

News in Portugal

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

More than 25,000 BMWs to be recalled in Portugal

In Portugal, "25,084 vehicles are affected", which comprises the total number of 1.6 million cars called due to problems with the exhaust gas cooling circuit. Official sources of the company in Portugal told the Lusa agency that in the country "25,084 vehicles are affected by this technical action", which, according to BMW, includes vehicles produced between August 2010 and August 2017.

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

Portuguese court landmark ruling against Google

Portuguese Courts have issued a decision against Google in relation to the injunction filed by Aptoide.

After having filed a complaint in Portugal for alleged abusive practices by Google, the Évora court now gives Aptoide the reason. In the complaint, Aptoide stated that the application store created by the company would have been removed from the devices of 2.2 million users without their knowledge, during a period of two months. Before that, the company tried to contact the Internet giant and, due to the lack of response, then proceeded to a complaint in the Portuguese court. The acceptance of the injunction is totally aligned with Aptoide's claim for Google to stop hiding the app store in the Android devices and showing warning messages to the users.

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António Costa says that Portugal 2020 has another 5 billion euros for investment

Prime Minister António Costa said on Tuesday that last year there was an increase in private investment in the country of 9% and added that in the reprogramming of Portugal 2020 there is another five billion euros for investment. "Last year the increase in private investment in the country was 9%. The state is responsible for creating better conditions to invest... Today, four billion euros have been made available for investment", said António Costa, in Vila Velha de Ródão, district of Castelo Branco, where he inaugurated the company Roclayer.

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Portugal to crack down on local accommodation

The law providing for the restriction of local housing registers entered into force on Sunday. There were four times as many new housing registrations in October 2018 as in October 2017.

The registrations of Local Accommodation are mainly located in the cities of Lisbon and Porto and in the district of the Algarve. Local Accommodation registrations more than doubled in Lisbon in October compared to the same period last year, since a bill was passed that allows municipalities to restrict areas that have authorization for this type of accommodation. The diploma was approved in July and came into force this Sunday, although it lacks municipal regulation in order to be applied.

Between July and October, there were 3,541 registrations of new units, representing a rise of 119% over the same period of 2017, the Público newspaper reported. In October alone - and until October 19 - 1,297 new housing units had been registered, four times more than in the same month last year. By October 2017, 322 new housing units had been registered.

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