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MDM predicted to win in Nampula

On a very low turnout of less than 20%, the opposition MDM is now predicted to win in Nampula. Current parallel counts based on reading results sheets (editais) posted on the doors of polling stations suggests 54% for Mahamuno Amurane of MDM for mayor and 40% for Adolfo Absalão Siueia of Frelimo. The remaining 6% will be split between Mário Albino of ASSEMONA and Filomena Mutoropa of PAHUMO, whose name had been left off the previous ballot paper, causing this delayed election.

Two polling station vice presidents arrested for ballot box stuffing

Four arrests marked polling day in Nampula Sunday. At Muecha primary school, the vice-president of polling station 03001603, Albertina Julião, was caught putting extra ballot papers for Frelimo into the ballot box and was arrested and is being held at Nampula number 1 police station.

At primary school 12 de Outubro, Agnaldo Paz de Oliveira, the vice-president of a polling station, was also caught trying to put extra ballot papers for Frelimo into the ballot box, and he is being held at police station number 2.

This follows the case of polling station president Hermínio da Silva Atumane of polling station 03001802 at Beleneses primary school, arrested for trying to vote with a card issued in Angoche.

Finally, Yolanda Dombi, the representative of the Frelimo radio station, Rádio Índico, was caught by local people with ballot sheets marked for Frelimo in her car. She was arrested and taken to police station number 1, and then released. But her car, a Toyota-Rav4, with registration MMS-83-82, was left in the police station car park and was trashed by local people.

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