

## News in Portugal

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A weekly summary of the headline news from Portugal in English, every Wednesday.

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### Mário Centeno named Finance Minister of the Year 2019 (Europe)

*The Banker* magazine has named Mário Centeno Finance Minister of the Year 2019 for Europe. “Portuguese finance minister Mario Centeno can look back on his first 12 months as president of the Eurogroup with well-earned satisfaction”, says this Financial Times’ publication, adding that Mário Centeno “was an unusual choice (...). He is the first Eurogroup head from southern Europe and the first from a country bailed out during the financial crisis. The election of the Portuguese economist, who has a doctorate from Harvard, was an acknowledgement of Portugal’s astonishing economic recovery.”

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#).

### Costa promises more investment on the NHS and public transports

The Prime Minister António Costa promised, on his Christmas message to the Portuguese, more investment in Public Services, such as the National Health Service and public transports, two of the most vulnerable areas in the country at the moment, having been hugely affected by strikes in 2018. Costa guaranteed that an increase in investment in the public services (namely the NHS and public transports) is a top priority for the last year of his administration. He also has noted that there is an “overall improvement in working conditions in the Public Sector”, not forgetting to highlight the importance of “eliminating the deficit and continuing to bet on reducing debt”.

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### Operation Ano Novo doubled deaths on roads

The GNR’s Ano Novo road operation ends tonight at midnight, but it has already registered eight deaths, which is more than double the number of fatalities registered last year. The national operation Ano Novo, which saw the number of officers on roads to and from popular New Year destinations boosted, started last Friday and registered more than 900 accidents, which resulted in eight deaths and 21 injured.

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