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## Parallel count supports MDM protest in Gurué

The MDM has made a formal protest to the Constitutional Council over the results in Gurué, claiming that its candidate, Orlando Janeiro Antonio, received more votes for mayor than the Frelimo candidate Jahanguir Hussen Jussub.

Gurué is one municipality in which there was a complete parallel count, which agrees with the numbers put forward by the MDM, which has given the *Bulletin* a copy of their formal protest.

Gurué is also unusual because the CNE took 40 votes away from the MDM candidate and gave them to the Frelimo candidate, with no explanation.

These are the four different results:

MDM: Jussub 6626 Antonio 6679  
PVT: Jussub 6626 Antonio 6678  
CDE: Jussub 6695 Antonio 6669  
CNE: Jussub 6735 Antonio 6629

MDM = Movimento Democrático de Moçambique

PVT = parallel vote tabulation

CDE = Gurué District Elections Commission

CNE = National Elections Commission

The totals for the CNE are before the addition of requalified invalid votes, which gave 31 to Jussub and 7 to Antonio. According to the PVT, this still gives António an advantage of 39 votes.

## MDM protest on Maputo

MDM has not submitted complaints to the Constitutional Council for seven of the municipalities for which complaints were rejected by the CNE, and has refused to show us copies of those protests. But it has submitted a complaints, and given us a copy, about the election in Maputo city.

The CNE rejected the MDM protests on the grounds that they were not submitted at the lowest possible level. but the MDM has given the Constitutional Council copies of the submissions to the

Maputo city and provincial election commissions.

The main complaint is about arrest and expulsion of MDM delegates from polling stations, which it says led to ballot box stuffing because there were no opposition monitors. MDM says four named delegates were arrested on polling day and detained for up to three days before being released without charge. In all cases the police claimed that the credential issued by STAE was false. Another delegate was expelled from the polling station because the local administrator said that delegates could only be at the polling station where they were registered (which is false).

They also claim that they caught someone from the city STAE rewriting results sheets (editais), after they had already been signed and completed.

## Detailed results on web

The CNE has so far only released the detailed results in hard copy, so we have scanned them and posted them on our websites: <http://www.cip.org.mz/election2013/> and [bit.ly/MozEI13](http://bit.ly/MozEI13) (Large file 9.1Mb)

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