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No credentials for observers & party delegates leads to arrest in Chiúre

Registration began on schedule on Thursday 20 June in the 10 new municipalities, but with no observation in some places because credentials had not been issued to party delegates and to independent observers from the Electoral Observatory.

For example, in Maganja da Costa (Zambézia), registration began with no outside monitoring because neither party delegates nor the Electoral Observatory were issued credentials in time.

In Chiúre (Cabo Delgado) an MDM (Movimento Democrático de Moçambique, Mozambique Democratic Movement) delegate was arrested because he tried to stop registration. Eusébio Assane was at the registration post at Bairro Muajaja, but he was alone because no other observers or delegates had credentials.

Assane objected and said registration should not start. The director of STAE in Chiúre, Benjamim Benedito, said registration should start. Police were called and Assane was arrested. There were apparently no other party delegates or non-party observers in Chiúre for the opening.

COMMENT: The electoral law is clear: registration goes ahead even if no observers or party delegates are present; parties have a right to a delegate in each polling station, but it is not a requirement. However, the law also requires the district election commissions to issue credentials in a timely way, which had not been done. *jh*

The new 10 in brief

Nhamayábue (Tete): High turnout with long queues at registration posts visited by our correspondent.

Boane (Maputo province), Quissico (Inhamitanga), Malema (Nampula): Low turnout for registration..

Praia do Bilene (Gaza): Low turnout. The district of Bilene has two municipalities, Bilene-Macia

vila and the new Praia do Bilene, but that means that the electoral structures - STAE and the district election commission - already existed and did not need to be set up. This new municipality expects to register 4000 voters. There are 5 registration brigades, each with 3 members, and 10 civic education agents.

Xai-Xai: High turnout at end of day

Registration posts open at 8.00, but few people are turning up to register until 15.00, when there are suddenly many people and queues. People explain that they go to work, go to their fields, or do domestic chores first and only go to register after the day's work is done. Gaza STAE director Maria Hombe is appealing to voters to register in the morning.

Pemba: 3 new teams

To speed up registration, Pemba STAE is putting a second team of 3 people and a computer into each of 3 registration posts, at primary schools Bairros de Maringanha, Alto Gingone and Muxara. "We were worried about the crowds at these three posts, with many people wanting to register, so we hired people who had already been trained but were only on the list of alternates, to respond to the demand," explained city STAE director Crisanto Ntchucha.

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