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The 2025 Annual Report on Legality, presented on 22 April 2026 by the Attorney General, Américo Letela, not only fails to clarify critical issues but also raises serious doubts about the institutional capacity of the Public Prosecutor's Office to deal with crimes of a potentially political nature in Mozambique. Far from bolstering public confidence, the report reveals factual inconsistencies, significant omissions and a lack of concrete progress in holding those responsible for serious human rights violations to account, including the murder of Elvino Dias and the excessive use of force during post-election demonstrations.

In the case of Elvino Dias, the report contains a factual inconsistency which, whilst basic, is institutionally serious: the reference to 20 October 2024 as a Monday, when in reality it was a Sunday. In a document of this nature, this type of error cannot be treated as an irrelevant detail, as it raises legitimate doubts about the accuracy, internal verification and overall reliability of the information presented.

Even more worrying is the contradictory handling of the lines of inquiry. Following the murder of Elvino Dias, the Mozambican National Police publicly put forward the theory of a 'crime of passion'. However, this narrative disappears entirely from the Attorney General's report, without any explanation. This omission is not neutral: it suggests a lack of institutional coherence and raises the possibility of fragility or even arbitrariness in the conduct of the investigations. The lack of clarification regarding the abandonment of this line of inquiry undermines transparency and prevents effective public scrutiny.

The report also introduces the hypothesis of the involvement of Nini Satar, who is now deceased. The use of a deceased individual as a central element of an investigative line raises serious concerns regarding the soundness of the case. In addition to completely limiting the adversarial process, this approach may, in practice, act as a barrier to effective accountability, as it prevents judicial scrutiny and a full verification of the facts. Without the presentation of robust material evidence, this line of investigation risks being perceived as a convenient but insufficient solution.

At the same time, the report is conspicuously silent on the accountability of members of the Armed Forces and the Police of the Republic of Mozambique involved in the excessive use of force during post-election demonstrations. Given consistent reports of deaths, serious injuries and disproportionate restrictions on fundamental rights, the lack of concrete progress cannot be interpreted as a mere technical limitation; it constitutes a worrying sign of institutional tolerance of potential abuses. This inaction directly undermines the State's duty to investigate, punish and provide redress for human rights violations.

The situation is exacerbated by the persistence of violations in the north of the country, particularly in Mogovolas, where killings of gold miners continue to be reported without any visible institutional response. The repetition of these patterns, without effective intervention, points to a weakening of the rule of law and the consolidation of a culture of impunity.

Taken as a whole, the report reveals not only operational limitations but also deep-seated structural weaknesses in the work of the Attorney General's Office. The lack of consistency in the accounts, the lack of transparency and the inability to produce concrete results in sensitive cases reinforce the perception that the justice system faces serious difficulties in dealing with politically high-profile crimes.

Thus, rather than dispelling doubts, the 2025 Annual Legality Report contributes to a deepening of public mistrust. In a context marked by political tensions and allegations of human rights violations, this situation is not only worrying but potentially destabilising. It is therefore urgent to effectively strengthen the independence, transparency and technical capacity of judicial institutions, lest a scenario be consolidated in which impunity ceases to be the exception and becomes the rule.

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