

Numbers 108, 109 and 111 – 5 July 2023

Some issues of the Portuguese Bulletin are combined into single issues in English

Published by Centro de Integridade Pública, Maputo, Mozambique

Articles may be freely reprinted but please cite the source

To subscribe to the English edition <https://cipeleicoes.org/eng/>

and the Portuguese version <https://www.cipeleicoes.org/>

Electoral crimes: Morrumbala district attorney's office charges 41 teachers

Members of the managements of schools in the Megaza administrative post, which is 45 kilometres from the Morrumbala district capital and municipal area, have been accused of electoral crimes. Their names were on lists sent to the voter registration posts in the municipal area to be attended to as cases that merited priority. The 41 public functionaries from the education sector [were charged by the Public Prosecutor's Office in Morrumbala](#) district in Zambézia on 21 June.

The first hearing in the case was held on 27 June, and the second was scheduled for 30 June. But it was postponed, and no new date has been set. It is suspected that the prosecutor has come under pressure from Frelimo to drop the case.

This Bulletin knows that, during the hearing, the prosecutor advised the accused to stop being used by political parties, and learn how to act professionally.

Renamo appeals to the National Elections Commission about irregularities in Matola

Renamo has denounced the movement of computers (known as Mobile IDs), the registration of voters outside of the times fixed by the National Elections Commission (CNE), the registration of voters by resorting to data received or collected by telephone, and the refusal of brigade members to provide data to monitors from the opposition parties, on the grounds that they were obeying higher

Renamo also denounces the transport of people who do not live in the municipal area to register as voters inside the Matola municipality.

During the voter registration, Renamo submitted 102 complaints to the Matola city branch of STAE (Electoral Administration Technical Secretariat), and appeals to the district and provincial elections commissions. The law sets a deadline of five days to decide on the appeals from political parties. The appeal to the CNE was submitted on 29 June, after the Maputo Provincial Elections Commission (CPE) had failed to attend to the complaints.

According to the documents that Renamo submitted to the Public Prosecutor's Office last May against the Matola City director of STAE, Domingos Matsombe, its monitors discovered that the

mobile IDs were not at the registration posts. When questioned, the brigade members answered that STAE had collected the equipment because of breakdowns. But in reality they were being used at dead of night, as the following shows.

On 12 May 2023, the mobile at the IFP post worked from 08.50 until 23.17 and registered 72 voters. On the previous day, 11 May, the same mobile worked from 08.25 until 23.27. On that day, it registered 75 voters. On 8 May, the same computer worked from 08.52 to 23.24, and 74 voters were registered.

Also on 12 May, the mobile from the post at block 22, in the Matola “C” neighbourhood, registered 25 voters by 15.00, when it was collected by the STAE technical staff. The following day it returned to the post with 78 voters registered. So an extra 53 voters were registered outside of the registration post. This machine worked from 08.56 to 23.26 (for more details, see Bulletin 80).

Opposition members denounce 10,000 ghost voters in Quelimane and Alto Molocue

The Zambezia provincial branch of the Electoral Administration Technical Secretariat (STAE) added 10,000 extra voters to the figures for the voter registration announced by the district STAEs in Quelimane and Alto Molocue.

In Alto Molocue there was one entirely fictitious voter registration post, according to members appointed by the opposition parties on the Zambezia Provincial Elections Commission (CPEZ). In Alto Molócuè, the provincial STAE chart says that the registration brigade at the Malua 2B EPC registered 3,200 voters in five registration books, although one book - 08073-01 - is listed and counted twice.

46	51	EPC Malua II	080750-01	800
			080750-02	800
			080750-03	800
			080750-04	800
			080750-05	800
			080750-06	697
	EPC Malua II B ??		080753-01 //	800
			080753-01	800
			080753-02	800
			080753-03	604
		080753-04 ✓	226	

But this brigade never existed. The [official list of registration brigades](#) shows only one at Malua 2 EPC. The district STAE claimed that this is the brigade that worked with the back-up computer (“mobile”). The members from the opposition say that the additional registration books are unknown to the support bodies in the districts, and we have confirmed there was no additional mobile at Malua 2 school.

Zambezia provincial election commission members representing the opposition did not vote to approve the results of the voter registration in Zambezia. Their protest was rejected by the majority of members, loyal to the ruling Frelimo Party.

In [their dissenting opinion](#), they also pointed to another discrepancy of around 6,700 voters between the figures presented by the Provincial STAE and the district STAEs. The district STAE announced

that it had registered 123,900 voters in Quelimane, but the numbers from the Provincial STAE indicate 130,600 voters.

Opposition members add that the Provincial STAE presented, in its chart of the results, records “books of voter rolls which do not exist in the charts of the district STAEs” and they do not know where these books were produced. They also say that nine registration books of voters’ names in the STAE warehouses, eight the Guruè STAE warehouse and another book was found in Maganja da Costa.

Faced with the irregularities detected, the opposition members of the electoral bodies suggested that the data be returned to the district STAEs for correction. But the proposal was rejected by the majority, representing the Frelimo Party.

Observers call for audit to check irregularities


"The 2023 voter registration was marred by exclusion of thousands of citizens, mobilisation of potential voters from outside the municipal radius, issuance of voter cards at night time, among other irregularities", the [Mais Integriade civil society consortium, said](#) in a 4 July statement.

"In addition to holding the promoters of the serious irregularities that marred the census criminally responsible, the state should invest in an independent audit to determine the level of the illegalities and their impacts on elections, before the actual validation of the 2023 census data," the only group of civil society observers concluded.

Renamo registers for 11 October municipal elections

Renamo, the largest opposition party in Mozambique, today, Wednesday (5 July) registered to take part in the municipal elections scheduled for 11 October. It is the first of the three main parties to formally express its desire to stand in the coming elections. The Democratic Movement of Mozambique (MDM) had said it would register Monday (3 July) but has delayed, giving no reasons.

Five smaller parties have registered: the Ecology Party (PEC), the Electoral Union Coalition (UE), the Humanitarian Party of Mozambique (PAHUMO), the Movement for the Reconciliation of Mozambique, and the Democratic Alliance Coalition (CAD).

	FICHA TÉCNICA:	ENDEREÇOS:
	<p>Editor: Lázaro Mabunda</p> <p>Advisor: Joseph Hanlon</p> <p>Director: Edson Cortez</p> <p>Translator: Paul Fauvet</p> <p>Sub-editor: Samuel Monjane</p> <p>Layout: Liliana Mangove</p>	<p>Centro de Integridade Pública Bairro da Sommerschield, Rua Fernão Melo e Castro 124, Maputo</p> <p>English To subscribe: https://cipleicoes.org/eng/</p> <p>Web: https://cipleicoes.org/eng/ Portuguese Web: https://www.cipeleicoes.org/ Facebook: @cipeleicoes Instagram: @cip_eleicoes Tiktok: @cipmoz Telegram: +258 843890584</p>

Bulletin funded by:



CIP partners

