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Renamo will not disrupt elections

Renamo has no plans to disrupt elections tomorrow, Renamo spokesperson, Fernando Mazanga told the Bulletin this afternoon. "Renamo has not planned any physical action or anything which perturbs law and order," he stressed.

Such action is not needed, he said, because Renamo's not participating makes the election invalid. And he stressed that Renamo will never accept the results to tomorrow's vote.

Confirmed that police used live ammunition at Beira showmicio

Riot police used live ammunition and shot into the crowd at an MDM showmicio in Beira Saturday. Diario de Moçambique (18 November) reports two people injured with bullets, and hospital sources report up to 11 people with bullet wounds. The rally was at the football ground in Munhava, Beira.

It appears that the incident started when riot police tried to move Frelimo cars through the crowd to the Freimo headquarters next to the football ground, and resulted in the FIR shooting tear gas and live ammunition into the crowd.

The football ground is the obvious place for big events. But Gustavo Mavie, head of the state news agency AIM, blames MDM for the incident, saying it was provocative to hold the showmicio so close to the Frelimo headquarters - on the "front porch of Frelimo".

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