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Frelimo, Renamo, MDM open campaign across Mozambique

The official campaign opened Sunday for the 15 October elections for President, national parliament, and provincial assemblies with marches, rallies, speeches and vast number of posters. More than 100 of our journalists reported that the start of the campaign was largely calm and orderly.

The three main parties, Frelimo, Renamo and MDM opened their campaigns across the country. There were only a few reports of places where the two opposition parties had not started campaigning.

There were some reports of activity violating the electoral law, notably use of government vehicles, vandalising opposition posters, and pasting posters on top of ones from other parties. These are detailed below, and with photos in the attached pdf version of this bulletin..

EU and Carter Centre to observe election

After originally refusing, the European Union (EU) will observe the 15 October elections, with some of the European embassies in Maputo paying part of the bill and supplying some observers. The Carter Centre (from the United States) is also expected to send observers, as are SADC, the African Union, and the Commonwealth.

Officials in Brussels originally said that budget cuts meant that they could not afford to fund an observation mission, a decision which was encouraged because some in the EU mission in Maputo were not enthusiastic about election observation. But EU member embassies in Maputo, particularly from northern Europe, were angry about the decision and agreed to pay the bill. On 19 August, the EU announced the observation would go ahead.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/fpi/announcements/jobs/eueom/20140819_en.htm

The deadline for applicants for senior posts is Wednesday 3 September and the first key experts are expected to arrive in Maputo on Wednesday 10 September. Long term experts will remain until 23 October and key experts until 5 November.

Election campaign opening

Where the opposition has not started

Our journalists report that Frelimo opened its campaign with maximum force in all districts, with large caravans of cars and motorcycles, and also some door-to-door campaigning. Other parties have started with lower key campaigns. There were a few reports of opposition parties not starting their campaigns:

Nampula

In **Nacala-a-Velha**, only Frelimo and Renamo started campaigning. MDM delegate Nassopera Marcelino said they he had not received any campaign material.

In **Ribaue** district, only Frelimo and Renamo have started campaigning, not MDM.

In **Muecate** district, MDM started its campaign Monday without any posters or campaign material.

Sofala

In **Chemba** district only Frelimo was seen on the streets.

Zambézia

In **Mocuba**, MDM had not started its campaign and was still waiting for material.

Frelimo again using state cars

Despite the law being clear and the National Elections Commission having reminded the political parties that they are not allowed to use government resources in the campaign, Frelimo has been widely reported to have used government cars in the campaign opening. In addition, cars are being used by Frelimo with their registration numbers illegally covered over (presumably to prevent us identifying them)

Nampula

In **Nacala-A-Velha**, Frelimo was using a Toyota 4x4 registration **ADY 651 MP** which has Ministry of Education written on the side, and which was driven by District Education Director Baltazar Buahage in a Frelimo parade on the opening day, Sunday..



Also in the Frelimo caravan was the district permanent secretary driving his government Ford Ranger **ADI 557 MP** covered in Frelimo posters.

And a policeman in uniform, clearly on duty, was riding a motorcycle plastered with Frelimo posters.



In Mogincual, the Planning and Infrastructure Land Cruiser **AEE-584-MP** was in the Frelimo parade.

Maputo City.

Outside the Frelimo headquarters of Ka Mphumo urban district on Avenida Amed Sekou Touré, a Land Cruiser was photographed with the registration number totally covered.



Sofala

In Gorongosa Frelimo was using a state Toyota Hilux **EAB 109 MP**.

Niassa

In Chimbunila Frelimo was using a state car **EAB 002 MP**.

Vandalized and improper posters

The biggest complaints tend to relate to banners and posters being put in the wrong places or being torn down, damaged, or covered by opposing parties.

Nampula

Five Renamo members were arrested on the first two days of the campaign in Nampula province, the head of the Renamo provincial election office, Paulo Vahanle, said in a statement today (Tuesday). Three were detained in Liúpu district town, one in Rapale, and one in Nampula city. All were accused of destroying Frelimo posters. Vahanie said all were innocent and accused the police trying to block Renamo campaigning. Police spokesman Miguel Bartolomeu refused to comment.

In **Mogincual**, Renamo put posters on the wall of the election commission, while Frelimo put posters in the local primary school.

Manica

In Chimoio two young men from MDM were detained, one for destroying Frelimo posters and also accused of violence when an MDM campaign group met a Frelimo one, and the other for bad driving having knocked down a pedestrian. Police spokesman Belmiro Mutadiua reported three arrests, two for destroying posters and one for a driving violation. "We will be implacable in halting illegal actions," he said.

Gaza

Two photos from Xai-Xai show Frelimo posters pasted on a Ministry of Agriculture sign (posters cannot be put on government buildings) and pasted over posters for MDM presidential candidate Daviz Simango.



In Bilene district a Frelimo poster was seen pasted on a road sign (also illegal).

In Chibuto, MDM reports that Zabadeu Ofisso, a young member of the Frelimo youth wing OJM, was caught destroying 30 MDM pamphlets in the central market, and the case has been passed to electoral authorities.

Inhambane

In **Inharrime**, on the second day of the campaign in the village of Ngulela, 3 km from Inharrime town, Frelimo posters were seen in a classroom in Nqulela primary school. Two young Frelimo supporters were caught by Renamo tearing up Renamo leaflets and were handed in to the police. in Nqulela.

Tete

In **Moatize** district MDM accuses Frelimo of vandalising its banner in the Mpadue neighbourhood.

Political violence

There have been very few reports of political violence in the start of the campaign. In Chinvano, Tsanganano district, Tete, Renamo is accused of stoning a Frelimo rally, injuring nine people. Four Frelimo members were admitted to the local health centre.

2 road accidents in Manica

One person was killed and three others injured in two campaign related road accidents early on Sunday morning as political parties were putting up their posters in Manica province.

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on
<http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-1a> and <http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-2>

The Portuguese edition of the Bulletin is more detailed, and can be read on
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