

News in Portugal

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

Hi Fly started to build hangar for aircraft maintenance in Beja

According to information provided to the Lusa agency by Paulo Mirpuri, president of Hi Fly Group, the owner of the Mesa, the works began this month, with the process of cleaning the land, and should last 18 months. The Bureau will invest € 30 million in the construction of the hangar, expected to start operating "in the fourth quarter of 2020" and create 150 jobs over the first three years of activity, he added.

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House rentals up by more than 25% in three districts in Lisbon

Houses in Lisbon are getting more and more expensive, and soaring prices have no end in sight. Of the 24 parishes in Lisbon, rental prices rose more than 25% in the second half of 2018 compared to the same period of the previous year, according to data released by INE.

These aggressive increases took place in the parishes of Santo António (27.3%), Estrela (26.6%) and Campolide (25.2%).

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Violent crimes have dropped 42.5% in the last decade

Serious and violent crime has been declining in Portugal for a decade. Participation in this type of crime has declined by 42.5 percent since 2008, according to last year's Internal Security Annual Report (RASI), which is voted today, 27 March, by the Higher Council on Homeland Security.

Serious and violent crimes account for 4.2% of all criminal activity in the past year, according to the RASI. This category includes crimes that cause greater feelings of insecurity. In 2018, there were less 1322 participations compared to the previous year. In 2017 the police counted 15,303 occurrences. That is, in 2018 were about 14 thousand, a decrease of 8.6%.

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Government puts Portugal on alert until Sunday

The Government signed an order on Tuesday to determine the Alert Status from March 27 to 31, based on weather forecasts that point to a "significant increase in the risk of forest fires". "Given the weather forecast for the next few days, which point to a significant increase in the risk of forest fires in the mainland, and considering the decision of the National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection, which determined the passage of the Special Fire Fighting Device, the Ministers of Internal Administration and Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development signed today the Order that determines the Declaration of the Alert Situation", reads the statement released by the Government.

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