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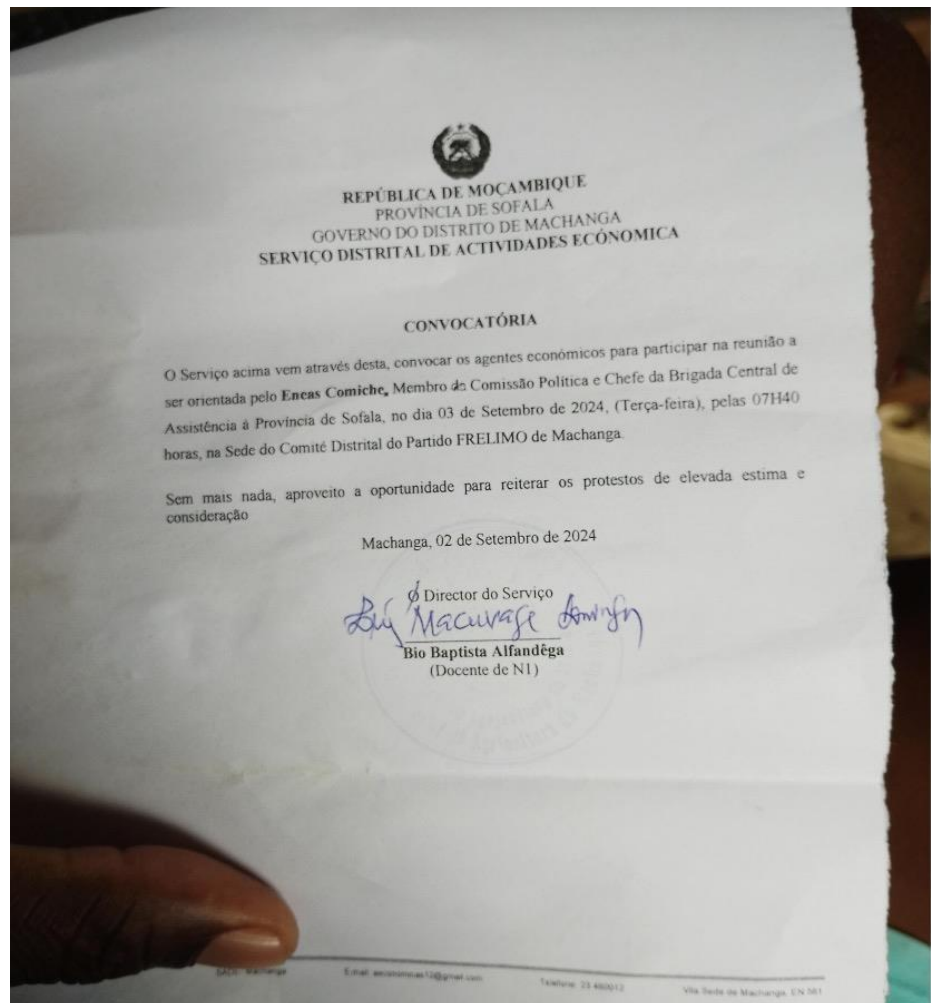
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Government agency summons business people to Frelimo meeting

The director of the a state agency, the District Economic Activities Service in **Machanga**, Sofala, on short notice called business people to a party meeting in the Frelimo offices. The meeting yesterday (3 September), was chaired by Frelimo Political Commission member and head of the Frelimo Central Brigade for Sofala Province, Eneas Comiche. The letter of invitation, shown in the photo band dated Monday (2 September), was on government headed notepaper and signed by Luís Macuvage Domingos as director of the district service.



Frelimo worried about Mondlane

Health worker transferred for accommodating Podemos members

The independent groups CAD (Democratic Alliance Coalition) and Podemos ("we can") have come under heavy pressure from Frelimo. CAD was the coalition supporting independent presidential candidate Venancio Mondlane. It had full lists of candidates for all provinces, but in a highly dubious and partisan decision the CNE and Constitutional Council would not let them stand. But the lists of another independent group, Podemos, were accepted in all provinces, and they agreed to support Mondlane. CAD members shifted over to campaign for Podemos and Mondlane, which Frelimo had apparently not expected, so pressure is on CAD/Podemos.

Albertino Mesa, a worker at the Maganja da Costa district hospital, Zambézia, will be transferred to the Vila Valdez health unit, in Baixa Licungo, Nante, because he accommodated in his house members of CAD who are today supporters of Podemos, of which Mesa is a member. The dispatch was signed by the District Director of Health, while Mesa was on leave.

The delegate of CAD in Tambara, in Manica province, who is today a supporter of Podemos, received a death threat after he refused a bribe of 100,000 meticaais to join Frelimo - at \$1500 a large amount which surely would never have been paid. But after he rejected this offer, he was told that his days were numbered. On the same day, at about 23.00, armed men went to his house, but he was absent. Neighbours confirmed this visit.

A member of the Mozambican police tried, but failed, to prevent a march by supporters of Venâncio Mondlane last Sunday (1 September) in Morrumbala, Zambezia. During this incident, the policeman assaulted one of Venâncio Mondlane's security guards. Also in Zambezia, a young man was detained on Tuesday (3 September) in Mutho village, Mopeia, because he was supposedly campaigning for Podemos. The village secretary accused him of disturbing public order.

Frelimo members held a rally at the same place where Venâncio Mondlane, presidential candidate of the Podemos party, was holding his rally, in Mocubela, Zambézia (picture).



But there was no violence.

The police on Tuesday (3 September) delayed for 30 minutes the campaign of Podemos, in Murrupula, Nampula province.

Inhambane taxi drivers who refused to attend Frelimo meeting are threatened

Some operators of the three wheel taxis, known as *txopelas*, in Inhambane city, were told to interrupt their activity to attend a meeting at the Frelimo offices in Liberdade 2 neighbourhood. The *txopela* drivers, who operate in the Inhambane central market, made attending the meeting conditional on it being held where they were, because some of them are not members of Frelimo. After the refusal, one member of Frelimo threatened to register the names of those who did not go to the meeting. The taxi drivers continued to refuse, and all of them said they were willing to give their names. The members of Frelimo were accompanied by a motor-cycle taxi driver, and a police agent.

Carrying people to campaign results in one death and injuries

One person died and others were injured last Monday (2 September) in Sembezeia, Sussundenga, Manica in accidents with open pick-up trucks carrying people to a Frelimo rally to receive the party's presidential candidate, Daniel Chapo.

In one incident, the side panel of the pick-up truck in which they were travelling opened, causing the occupants to fall out, and one person was killed. The victim was taken to the morgue at the Sussundenga Health Centre. In the other incident, the driver lost control of the vehicle which overturned, seriously injuring one person and slightly injuring others. The person who was seriously injured (with a broken leg) was taken to the Sussundenga Health Centre and later transferred to the Chimoio Provincial Hospital.

The other people were transported from Vanduzi district to take part in the Frelimo campaign.

Rwandans may guarantee security during elections in Quissanga

Rwandan forces are building a camp at Village 19, on the Bilibiza crossroads, in Quissanga district, Cabo Delgado, apparently intended to guarantee security during and after the general elections of 9 October. Officially security is provided by the Mozambique army, who are not effective. Insurgents move freely through the district and much of the population is living outside the district. The majority are in accommodation centres in Metuge, Bilibiza, Mahate and Pemba and do not intend to return, because the military protection is considered feeble and many people have seen their houses destroyed by the insurgents. All three parties have opened their campaign in Quissanga.

Training of national MMV trainers begins

This Tuesday (3 September), the training began in Gaza of 61 candidates for national trainers. Of this number 58 will be selected to repeat the training for 837 candidates for provincial trainers. Out of this group will be chosen 796 trainers who will train the 13,954 candidates for polling station staff (MMVs). After the training, 13,566 will be chosen in all the districts to work at the polling stations. Of this total, 7,752 were recruited by public tender and 5,814 were indicated by Frelimo, Renamo and the MDM.

At the opening, Mário Cossane, the Provincial Director of STAE in Gaza, urged the trainers to pay attention to people with disabilities, to fill out the various documents such as the polling station minutes and results sheets ("editais"), and to ensure relations with political party monitors, particularly at the stage of ascertaining the results and posting the results sheets.

More forced financial contributions

Frelimo in Monapo, Nampula, is forcing school directors, their assistants and other staff to make a contribution of between 1,000 and 1,500 meticaís (\$15-23) each. One director who confirmed this noted the money is demanded at a time when some staff have still not received their wages for August.

Pupils run own classes as teachers campaign

Pupils at the schools in Inhassoro, Inhambane responded to their teachers being absent campaigning for Frelimo. As a way of continuing the classes, the pupils create study groups in which those who have skills in particular subjects explain them to the others.

In the Josina Machel Primary School, Nacala-à-Velha, Nampula, pupils were sent home because the teachers were attending a Frelimo Party meeting held in the Napela complex.

Stabbings in Nampula

Three Frelimo members were stabbed, allegedly by Renamo members, in Nampula. The first case occurred early in the morning of the first day of the campaign. Two members of the OJM (Mozambique Youth Organisation), the youth wing of Frelimo, were stabbed by members of Renamo. In addition to the stabbing, a third person was injured with a club. The second incident occurred 1 September) in Napai, Muite administrative post. According to the victim, campaigners of Frelimo and Renamo crossed paths. The victim said a man stabbed him and fled. The victim is receiving medical treatment at the Muite health centre.


Frelimo continues to use state property

A vehicle owned by the District Education, Youth and Technology Services, but without number plates, is being used by the ruling party in Zavala, Inhambane. In Murrupulat, Nampula, the Frelimo Party is using a State-owned building (photo below), registered with the number 2721.03.153, to hold a meeting with members of the OJM and OMM, chaired by the Frelimo candidate for governor of Nampula. A meeting was scheduled yesterday (3 September) with state employees and agents in the hall.



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