

# Corruption crisis engulfs Portugal

Portugal's socialist prime minister António Costa has resigned amid an investigation into possible crimes of corruption in government involving lithium and hydrogen projects



**António Costa** (above) not named as suspect, but prosecutors say they have become aware of suspects using Costa's name and authority to "unblock procedures" relating to deals

## PROJECTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

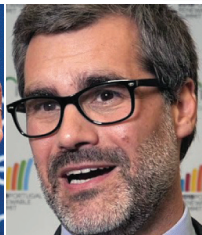
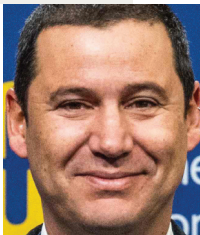
■ **Lithium:** Approvals for local company **Lusorecursos** to extract battery-grade lithium in Montalegre and for London-based **Savannah Resources** to develop its mine in Barroso

■ **"Green" hydrogen** Creation of 100MW hydrogen production hub in port of Sines by **H2Sines** consortium

■ **Sines data centre** Large-scale project by Anglo-American firm **Start Campus**



**Detained:** Costa's chief of staff **Vítor Escária** (above left), business consultant **Diogo Lacerda Machado** (above right), mayor of Sines and two company executives



**Formal suspects:** Infrastructure Minister **João Galamba** (above left) and Portuguese Environment Agency (APA) President **Nuno Lacasta** (above right)