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Enigmatic: Gurue has registered 15,000 voters more than its target, but there are still many people arriving at the posts

Although the target has been surpassed, voters are continuing to arrive, en masse, at the voter registration posts in Gurue. The average number of voters who register remains between 150 and 240 per day. But where do so many voters come from?

The data announced show that, by 30 May, Gurue had registered 58,200 voters, which is 135% of the total of 43,000 voters forecast by the National Statistics Institute. This is 15,000 more than the target figure for the district. Even so, our correspondents in Gurue report that the number of potential voters making their way to the registration posts remains high. The daily average varies between 150 and 240 voters.

Many of the voters registered came from neighbouring districts that have no municipalities. They were mostly workers of the public administration, and members of political parties, particularly Frelimo, mobilized for this purpose. They are voters who, during the first 30 days of the registration were prioritized by the supervisors. But the hypothesis has also been posed that some of this number come from clandestine registration, also of voters from neighbouring districts.

The Zambezia provincial STAE announced today (31May) that 1.1 million voters have been registered, or 78 % of the 1.4 million forecast for the entire province. The spokesperson for the provincial STAE says that that the target will be met during the final three days of registration.

Provincial guard sentenced to jail for preventing people from other districts from registering

The Gurue district court on Tuesday (30 May) sentenced Jaime Albino, a guard on the gate of Production Unit 4 (UP4) in Gurue, to a year's imprisonment and a fine of five times the minimum wage in the public administration, a sum of 43,780 meticaís, to be paid within ten days, counted from 30 May 2023. If he does not comply with this obligation, he must serve a further six months in jail.

The guard prevented the entry of trucks carrying people from Ile and Namarroi districts in Zambezia, allegedly to register as voters at the registration post set up in UP4 in Gurue.

The case was brought by the Gurue STAE district director, Luis Martins, who claimed in court that Jaime Albino had attacked potential voters and prevented them from accessing the premises for registration.

More than ten voters caught attempting to register illicitly in the Gorongosa municipal area.

The group was transported from the region of the regulo (chief) Canda, which is in a non-municipal area, by the First Secretary of the Frelimo Party in the district, accompanied by the secretary of the local Frelimo branch. They were all registered this morning (31 May) in the Mpombwe EPC, in Gorongosa municipality.

These people were discovered by the MDM and Renamo monitors inside the registration rooms. One of the vehicles that brought them supposedly belongs to the Mayor of Gorongosa.

Case of the 15 year old who registered delivered to authorities in Chimoio

Antonio Focas Mauvilo, a member of the National Elections Commission (CNE), has guaranteed that the case of the registration of a 15 year old adolescent, in Hombwe neighbourhood, in Chimoio City, has been handed over to the judicial authorities for due treatment.

Mauvilo was speaking at a press conference in Chimoio, where he made a balance of his visit to Manica.

He said it was not up to the members of the registration brigade to answer for the situation, since when the boy was presented by a witness, it was said that he was 18 years of age, and thus old enough to register as a voter.

The adolescent was discovered thanks to the intervention of the political party monitors.


Registration behind closed doors in Nampula city?

Registration in the Nampaco EPC, in Nampula, took place behind closed doors up until 31 May, with the presence of two police agents inside the room. Our observers were not allowed to enter the room. The police threw them out, on the orders of the supervisors.

The supervisors said they had received orders from the CNE and STAE that no observer should enter the registration post.

There were a large number of people inside the room waiting to register. Outside, members of the public accused the supervisors of demanding money as a condition for registration.

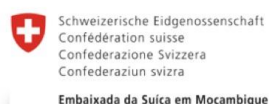
The Namaco EPC is also not observing the rule of granting priority to pregnant women, elderly people and the disabled.

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