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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.

Tete city finds extra polling stations

In **Tete city** the counting has stopped because of a confusion over the number of polling stations. On voting day there were 178 polling stations, but the city elections commission has received results sheets from 234 polling stations. Counting stopped until they could figure out how to deal with 56 extra polling stations.

In **Mocuba** district, Zambézia, counting stopped after the count of presidential results, when it was discovered that 16 editais for national parliament and seven editais for provincial parliament were missing.

Renamo protest in Maringué

In **Maringué** district, Sofala, Renamo said that the CDE had incorrectly added up the results for provincial assembly. The Renamo delegate demanded a recount, but this was refused because it was claimed (incorrectly) that only the CPE could approve this. Renamo then refused to sign the edital. So copies of the edital were not distributed or posted, but the contested results were announced verbally.

Some district results late and secret

Contrary to the provisions of the electoral law, some district elections commissions (CDEs) did not finish their count within three days, and some have not posted the results or not distributed them to press and parties.

Article 107 of Lei 12/2014 de 23 de Abril specifies that there must be a formal announcement of district results within three days of the close of voting, which is 18.00 Saturday. Results sheets (editais) must be posted outside the CDE and the office of the district government and/or municipality. Article 106 of the law requires official copies of the edital to be given to party

delegates, observers and journalists.

The district count involves adding up the editais from all polling stations in the district. There are 150 districts in Mozambique. District results are then sent to the provincial capital to be added together as provincial results, which are then sent to Maputo.

In some districts the law is being flouted:

Tete

In **Chiúta** district the count only finished Sunday afternoon and the CDE president Joaquim Raimundo Conselho said he had not distributed or posted copies because he had not received instructions to do so from the Tete Provincial Elections Commission (CPE). He also said he was hurrying to take the results to Tete city, so could not post and distribute until he returned Monday or Tuesday. And he said he could not give a copy of the edital to this newsletter because it is not specifically mentioned in the law - even though our correspondent is a journalist registered with the electoral commission, and the law says that journalists must receive copies of the editais..

In **Zumbo** district the count also only finished on Sunday afternoon and the CDE president also said he would only have time to post and distribute results when he returned from Tete city.

Inhambane

In **Morrumbene** district counting finished on time on Saturday, but the results have not been posted because the CDE president did not authorise it before he rushed off to Inhambane city to hand in the editais to the CPE.

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