



Embassy of the Republic of Angola to the Nordic Countries and Baltic States of Estonia and Lithuania

Edition nº 16

31 July.2008

Press Release

IN THE FUTURE WE TRUST

Head of State Visits Zango Housing Project

Angolan Head of State José Eduardo dos Santos visited the construction works of Zango III and IV housing project, in Viana district, about 30 kilometres of centre of the capital, Luanda, expected to provide accommodation for about 7,000 families.



Angolan President
José Eduardo dos Santos

The completion of the works of the social impact project is expected for October 2009, under the responsibility of the construction companies, Odebrecht, Acosante, Efes, Namk, Arkus and Afretrack.
Source: ANGOP Page. 2

Angolan Finance Minister Receives Financial Times Prize



The Angolan Cabinet minister, José Pedro de Morais (FOTO), in Luanda received from the hands of Stephen Timewell, editor-in-chief of the prestigious British financial magazine "The Banker", owned by the Financial Times group, the prize of Best African Finance Minister in 2007.

Source: ANGOP Page. 2

Government Prioritises Geological Survey of National Territory

The Angolan government will prioritise the geological survey of the whole territory so as to improve the knowledge on the mineral potential, announced Sunday here the deputy minister of Geology and Mining, Mankenda Ambroise. Source: ANGOP Page. 6



Prime Minister Defends Companies to Ensure Sustainable Food

Angolan prime minister, Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, in northern Malanje province, spoke out for the creation of large agro-industrial companies to ensure the sustainability of food stocks. Source: ANGOP Page. 3



Other News



Government Sets Aside AKz 1.2 Billion For Political Parties Campaign

Angolan Government will set aside a global amount of AKz 1.2 billion (Usd 1.00 = Akz 70.00 AKz) aimed at funding the electoral campaign of political parties for the next September 5 legislative elections. Page. 4



Oil Production Sets Huge Challenge to Navy in protecting the installations from enemy attacks. Page. 5



Angola Is Norway`s Main Partner in Africa - Release

Angola is the most important economic partner of Norway in Africa, with annual exports estimated at USD 300,000 and a total investment of six billion dollars, mainly in the oil sector. Page. 4

Head of State Visits Zango Housing Project



Angolan head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos (left), learns of Zango III and IV housing project

Angolan Head of State José Eduardo dos Santos visited the construction works of Zango III and IV housing

project, in Viana district, about 30 kilometres of centre of the capital, Luanda, expected to provide accommodation for about 7,000 families.

The completion of the works of the social impact project is expected for October 2009, under the responsibility of the construction companies, Odebrecht, Acosante, Efes, Namk, Arkus and Afretrack.

The beneficiaries of the project are people who have been moved from various zones seen as inappropriate for dwelling.

In addition to the construction of houses, the project includes health centres, commercial shops, bakeries, churches, a Management High School, police station, a supermarket and other facilities.

Source: ANGOP

Angolan Finance Minister Receives Financial Times Prize

The Angolan Cabinet minister, José Pedro de Morais, in Luanda received from the hands of Stephen Timewell, editor-in-chief of the prestigious British financial magazine "The Banker", owned by the Financial Times group, the prize of Best African Finance Minister in 2007.

The award handover ceremony took place in the sidelines of the forum on Economy and Finance, held in a promotion of the Angolan Association of Banks (Abanc), an event intended to analyse Angola's and the world's financial and banking sectors.

On the occasion, the Angolan Finance minister extended the prize to President José Eduardo dos Santos, whose leadership as head of the government has enabled the achievement of macroeconomic stability for the country.

According to José Pedro de Morais, the results obtained with the government's macroeconomic policies, in the last six years, have only been possible due to a leadership that is technically efficient and politically committed to the big aspirations of the people.

He also stressed that the improvement of the macroeconomic indicators, in the past six years, is also due to the support given by the Prime Minister and other members of the government, especially the Angolan Executive's economic team, headed by the Premier's Assistant Minister, Aguinaldo Jaime, as well



Finance minister, José Pedro de Morais

as the contribution of the ruling MPLA secretary for Economic and Social Policies, Manuel Júnior.

The British magazine awarded the mentioned prize to the Angolan Finance minister in January 2008.

José Pedro Morais was appointed Finance minister in 2002, and throughout this period he has fostered a modernisation of the country's integrated public finances and the customs systems, which has brought about gains in terms of data management and also in fiscal revenue. **Source: ANGOP**



Prime Minister Defends Companies to Ensure Sustainable Food



Angolan prime minister, Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos

Angolan prime minister, Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, in northern Malanje province, spoke out for the creation of large agro-industrial companies to ensure the sustainability of food stocks.

The government official was speaking during a visit he paid to the State-owned Pungo-Andongo farm, in the district of Cacuso.

Fernando Dias dos Santos considered Pungo-Andongo farm as a good practical example as of how to move a bit faster to ensure the sustainability of the populations, their self-sufficiency and creation of surplus.

To the Prime minister, the emergence of other such ventures as Pungo-Andongo farm should be encouraged, as a help to improve the supply of food to the populations and their general living conditions.

Pungo Andongo farm, with a total of 36,000 hectares, was inaugurated in July 2006, and yielded its first harvest with a ceremony attended by Angolan head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos, a year later.

According to the chairman of the board of the Land Management Company (Gesterra, SA), Carlos Alberto Jaime, about 3,000 hectares of land have been cultivated, which could ensure a harvest of just over 15,000 tons of

maize in the second season that started this month.

The main goals of the Government in creating Gesterra is to contribute to reducing hunger and improving diet, through partnerships that ensure the sustainability of the project, he said.

He said he hopes the exploration of the space grows at a rate of about 1,500 hectares per year, possibly reaching 10,000 hectares in ten years, towards the farm's 36,000 hectares of area.

The farm has a factory capable of producing three tons of maize flour per hour, and is expected to start supplying the country's networks of supermarkets, the Angolan Armed Forces, the National Police and other consumers.

It has also a plant for the processing of two tons of cassava per hour, designed to provide support to peasants of Pungo-Andongo locality.

The project is currently working with 85 workers, mostly local inhabitants, plus 12 Brazilians.

On the Pungo-Andongo farm, the Prime minister also visited the area of experimental planting of soybeans, maize, beans, rice and sugar cane.

Gesterra chairman said that the results of experiments advise the cultivation of beans in the next season, with a guarantee of good production levels.

He also spoke of the multiplication of varieties of sugar cane that can be used in the production of bio-fuels, as part of the agro-industrial development of Capanda.

On Thursday, the prime minister visited the locality of Pungo-Andongo, where he handed over a tractor, ploughs, other implements and seeds to a local association of peasants.

Accompanying the premier were the ministers of Energy and Waters, Botelho de Vasconcelos, in his capacity as head of the central Government's follow-up team for the province, Agriculture and Rural Development, Pedro Canga, and the deputy minister of Territory Administration, Edeltrudes Costa.

Source: ANGOP

The content of the Press Release as well as other Daily Updated News are also available on our Webpage: www.angolaemb.se





Angola Is Norway`s Main Partner in Africa - Release



Norwegian oil company StatoilHydro became an important partner for the country, representing 11 per cent of the Angolan oil production, investing USD five billion and it hopes to become an operator of the continental platform in new concessions.

"Norwegian People`s Aid, has already contributed, since 1995, with USD 40 million for landmines clearance, turning this country into one of the most important partners in this field.

Angola is the most important economic partner of Norway in Africa, with annual exports estimated at USD 300,000 and a total investment of six billion dollars, mainly in the oil sector.

According to the note, it is also promising that other Norwegian international companies have been showing interest in big-projects investment.

Norway is also cooperating with Angola in order to strengthen various aspects of governance, namely with participation at the institutional level, fomenting transparency and reinforcing the civil society and human rights.

ANGOP learnt from a press release of the Norwegian Embassy in Angola.

Humanitarian assistance, including the landmines clearance process, is another area in which Angola and Norway cooperate.

The recently nominated Norwegian ambassador to Angola, Jon Vea presented last July 03 his credential letters to the Angolan Head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos. **Source: ANGOP**

The two countries, it refers, have relations in the sectors of oil, hydroelectric exploration and fisheries.

The government of Norway, through the NGO dubbed

Government Sets Aside AKz 1.2 Billion For Political Parties Campaign

Angolan Government will set aside a global amount of AKz 1.2 billion (Usd 1.00 = Akz 70.00 AKz) aimed at funding the electoral campaign of political parties for the next September 5 legislative elections.

This is contained in a communiqué issued from the 5th extraordinary session of the Cabinet Council, chaired by Angolan head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos.

According to the note, the subsidy to be granted to each party or coalition of parties, whose candidatures happen to be approved by the Constitutional Court to stand as candidates for the legislative elections, will be

under the responsibility of the National Electoral Commission (CNE), that is also assigned to supervise the regularity of spending of the money.

The Cabinet Council also approved the re-adjusting of basic salaries of the Angolan Armed forces (FAA) soldiers, as well as those in charge of leadership and command posts, and of Interior Ministry`s Staff, according to the general programme of the Government.

The Government was also briefed on the conclusion of the phase of update of the electoral registration and of principles that ruled the mapping of polling stations and production of electoral books.



The participants to the meeting were informed on the project of creation of the International Television Station (TPA Internacional), whose launch ceremony is set for next July 28, with a selected programme.

They also learnt on the construction of the soccer stadiums for the African Cup of Nations (CAN 2010).

Source: ANGOP



Oil Production Sets Huge Challenge to Navy



Large scale production of oil in Angola sets a huge challenge to the country's Navy (MGA) in protecting the installations from enemy attacks.

This was said in Luanda by the chief of staff of the Angolan Armed Forces (FAA), gen. Francisco Furtado.

Addressing the ceremony that marked the celebration of MGA's 32nd anniversary, on July motivations can put the oil exploration activity at risk, as it has been taking place in other regions of the world.

To him, having an unattended sea is tantamount to not controlling the activity of all those that explore the riches, often in less scrupulous ways, putting in danger the existence of living resources, which will have an impact on the Angolan economy.

"The transportation by sea of the oil produced in our country, the main source of revenues, compels us into also guaranteeing the security of our maritime communications," said the general.

According to the officer, the Navy missions, the Angolan naval power, with its fundamental components of public, diplomatic and military service is of vital importance for the defence of the country and preservation of the living and non-living resources.

Angola, gen. Furtado said, in its quality as part of the UN conventions on Sea Law, has added responsibilities.

The ceremony was witnessed by generals of the various FAA's branches, the chiefs of Staff of Congo and Namibia navies, col. Boigna Beya and codr. Peter Aseny Vilo, respectively, the defence attaches accredited to Angola and guests.

Source: ANGOP

Increase of Angola/Spain Economic Cooperation Efforts Successful

The Angolan consul to Barcelona, Spain, Alfonso Hernández-Moreno, said that the Angolan government's efforts to win foreign investments, mainly from this region, has been successful.

Addressing Angolan reporters, Hernández-Moreno said that the consulate has been working hard to disseminate the Angolan reality and discuss, with Catalan businesspeople, in searching for ways that could contribute to assistance for the development of Angola.

"Meetings have been held with many Spanish entrepreneurs with a view to highlighting the enormous Angolan potentialities. That is why I am convinced that

the Catalan entrepreneurs have many opportunities", stressed the diplomat.

According to him, since January this year some 211 visas, mostly of businesspeople, were granted by the Angolan consulate in Barcelona and the current average tends to increase.

Alfonso Hernández-Moreno also noted that a high number of businesspeople of Barcelona have been in touch with the consulate to learn of business opportunities, the proceedings in this sector and the ways for investment.

There are 83 Angolan citizens registered in Barcelona, but



some 300 forms applying for work and residence have been submitted since 1998, according to data of the local government delegation.

Source: ANGOP



Government Prioritises Geological Survey of National Territory



Mankenda Ambroise, deputy minister of Geology and Mining

The Angolan government will prioritise the geological survey of the whole territory so as to improve the knowledge on the mineral potential, announced Sunday here the deputy minister of Geology and Mining, Mankenda Ambroise.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition and sale of polished diamonds held at ENDIAMA's headquarters, he referred that the best knowledge of the mineral potential of Angola might boost the discovering of

resources that are necessary for production and promoting the industry of jewellerys such as gold, sapphire, ruby, barium, and platinum, among others.

With the boosting of the national diversified jewellery industry, stressed the government, apart from attract the interest of the Angolan entrepreneurial sector on new business opportunities, the country might become a market for the free sale of polished diamonds (locally), at prices accessible to Angolans of all social spheres.

"The government shall guarantee that the added value resulting from the polishing of diamonds of Angola benefits the commercial

balance and its employment market, enabling to improve the socio-economic wellbeing of citizens and that the profits may produce the desired goals to combat poverty in the coming years", he assured.

Mankenda Ambroise referred that since Angola's independence on 11 November 1975, the government has invested a lot in search for solutions to improve the situation, enabling a certain stabilisation of the diamondiferous sub-sector.

"I wish to reaffirm here and now that the Ministry of Geology and Mining, the National Diamonds Company of Angola (ENDIAMA) and

its subsidiaries showed their readiness to face the great challenges towards a better future, being committed to the renewal of intelligence and the mentality", added the official.

Items on sale at the exhibition were priced between USD 77 to USD 201,000.

This is the first exhibition and free sale of polished diamonds held in the country and is an initiative of the Diamond Trading Society of Angola (SODIAM).

At least 200 people attended the exhibition's opening ceremony, amongst national and foreign potential buyers.

Source: ANGOP

Government Formalises Petroleum Agreement with Equatorial Guinea

The resolution 57/08, which approved the cooperation accord between Angola and Equatorial Guinea in the petroleum fields is in force since last July 01, informs a communiqué published in the State Gazette, number 120, 1st Series, ANGOP learnt this Sunday.

According to the resolution, the cooperation comprises the sharing of information on petroleum policies, institutional accords, regulating frameworks, transferring technology, research, development, as well as the creation of data bases.

It also includes the identification and implementation of joint projects not only amongst both parties but also with third parties.

Each party should support the costs of all expenses of their participants in every cooperation programmes and in agencies' implementation meetings or work groups included in the current agreement.

The agreement has a five-year term, and can automatically be renewed for similar and successive five-year periods, except if any of the parties



expresses the intention to terminate it, and should do so with 180 days of antecedence from the date of its validity deadline, through the respective diplomatic channel.

Source: ANGOP



Economic Stability Results from Head of State's Strategic Vision



Finance minister, José Pedro de Morais

The macroeconomic stability that the country has been recording in the past six years results from the strong political leadership of the Angolan head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos, said in Luanda the finance minister, José Pedro de Morais.

"His long-term leadership and vision enabled to achieve macroeconomic stability and plan economic growth rates the country is currently registering", explained the official minutes before receiving on Thursday the award "Best African Finance Minister for 2007", a prize awarded by the "The Banker" magazine of the Financial Times group.

José Pedro de Morais, who received the prize at the hands of the editor in chief of The Banker, Stephen Timewell, stressed that "a growth at a very accelerated rhythm, as

verified in the last three years, does not happen by chance, it is possible if there is a strong leadership and a technically capable government that is committed to the desires of the population.

According to the official, the prize attributed to him is a fair witness of the success of economic policies of the Angolan government, after the achievement of peace in April 2002.

Apart from attributing merit to the President of the Republic due to winning the prize, the minister recognised the contribution of other government officials, with highlight to the prime minister and to the economic team of the government. He did not forget to also recognise the contribution given by the ruling MPLA party's secretary for economic and social policy, Manuel Júnior.

At the occasion, the editor of the The Banker magazine, Stephen Timewell said that the growth rates of the Angolan economy are high, mainly due to the engagement of government officials. To him, the progresses registered nowadays are irreversible and are based on the transparency witnessed in the management of public accounts, reduction of inflations and in the control of fiscal revenues.

The prize was awarded on the sidelines of the annual conference on Economy and Finance, held last Thursday by the Angolan Association of Banks (ABANC).

The Banker, published since 1926, decided to attribute the prize to minister José Pedro de Morais, due to having observed that along his mandate he has been seeking to implement transparent macroeconomic policies.

The Angolan Finance minister was appointed as the winner of the prize last January. **Source: ANGOP**

Parliament Produced 216 Laws from 1992-2008

The legislative production of the National Assembly between 1992 and 2008 was fixed at 215 laws and 502 resolutions, refers the report of activities of the parliament that was presented at the closing ceremony of the 1st Legislative Term.

Reading the document, the parliament speaker, Roberto de Almeida stated that these numbers reflect an average production of 13 laws and 31 resolutions per year.

To the parliamentarian, normative dispositions are not

measured in terms of quantity, but due its context, profundity and applicability, derived from a good and opportune publishing of regulations.

"Despite such production, the National Assembly still faces some shortages of competent advising body and staff in subjects of speciality for assistance to permanent commissions, a true driving force of the legislative work", he observed.

Roberto de Almeida said he augurs for a successful mandate, for future MPs, in



order to increase of the quality of the Angolan parliament.

For the purpose, he added, they should be focussed on the improvement of working conditions, will and permanent upgrading of MPs and parliamentary staff, at all levels. **Source: ANGOP**



**Embassy of the Republic of Angola to
the Nordic Countries and Baltic States**



Internet: www.angolaemb.se

Postal Address: Box: 3199, 103 64 Stockholm

Visiting Address: Skeppsbron 8, 111 30 Stockholm

Chancery: Consular Section Tel: +46 (8)24 28 90

Fax: +46 (8) 34 31 27

E-mail: info@angolaemb.se