

# URGENT ACTION

## JOURNALIST'S DISAPPEARANCE MUST BE INVESTIGATED

Mozambican journalist and politician, **Arlindo Chissale**, 46, has not been seen since January 7. Witnesses who spoke with **Arlindo Chissale's** family revealed that on January 7, they saw him being removed from a public minibus and beaten before being driven away by alleged members of the defense and security forces. On January 16, his family filed a complaint at the 2nd police station in Pemba, Cabo Delgado, but to date, authorities have not publicly announced any investigation initiated or underway, despite the leads and testimonies from his family. This is not the first case of a journalist disappearing in Cabo Delgado. The Mozambican authorities must urgently locate **Arlindo Chissale** and investigate the circumstances of his enforced disappearance and reveal his fate and whereabouts.

### TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **UA 18.25**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

### Prosecutor General of the Republic

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### CC: Embassy of Mozambique in the United States

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Dear Prosecutor General,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the enforced disappearance of journalist and politician, **Arlindo Chissale**, and the lack of any public communication from the authorities about the start or progress of any investigation into his case or the failure to reveal his fate and whereabouts.

On January 7, witnesses saw **Arlindo Chissale** being removed from the public minibus he was in and taken away by a group of men, three of whom were dressed in military uniforms. Witnesses then told his family they saw him being beaten and forced into a second vehicle, a white car with no license plates. **Arlindo Chissale** has not been seen since.

On January 16, his family filed a complaint at the 2nd police station in Pemba, Cabo Delgado, but to date, authorities have not publicly announced any investigation initiated or underway, despite the leads and testimonies from his family.

I call on you to ensure that **Arlindo Chissale's** enforced disappearance is promptly, thoroughly, independently, impartially, transparently, and effectively investigated with his fate and whereabouts disclosed. Anyone suspected of being responsible should be brought to justice in fair trials. Authorities must follow up on all existing leads to publicly clarify where **Arlindo Chissale** is, and how and why he was forcibly disappeared.

Yours sincerely,

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Arlindo Chissale** is a husband and father of five children. He is a journalist and editor for [Pinnacle News](#), an online news outlet that also covers the ongoing conflict in Cabo Delgado. He is also an active supporter of opposition candidate, Venâncio Mondlane, a former independent presidential candidate in the general elections held on October 9, 2024.

Arlindo Chissale has also written about the elections and the widespread allegations of irregularities, which sparked protests across the country, resulting in, according to Civil Society Organizations monitoring the crisis, more than [300 deaths](#), many of which have been attributed to security forces. His enforced disappearance comes at a time when the opposition party, Podemos, has [denounced](#) that over 100 of its members have either forcibly disappeared, been abducted, detained, or killed since the start of the protests in October 2024.

Arlindo Chissale is not the first journalist to go missing in Cabo Delgado. In April 2020, another journalist, Ibrahimo Mbaruco, forcibly disappeared in Palma district, allegedly abducted by military personnel. To this day, his fate and whereabouts remain unknown, and the public prosecutor archived the case without any resolution.

This is not the first time Arlindo Chissale has been targeted by the authorities. On August 29, 2022, he was [detained](#) and held incommunicado by the police for 3 days, according to his family he was later granted provisional release and issued a TIR-Term of Identity and Residency.

**PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET:** Portuguese or your own language.

**PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL:** August 17, 2025

**NAME AND PRONOUN:** Arlindo Chissale (He/Him)