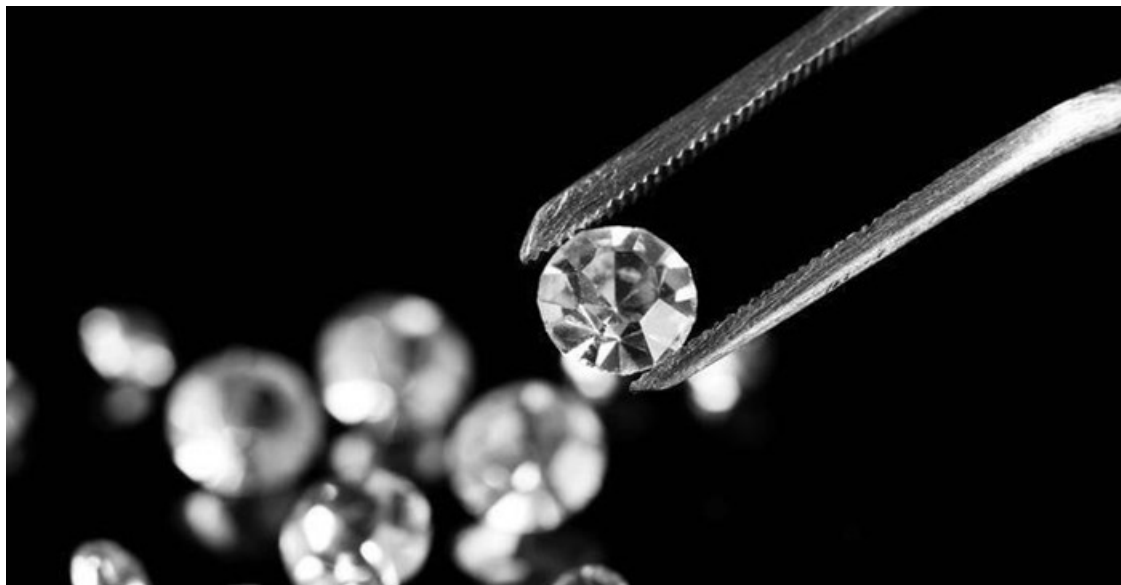


More than 30,000 diamonds seized in Angola

Over 30,000 diamonds were seized in various provinces of the country, as part of the transparency operation carried out by the Angolan executive since September 25.



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The stones correspond to 1,894 carats, 1,403 still to be evaluated, according to Commissioner António Bernardo, spokesman for the operation that aims to control illegal immigration and trafficking of diamonds.

Diamond trading houses were also closed in several provinces of the country and seized more than \$600,000.

The official added that some tools used in illegal diamond mining were also seized and the recovery of 50 AKM-type firearms.

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