

URGENT ACTION

JUSTICE FOR WOMAN SHOT IN THE FACE

On March 5, designer, Alcina Nhaume, was shot in the face inside her atelier in Maputo, Mozambique's capital, when security forces deployed to disperse protests in Michafutene, opened fire. A bullet pierced a metal barrier and struck her in the face, causing severe injuries. According to her doctors, Alcina Penicela Nhaume will never speak again, nor eat normally, unless she undergoes specialized surgery abroad. Despite the authorities' promises to investigate the incident, no accountability has yet been demonstrated. Alcina Nhaume remains in hospital as her health condition is still critical.

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 24.25**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

Prosecutor General of the Republic

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Dear Prosecutor General,

I am writing to express grave concern for designer, **Alcina Nhaume**, who was shot in the face inside her atelier, in Maputo, Mozambique.

The images shared by Alcina's family show her face severely damaged and disfigured. Alcina Nhaume was hospitalized at the Maputo Central Hospital, where her doctors say she will remain for the next few months as her health is in critical condition. She is currently being fed through tubes, and according to her doctors she will never speak again, and will struggle to eat, unless she undergoes specialized surgery abroad.

The authorities said they would investigate Alcina Nhaume's shooting. However, Amnesty International is concerned that this may be just an empty promise, as has happened many times before, and that the results of any such investigations will not be made public, nor will the perpetrators be held accountable. As per Article 58 of the Constitution of the Republic of Mozambique, "the state is responsible for damages caused by illegal acts of its agents in the performance of their duties, without prejudice to the right of recourse under the law."

Alcina Nhaume is one of the more than 700 victims shot by the authorities since October 21, 2024, in the violent post-election crackdown in the country.

I call on you to conduct an independent and transparent investigation, and ensure that the findings are made public, and that the perpetrators are held accountable in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alcina Nhaume is a young designer. She has her own atelier and was doing her bachelor's in design at the Higher Institute of Arts and Culture. She takes care of her father and manages their household.

Alcina Nhaume's doctors found traces of gunpowder on her face and attributed her injury to a gunshot. In line with their obligations under international human rights law and Mozambican law, authorities must guarantee comprehensive reparation to Alcina Nhaume, including adequate monetary compensation, comprehensive medical assistance, and rehabilitation.

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

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: August 19, 2025

NAME AND PRONOUN: Alcina Nhaume (She/her)