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Frelimo win in Matola contested; Alto Molocue result reversed; Renamo wins Cuamba

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Today is the deadline for city and district elections commissions to release official results, but some key ones are very late.

Frelimo won in Matola, with a difference only 2,197 votes in the largest city in Mozambique. But Renamo in the city elections commission disputed the results and refused to sign the results sheet. There will be a formal protest (see below). The official result is Frelimo 137,875 (48.05%), Renamo 135,678 (47.28%), MDM 11,799 (4.11%) and five small parties with less than 1% together.

In Alto Molocue our correspondent reports that the interim results were not made public today as required by law, but instead were sent directly to the provincial election commission. But on Friday night the Alto Molocue district election commission issued provisional results which went against the EISA parallel count and the provisional results posted on the CNE/STAE website. The district results give

Frelimo 8,599 (47.8%)

Renamo 8,486 (47.1%)

MDM 915 (5.1%)

but the EISA parallel count gave

Frelimo 7843 (44.20%)

Renamo 8933 (50.36%)

MDM 959 (5.40%)

Renamo won in Cuamba, Niassa with 53.30%, to 39.45% for Frelimo and 6.52% for MDM.

Renamo to challenge Matola result

Renamo Matola elections commission members refused to accept the result announced this morning. They refused to sign the results sheet and will appeal to the National Elections Commission, which must approve all the local results.

Provincial Renamo agent Clementina Bomba said Renamo had delegates (poll watchers) in all 706 polling stations and have official copies of the results, which show a Renamo victory.

The official result gives Frelimo 48.05% against 47.28% for Renamo. Yesterday Renamo said that with 92% of polling stations counted, its own results sheets showed Renamo had 48.85% and Frelimo 46.86%.

Renamo claims evidence of fraud in 3 cities

Renamo has proof of fraud in 3 municipalities, Marromeu, Monapo, and Alto Molocue, Renamo head Ossufo Momade told a teleconference this afternoon.

In Marromeu he said that of 39 polling stations, 29 had been counted and copies of results sheets given to party delegates present, as required by law. Momade said that at the point, Renamo was winning by a wide margin, 7406 to 4457. Mamode said that Frelimo realised it was losing and directed the police to intervene and that the director of STAE accompanied the police to take the 10 ballot boxes. The police have confirmed that they took the 10 ballot boxes. The count was then done without the presence of party delegates who did not receive copies of the results sheets. Momade, the interim head of the Renamo Political Commission, demands that only the 29 polling stations be counted, and not the 10 where Renamo was not able to be present during the count.

In Alto Molocue, Momade says police fired shots into the air, and in the confusion polling stations heads and police at two polling stations stole the results sheets, which were subsequently falsified. They were number 6 with code 04044 at Sede primary school and number 4 with code 04049 at Pista Velha primary school. Momade wants these two polling stations excluded from the count.

Momade further claims that when the Renamo-named STAE deputy director protested and said these two stations should be excluded, he was arrested. Further, Renamo-named STAE technicians were excluded from the intermediate count, he said.

In Monapo, Momade claims two results sheets were changed, but that Renamo has the official copies of the originals. At Macone polling station 03154-04, Renamo gained 100 votes against 60 for Frelimo, yet when counted the sheet said 279 for Renamo but 510 for Frelimo - which would have been nearly 100% turnout at that polling station.

At polling station 03154-05 Renamo gained 85 votes against 30 for Frelimo, but at the district count the sheet said 100 for Renamo and 339 for Frelimo.

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