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Electoral campaign continues without incident

The electoral campaign passed its third day Thursday tranquilly, without registering serious incidents. Problems were mostly about pulling down other parties' posters. Local elections are on Wednesday 20 November.

In the campaign itself, Frelimo has prioritised big meetings, while MDM has concentrated on walkabouts in neighbourhoods.

Monapo: A teacher at Escola Primária Completa de Nacololo, Félix Xavier, was arrested Thursday for vandalising Frelimo posters and election material. He denied the charges, and accused the district education director of persecuting him, and said he was ordered detained without proof.

Ribaué: Two people, Sabonete Naheza and Arlindo Muhacata, were arrested for pulling down MDM posters. They were allegedly caught in the act. They have been released pending a trial. MDM continues to complain about the destruction of its posters. MDM district delegate Luis Constantino accused Frelimo members of pulling down 12 posters in Marrocane neighbourhood. MDM has also made a formal complaint about children, allegedly organised by Frelimo supporters, stoning an MDM procession.

Moatize: Police confirm they have arrested a man for destroying MDM posters with the picture of their mayoral candidate, Horácio Raposo, in Bagamoio neighbourhood..

Milange: Camacho Jackson, 32 years old and a member of MDM, was arrested for pulling down posters of Frelimo from the wall of a local club and putting up MDM posters instead. MDM spokesman Felizardo Assura accused the police of intimidation.

Nampula: Three people arrested after being caught pulling down Frelimo posters.

Mueda: MDM delegate Timóteo Trindade accused the police of bias in favour of Frelimo. He said that a young man was caught pulling down MDM posters in Lilondo neighbourhood, and he was arrested, but was released immediately. Police commander Bernardo Ernesto confirmed the arrest of the 17-year-old, but said he had only torn up pamphlets thrown into his yard. But if further evidence is provided, they will proceed with a case.

Catandica: MDM accused Amilcar José, a Frelimo MP living in Catandica, of destroying MDM posters Thursday morning in Chissano neighbourhood. José denies the charge and says it is an MDM manoeuvre to besmirch his name. Bárue police commander Angelina Muteto says no formal complaint has been made.

Maganja da Costa: MDM spokesman Amos Augusto has made a complaint to the police about Frelimo people pulling down posters. Frelimo spokesman Harvisco Airone says the claim is only to denigrate the image of Frelimo.

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