

# News in Portugal

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

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## **Government and ANA still without agreement for the Airport of Montijo**

The Government and ANA - Aeroportos de Portugal do not yet have an agreement for Montijo Airport and the expansion of Portela, denying what was announced by commentator Luís Marques Mendes on the television channel SIC. "The negotiations are in the final stretch but there is still no agreement, so the government does not comment on a negotiation that is not yet closed," said the official source of the Ministry of Planning and Infrastructures.

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

## **Eleven reservoirs with more than 80% water at the end of September**

Eleven of the 60 reservoirs monitored in mainland Portugal had reserves in excess of 80% of the total volume in September and another number were below 40%. On the last day of September, compared to the last day of the previous month, there was a decrease in the volume stored in all monitored hydrographic basins, according to data released on Tuesday by the National Water Resources Information System (SNIRH). Of the 60 monitored reservoirs, 11 had water availability greater than 80% of the total volume and 11 had availability of less than 40%.

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## **Rail workers strike causes chaos to train network**

The strike at Portuguese rail ticket offices and by rail ticket inspectors on Monday forced 85% of ticket offices to close, with little more than minimum services in operation across the country. According to the union, only the minimum service trains circulated, but train company CP - Comboios de Portugal provided an update which said 100 connections were made, 93 of which were covered by the minimum service requirement. In all, 252 trains were planned, which means that only about 40% of journeys were completed.

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## Hottest September on record

Reports have confirmed that last month was the hottest in Portugal since records began. The hot weather is expected to last during the first week of October, with highs to remain above 30 degrees Celsius for large parts of the country. The heat has forced the Portuguese Met Office to issue a series of advisories, including maximum fire alerts for parts of the interior where hot and windy conditions have been forecast for the coming days.

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