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VOICE OF THE VOICELESS AWARD (IN MEMORIAM)

In memory of Albino Sibiac “Mano Shottas”

- Blogger, digital activist, and human rights defender — fatally shot on December 12, 2024, while livestreaming protests in Ressano Garcia.



- Albino Sibiac, known artistically as Mano Shottas, was a 30-year-old Mozambican youth who transformed social media into a space of resistance and truth-telling. A dreamer and aspiring musician, he worked tirelessly to fund his own studio recordings, while navigating the daily challenges faced by many in Mozambique’s urban peripheries. But it was as a digital activist and human rights defender that he became a national symbol of courage.

Through fearless live broadcasts, he exposed — in real time — the abuses committed by security forces in Ressano Garcia, a border town between Mozambique and South Africa. He spoke with the people, for the people. He revealed what many had grown too afraid to name.

On December 12, 2024, during a peaceful protest at that very border, he was shot in the back by police officers while livestreaming. Even gra-

vely wounded, he did not stop broadcasting. He cried for help, calmly and with determination, until the stream was forcibly interrupted. He died later that day in the hospital.

His death sparked profound national and international outrage. At his funeral, police once again opened fire on mourners — a stark reflection of state repression. But the state failed to silence his voice: Mano Shottas became a symbol of a generation demanding justice, dignity, and change.

A Legacy that echoes

Though not a journalist by profession, Mano Shottas was the voice of the unheard. He denounced corruption, police brutality, abuse of power, and the abandonment of young people. With nothing but a mobile phone and the force of his words, he dared to challenge the system — and for that, he earned the respect and memory of a nation.

Today, with the posthumous awarding of the Voi-

ce of the Voiceless Award, we honor not only his legacy, but the principle he embodied: the right to speak out, to resist, and to expose — even when it costs everything.

His voice was not silenced. It became an echo, a seed, a flame. May Mano Shottas continue to inspire every young person who dares to dream of a free Mozambique.





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We aspire to a nation where Human Rights defenders can operate freely and securely, fostering community development and empowering youth to become effective advocates for Human Rights.

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