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No coins for the electric meter means registration stops

Two Nampula city registration posts, number 36 and the one at Malutine primary school, have stopped work because they cannot recharge the batteries for the computers. Our correspondent discovered they had been charging the batteries at a neighbouring house and had promised the home-owner 300 meticaís (\$10) per week for the pre-payment (credelec) electricity meter.

But STAE only paid for the first week. Staff kept promising they would pay eventually, but nothing happened, and the family finally decided Saturday to stop giving free electricity to STAE. Both registration posts remain closed.

Quelimane: old habits never die

Faced with pressure from would-be voters, Quelimane officials are allowing people to register at 3 de Fevereiro school, even if it is not their closest registration post. The law says people should register nearest to their home. But many people want to register and vote at 3 de Fevereiro because they say they have always voted there.

In brief

Pemba: Three registration posts have been given an extra registration team to try to deal with long queues.

Gondola (Manica): Our correspondent reports registration posts opening at 8.30 instead of 8.00 as they are supposed to.

Mueda (Cabo Delgado): STAE is transferring a registration brigade from Chudi neighbourhood, where few people are registering, to the primary school in the centre of town where there is a much larger turnout.

Metangula (Niassa): Registration at primary school Micumua has serious problems with the printer, which has required constant attention of the service staff. The result is slow registration, long queues, and people giving up and going home.

Inhambane numbers:

Inhambane city: At 2 July, 23,991 voters had registered, of 41,505 expected - 56.5%.

Quissico: At 1 July, 3,670 registered - 51.9%

Vilankulo: At 1 July, 16,293 registered - 60.1%.

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