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### **ANGOLA GOVERNMENT DENIES RUMOURS, REPORTED BY MEDIA AND SOCIAL NETWORKS. THAT ANGOLA HAS BANNED AND DESTROYED ISLAM MOSQUES.**

The Government of the Republic of Angola noted with surprise and worry, concerning to the news that has been propagated by various media, including social networks, that Angola has banned and destroyed Islam mosques.

These reports do not correspond to the truth; it aims to achieve obscure purposes, undermining the image of Angola.

The truth of the matter however is that, the presence of Islam in Angola is very recent and its legalization depends on the requirements of the law n<sup>o</sup> 02/04 and the claim of an Islam confession called Islam community of Angola -CISA was dismissed as 179 (one hundred and seventy nine) other Christian denominations.

The Government of the Republic of Angola, in accordance with the constitution and other legislation consistent with International Law, respect Islam and other faiths.

It is clarified that even foreigners Islamic confession, in illegal status practice illegal economic activities in warehouses built without permission by the competent authorities, to oppose the action of the supervisors' authorities, use these facilities as place of worship.

The Angola Government reiterates that the exercise of the religious freedom is fully respected under the Law and no Angolan citizen, or foreign Islamic confessions, or another was harassed because of his faith.

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