



CLARIFICATION ON INFORMATION CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA REGARDING METICAL BANKNOTES

The Banco de Moçambique has taken note of information circulating on social media alleging the presence in the domestic market of a large number of counterfeit 2024 Series banknotes, lacking serial numbers.

Following expert examination and technical testing, the Banco de Moçambique clarifies that the banknotes in question are genuine, albeit unsuitable for circulation.

The Banco de Moçambique further clarifies that these banknotes remain legal tender but should be exchanged free of charge at the branches of authorised credit institutions operating nationwide.

In this light, citizens in possession of Metical banknotes showing signs of missing serial numbers are therefore encouraged to visit a banking institution, where the banknotes may be replaced.

The Banco de Moçambique underscores the importance of proper care and conservation of banknotes and coins, recommending, among other measures, that:

- money be stored in clean and dry places;
- banknotes not be folded, torn, written on, stapled, used in bouquets, or exposed to moisture and fire; and
- appropriate storage methods be used whenever possible.

The Banco de Moçambique remains committed to safeguarding a stable Metical and promoting a sound and inclusive financial system.

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