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Blockages by STAE director cause overcrowding in Sofala posts

The blockages imposed by the STAE district director in Beira, Nelson Carlos de Rosário, could mean that many citizens will be unable to vote this year. Throughout Sofala province there are still above average sized crowds at the registration posts, just three days from the end of the registration period. This contrasts with the South, particularly Gaza, where some brigades cannot register even 20 voters a day.

For example, in the Macuti EPC, in Beira, participation remains high and on average 100 voters a day are registered.. Registration has been quick, with the brigade registering 12 voters in an hour, which means it take five mimnutes to register one voter.

Our correspondents report that the voter registration posts at the Amílcar Cabral Community School, the Pioneiros EPC, and the Vaz and Munhava Matope schools are full of people trying to register.

In the early morning (of 31 May), in the Vaz EPC, the voters almost came to blows because outsiders were being prioritised. The police intervened and avoided the worst. By midday, there were about 200 voters in the queue.

The same thing happened in the Ponta-Gea Secondary School and the Chipangara Primary School. There were a.lot of people. The average rose to 115 voters registered a day.

In Caia district the same scenario was reported. In the Criança Nosso Futuro EPC, on the outskirts of Caia town, the flow of people was enormous. An estimated 200 people were in the queue. In the Chirimba-2 EPC, also on the outskirts of Caia town, there were about 140 people in the queue.

Dondo was an exception. In the Munyonha EPC, in the Mafambisse administratiove post, few voters turned up. There were less than 20 voters in the queue.

Brigade member assaulted in Beira

A brigade member at the registration post in the Muchatazina Secondary School, in Beira, was physically attacked by voters who accused him of favouring people in his confidence, while dozens of people had been waiting since early morning for places in the queue that would allow them access to a voter card. One of the attackers was detained in the 11th police precinct in Muchatazina.

Registration had to be interrupted for some time. It resumed later, with many voters still in the queue.

Before this episode, the brigade members were registering voters, but were not printing voter cards, because the printer had broken down.

Frelimo accuses MDM of registering people from outside the municipality

The first secretary of Frelimo in Sofala, Luís Nhanzozo, has accused the MDM of using vehicles from the local municipality to transport people, supposedly collected in areas that have no municipality, in order for them to register in Beira city.

Manica

In general, there is a noteworthy turnout of voters in Manica. Some posts had larger crowds, but others were practically deserted. For example, in Guro, at the three registration posts located in the Guro Basic School, in the 12 October School, and in the Cateté School, there were no voters. But in the posts at the Bambu Workyard, the 7 April Secondary School, and the post alongside that secondary school, in the new Samora Machel neighbourhood, in Chimoio, there were average sized queues. By midday on Wednesday (31 May) more than 200 voters had been registered, and in the morning the places were full of citizens who wanted to acquire their voter cards.

Tete

There are reports of poor attendance at the posts in almost all the districts with municipalities. But there was considerable attendance in one or other case, such as Angónia. Over 50 voters a day are being registered.

Nampula

In Nampula province, there are still crowds in almost all the municipalities, particularly the coastal municipalities, which are strongholds of Renamo. For example, this Wednesday (31 May), at the Emopes EPC, in Angoche, there were enormous queues of voters. The post closed with many people still in the queues. On Tuesday, 185 voters were registered, and on Wednesday 110.

In Nampula city, cases are reported of the collection of documents supposedly to guarantee a place the following day. For example, in the 7 April EPC, this Wednesday (31 May), the identity cards of public administration employees were compulsorily collected, and their owners were told they had to come back the following day to register. In the ADEMO Community School, also in Nampula City,

the supervisor took the place of the data input operator registering people, supposedly in his confidence, while many people were still waiting in the queue.

Registration remained slow in the registration post in the Serra da Mesa EPC, in the Huhala Expansão neighbourhood, even with two computers (“mobiles”), and there are signs that the brigade was prioritising outsiders.

In Nacala-Port, the registration posts at the 25 September, 1 June, Triangulo and Quissimajulo EPCs were full of voters. Each of these posts is registering, on average, 180 voters a day.

In Angoche, the registration post at the Inguri EPC continues to receive large numbers of voters. The average registered per day is 190.

Niassa

In Niassa, there is still a worrying situation in Cuamba, which is under Renamo management. In the registration posts at the Mutxora EPC and the Cuamba Secondary School, for example, despite an extra Mobile, there are still large crowds. By 10.00 on Wednesday (31 May) there were more than 100 voters in the queues. In the secondary school, where there were also enormous queues, desks were made available where students, staff and other voters waited to be registered.


Maputo

In Maputo city and province, attendance varies from zone to zone. But it has fallen drastically in the “cement neighbourhoods”, in both Maputo city and in Matola. In Matola, where there are still crowds, new mobiles were allocated which are reducing the queues.

The allocation of “mobiles” slimmed down the problem of crowds at least in two registration posts visited by CIP on Wednesday (31 May).

In the post at the Assembleia de Deus school, in Intaka neighbourhood, attendance reduced significantly after the allocation of more mobiles last week. The post is registering about 90 voters a day.

For its part, Brigade 142, which operates in the Boquisso EPC, in the neighbourhood of the same name, received a new mobile last Friday (27 May) which also reduced the crowds. The daily average is 90 voters registered.

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