

Mozambique: budget increase after prisoners die of starvation (Text) Fifteen prisoners in Chimoio Town, the capital of Manica province, in central Mozambique, have died of starvation. (The scandal came to light when the provincial governor, Rafael Maguni, visited the prison in Chimoio. Mr Maguni expressed shock at the situation and told the prison's authorities that they should have informed his office immediately of the problem so that measures could be taken. The prison's authorities claim that their annual budget of about 13,000 dollars was only enough for a period of three months. The provincial administration has decided to increase the budget by almost five times and will improve the prison's health centre. There are nearly 670 prisoners currently held in the Chimoio prison. (Radio Maputo in English for abroad 1100 gmt 27 Jun 89)