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DECIDE DELIVERS 1,137 FILES TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL ON POLICE VIOLENCE DURING POST-ELECTORAL DEMONSTRATIONS



The DECIDE Platform today delivered to the Office of the Prosecutor-General (PGR) a collection of 1,137 files, including videos and photographs, gathered and documented as part of its monitoring of the post-electoral demonstrations of 2024.

The material was submitted in connection with the criminal complaint filed by civil society organisations against former Minister of the Interior, Pascoal Ronda, and former Commander-General of the Police of the Republic of Mozambique, Bernardino Rafael, concerning alleged human rights violations committed during the post-electoral period, including deaths, arrests, torture, police violence and enforced disappearances.

Of the 1,137 files submitted, more than 500 videos were collected through a public campaign launched by DECIDEto expand the documentation of events recorded in different parts of the country. Conducted over a period of 36 hours, the campaign encouraged citizens who had relevant audiovisual material to share it for documentation, preservation and potential use by the competent authorities.

This is the third time that DECIDE has submitted material of this nature to the judicial authorities, following previously reported technical difficulties in accessing files submitted earlier. For the organisation, ensuring the preservation, accessibility and analysis of this material is essential to enable the facts to be properly investigated and to ensure that victims and their families have access to truth, justice and reparation.

The scale of the material submitted reflects the magnitude of the post-electoral crisis monitored by DECIDE. According to data documented by the organisation in its reports on the post-electoral demonstrations, more than 400 people lost their lives and approximately 7,200 were arrested during the protests and clashes that followed the 9 October 2024 elections.

DECIDE's most recent data further indicate that 1,391 people remain detained, nearly two years after the demonstrations began.

These figures form part of DECIDE's ongoing monitoring and documentation work and have supported its advocacy efforts with national institutions and international human rights mechanisms.

According to DECIDE Executive Director, Wilker Dias, the latest submission is intended to strengthen the ongoing investigation and ensure that the material collected is duly considered by the competent authorities.

"We are once again submitting material documenting serious events that occurred during the demonstrations. We hope that, this time, the files will be properly accessed and analysed and that they will contribute to establishing the facts and ensuring accountability in accordance with the law."

DECIDE considers it essential that the submitted material be technically accessible and properly analysed, particularly in a case involving allegations of serious human rights violations. The organisation will continue to monitor the investigation by national authorities, as well as international accountability mechanisms addressing the alleged violations that occurred during the post-electoral period.

DECIDE also intends to request a meeting with the judicial authorities to obtain clarification on the progress of the case and the next steps in the investigation, nearly two years after the proceedings were initiated.

DECIDE reaffirms its commitment to documentation, preserving memory, defending the rights of victims, and promoting truth, justice and accountability.

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