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MDM wins in Gurué

MDM won by a significant margin in the rerun election in Gurue yesterday, with an increased turnout. The complete parallel count of the Electoral Observatory gives:

Mayor

Jahanguir H. Jussub, Frelimo - 6 385 (45%)

Orlando Janeiro, MDM - 7 812 (55%)

Branços - 391 (2.6%)

Nulos - 484 (3.2%)

Turnout - 41.2%

Municipal assembly

Frelimo - 6 551 (46%)

MDM - 7 677 (54%)

Branços - 529 (3.5%)

Nulos - 415 (2.75%)

In the 20 November election which was cancelled, Jahanguir H. Jussub of Frelimo won 6 626 votes and Orlando Janeiro of MDM 6 679, on a turnout of 38%. This suggests that in the new election yesterday, Frelimo only retained its voters from 20 November, while MDM gained an additional 1100 votes.

Other news

+ Heavily armed riot police were on the streets of Gurué from late afternoon. Youth gathered around polling centres to monitor the count. There were small skirmishes between youth and police at Cha de Gurue

+ A rumour is in circulation that directors of schools and other government departments have told staff to take a photo of their ballot paper after they have marked it, to show they voted for Frelimo. There is no way of verifying the rumour, but observers have seen people in the voting booth taking photos of their ballot paper.

+ Frelimo has named the woman arrested for ballot box stuffing in Gurue (and then "disappeared") as Fernanda Mocambique, and claims she was entirely innocent. It

says she was a "supervisor" of Frelimo polling stations delegates. But under electoral regulations there is no post of "supervisor" and she did not have a credential, so she had no right to be inside a polling station.

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