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## MDM accuses STAE of not accepting its MMVs, delegates

STAE in Maputo has only registered MDM polling station delegates in Inhaca and not in the rest of the city, and is delaying the registration of MDM-nominated polling station staff (MMVs, membros das mesas do voto), Lutero Simango, head of the MDM parliamentary bench, told a press conference this morning.

This issue is important because MDM did not have delegates in all Maputo polling stations for local elections last year, and it claims there was fraud in polling stations where it did not have anyone watching.

This year MDM has a right to a delegate (or poll watcher) as well as a member of the polling station team. Lutero Simango said that lists of delegates have been submitted for all 980 polling stations in the seven city districts, but only Inhaca district had issued credentials.

He said that 980 names plus an additional 10% had been submitted as candidates for polling station staff (MMVs), and that many still did not have contracts, although contracts were being issued today (Tuesday), the day before the election.

Simango was particularly angry because he said the head of Maputo STAE had given interviews over the weekend saying that MDM had not been able to nominate enough people. However it is clear that many of the names have only been submitted recently. When asked if the names of MMVs were submitted in time for them to have training, Simango did not reply, and instead said that the only condition for being an MMV was to be nominated by the party, and that training and other documents were not required.

There are also reports from Zambézia of MDM complaints that MMVs and delegates are not being registered.

# Serious violence in Angoche

Angoche saw on Sunday what may be the most serious violence anywhere in the country during the 45 day campaign. *Mediafax* this morning cites hospital and police sources to say two people died in hospital of injuries, but this has not been otherwise confirmed.

Details are lacking but apparently both Frelimo and Renamo were planning rallies and the two groups met in Inguri bairro. Renamo was armed with rocks and machetes, In the ensuing violence, 12 houses of Frelimo leaders were vandalised by Renamo and property was stolen. In retaliation, Frelimo stoned the Renamo headquarters, breaking all the windows.. No arrests were reported, but there were serious injuries.

*Mediafax* also reports that one person hospitalised after violence in Nampula Sunday has died of head injuries. AIM reports the number of arrests in Nampula has risen to 13.

Events in Nampula and Angoche were the only violence reported by our journalists, and otherwise the campaign ended peacefully.

## MMVs in South Africa demand more money

Polling station staff in South Africa are demanding more money and threatening not to run elections there tomorrow. A negotiating meeting was scheduled for this morning. Polling station staff are Mozambicans who were trained by STAE in Pretoria. They are to be paid 1500 Rand (4100 Meticaais, \$135) but they say this is not enough in South Africa. There are 17 polling stations in 9 polling centres in South Africa, in mining and urban areas.

The pay rate in Mozambique is 2,200 Meticaais (MT) for a polling station chairperson (president), 1,950 MT for a deputy chair .1,700 MT for a secretary, and 1,500 MT for each of the four tellers. In addition they each received 2,000 MT for food during the 10-day training. The minimum wage for the public administration is 2,699 meticaais per month. As it only involves 12-13 days work, MMVs are paid significantly above the minimum wage.

## *And more on the end of the campaign*

**Gondola (Manica):** Frelimo, Renamo and MDM were joined in the final three weeks of the campaign by PIMO. No violence or incidents were reported.

**Murrupula (Nampula):** The three main parties were joined in the campaign by PAHUMO and PDD, with no violence or problems.

**Zavala (Inhambane):** Frelimo ended its campaign with a rally in the centre of town while Renamo and MDM did lower key activities. An MDM car was involved in an accident Sunday. Otherwise the campaign has been completely calm.

**Ka Mavota (Maputo-Cidade):** Frelimo had the strongest campaign presence with more marches and posters. MDM, Renamo and Partido Ecologista also campaigned. The three main parties accuse each other of pulling down posters, but otherwise the campaign was calm and orderly.

**Ka Tembe (Maputo-Cidade):** The three main parties finished their campaign on Saturday

and were not seen on Sunday. There have been no reported incidents and the campaign was calm. District STAE reports that Renamo has not nominated sufficient MMVs for all polling stations.

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