An Albino in Mozambique

Albinos in Africa are in full view within the black population of Mozambique. Parents regularly abandon them, leaving albinos to survive on the streets alone. Tete, Mozambique. 16/09/2010

Albinism - a congenital absence of melanin in the body which affects the color of skin, hair and eyes. In European countries albinos do not stand out as much due to high multiracial countries, yet in Africa they live in heavily populated black communities, leaving them open for discrimination.

In Tanzania, there are a lot of cases where albinos were killed and their organs were eaten to "heal" diseases. In Zimbabwe, it is a popular belief that raping an albino woman will "cure" AIDS. Albinos in Mozambique however are not subjected to these brutal discriminations, but are usually abandoned by their own parents.

This is a story about one albino Gonçalves Cresosto from the town of Tete.

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Submitted by Vlad Sokhin on Fri, 17/09/2010 - 08:22.
Fernando, Anna and Lawrence - thank you very much for your comments!

Submitted by Anna Gkika on Fri, 17/09/2010 - 07:57.
Great shots and story...

Submitted by Lawrence JC Baron on Thu, 16/09/2010 - 20:58.
Vlad really great story, all the best. Lawrence

Submitted by Fernando Mendes on Thu, 16/09/2010 - 18:55.
Vlad, great story about discrimination. Congrats. All the best. Fernando

Thanks, Mina!

Vlad, you have captured some great shots here. Well done.

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