expressed concern about persistent liquidity problems.
- Ukraine is to open an embassy in Mozambique following a meeting with President Nyusi.
- Russia plans a meeting between Presidents Nyusi and Vladimir Putin in July on the side-lines of the Russia-Africa summit in St Petersburg.

