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Polling station president arrested for ballot box stuffing

The presiding officer (president) of a polling station in Macar-projecto, Gurue, has been arrested for trying to put two extra ballot papers marked for Frelimo in the ballot box. Crowds threatened the president and the woman from Frelimo who gave him the ballot papers, and they had to be rescued by the police. The polling station president has been arrested and is still being held, but the woman has disappeared.

On the @Verdade Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/JornalVerdade> there is a photo of a woman with what appears to be a ballot paper in her blouse (see photo). There are links to various YouTube videos including one which appears to show a policeman outside a polling station holding a ballot paper. <http://youtu.be/SkvzhmaoNTA>



Meanwhile, the presiding officer from Nampula who was caught stuffing ballot boxes on 1 December, as well as the presiding officer who came from Angoche and the journalist from Radio Indico who was caught with marked ballots in Nampula, have all been formally charged.

Turnout falling

Polling stations opened to long queues, but turnout has dropped off quickly and there are now few people at polling stations (see photos below). This suggests that turnout today may be less than on 20 November.



Rapid Count

The district election commission will begin its count during the night, as soon as results are available from polling stations, STAE (Secretariado Técnico de Administração Eleitoral) announced yesterday. That means results should be available during the night.

STAE has also used tape to demarcate the perimeter of the polling stations, and within this area only voters who have not voted yet and people with credentials are permitted. This will keep out party officials who are not registered as the party delegate at that polling station, and will prevent interference with the count..

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