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MAIN STORIES

Anxiety Remains as Rwanda Protects Cabo Delgado

Renamo Leadership Contest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Anxiety exists that the Rwandan forces may eventually leave, exposing the population again to attacks by insurgents.
- A Renamo leadership contest is dividing the party in the run-up to the 2024 presidential election.
- President Filipe Nyusi, the electoral state institutions as well as the police have played down allegations of widespread local election fraud and state violence.
- The lack of freedom of expression has again surfaced after a prominent investigative journalist was killed under suspicious circumstances.
- Despite government claims of retaking most territory from insurgents, attacks have escalated since December 2023, linked to a new global strategy by Islamic State (IS), and a new leader for IS-Mozambique (ISM).
- The European Union Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM) may change its mandate to allow the deployment of EU troops to Mozambique.
- The National Disaster Management Institute (INGD)
 warned about the impact of natural disasters on the
 population while the government is battling to contain
 the spread of cholera.
- The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2024 report projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 5.2% (2024), and 6.2% (2025) with inflation at 7.5-7.6%.
- The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) foresees significant risks for Mozambique in the liquified natural gas (LNG) projects, and suggests less-risky development initiatives instead.



- President Nyusi believes that TotalEnergies may resume the LNG project in Cabo Delgado province in the next three months.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) disbursed US\$60.7 million as budget support following the conclusion of its 3rd Extended Credit Facility (ECF) review.
- The government approved a Strategy for Combating the Financing of Terrorism over the 2024-2029 period.
- Ukraine has opened a diplomatic mission in Mozambique.
- President Nyusi and Prime Minister Modi of India have renewed a commitment to strengthen cooperation, especially in business and the economy.

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