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10 opposition arrests in Nampula

Ten members of opposition parties have been arrested in Nampula since the start of the election campaign, according to the provincial police commander, Abel Nuro. He reported no Frelimo arrests.

In Samora Machel village, Alua, Erati district, an opposition supporter was arrested for attempting to block a Frelimo parade. In Nacaroa district, one Renamo member and one MDM member were arrested for tearing down Frelimo posters.

In Liupo district, 3 Renamo members were arrested, accused of staling two motorcycles, two

bicycles, and 5000 meticais (\$170).

Commission to remove improper posters set up in Nacala-Porto

The problem of election posters plastered on roadsigns and other improper places has become so serious that election officials in Nacala-Porto have created a joint commission to take them down. The photos show some examples.









Other photos show large Frelimo posters illegally on government buildings - an official residence of the state electricity company Electricidade de Moçambique and a building of the district services of women and social action.





Registering voters card numbers

In Chibuto, Gaza, four Frelimo members are going door to door and asking people their voter's card numbers. They said they were instructed to do so by Francisco Xixongue, Frelimo first secretary in the district.

The practice has been noted elsewhere and in past elections, and is not illegal. Voters are not required to give their numbers, although all parties are given a copy of the voters roll which has the numbers.

But in an area like Chibuto, where Frelimo has an overwhelming majority, people sometimes feel intimidated by being asked for the voters number. And there is no reason to collect the numbers.

Other election news

In Inharrime, Inhambane, two smaller parties have entered the campaign, Partido de Renovação Social (PARESO) and Coligação União Eleitoral.

In Guijá, Gaza, only Frelimo is campaigning. MDM locally says it still does not have campaign materials. Here in the Frelimo heartland, Renamo does not even appear to have an office.

In Bilene, Gaza, a Frelimo supported was killed when he fell from the back of a campaign truck.

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on

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