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COLLECTIVE ACTION: This newsletter is based on reports from 150 journalists in nearly every district, working together to give the most up to date coverage of the election. We are also working with the Community Radios Forum (FORCOM) and the Human Rights League.

Renamo also using state cars

Until now the complaints about improper use of state cars in the campaign have been entirely about Frelimo, but now Renamo has also been caught. Three state cars were photographed Friday during the rally for Renamo presidential candidate Afonso Dhlakama in Praça dos Heróis Moçambicano, Nacala-Porto. A state car with registration number EAB 498 MP was seen covered with Renamo and Dhlakama posters. And two state Ford Rangers, one grey and one blue, with registrations EAB 629 MP e EAB 579 MP, were also seen at the rally. Our journalist reports that these cars are apparently state cars assigned to Renamo members of parliament, but as government cars their use is still prohibited.





Only 3 electoral crimes so far in Cabo Delgado

Cabo Delgado has only reported three electoral crimes in the first three weeks of the campaign. All three relate to MDM members destroying Frelimo posters in Quissanga and Mocimboa da Praia, according to provincial police spokesperson Adbul Chaguro. This is confirmed by the parties who report an overall positive ambient to the campaign.

Nevertheless, António Macanige, MDM representative in Cabo-Delgado, complains of provocations by Frelimo members in Mueda and Mocimboa da Praia districts. When this happens, the police always question MDM but not Frelimo, he claims, which he sees as intimidation of MDM.

Tete: Ten electoral crimes have been reported so far in Tete according to provincial police spokesperson Luís Núdia. He reports five arrests, three in Marávia district and two in Cahora Bassa district, all of Renamo members. They relate to physical attacks and threats.

In **Angoche** district, Nampula, MDM member Domingos Luciano was arrested Friday for tearing down Frelimo posters in Napuilimiti, Namaponda administrative post.

Schools stop as teachers join campaign or train polling station staff

Many members of polling station staff, and many of their trainers, have always been school teachers, because they are the best educated people in many rural areas. But now that training has started, this is paralysing many schools. For example, our journalists in **Homoine**, Inhambane, and **Muecate**, Nampula, report the secondary schools largely closed because so many teachers are involved in polling station staff training..

Other teachers have abandoned their classrooms to join the Frelimo campaign. In **Lalaua**, Nampula, parents are complaining that Niveto primary school is closed because of teachers campaigning.

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