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CNE published wrong election data today and lost 131,000 votes for Nyusi

he National Elections Commission today published the official results of the 15 October general elections and made a basic mistake. This does not change the Frelimo landslide, but it does change all the totals. For example, the CNE lost 131,593 votes for Nyusi.

The error is that the total registration is given for all constituencies, but the other numbers exclude Africa and Europe. Only the 11 provinces in Mozambique are included. Thus turnout was 51.8% and not 50.7% as claimed, and the total vote for

Filipe Nyusi was 4 639 015 and not 4 507 422 as reported at the official ceremony and in material handed out this afternoon.

The tables on the next two pages correct the CNE errors.

CNE declares huge Frelimo victory and rejects opposition protests

sweeping victory for Frelimo and President Filipe Nyusi, which matches the victory of Armando Guebuza for his second term, was declared this afternoon by the National Elections Commission (CNE). Nyusi won the presidency with 73% of the vote and Frelimo will have 184 seats in the 250 seat parliament. By contrast in 2004, Guebuza won with 75% and Frelimo gained 191 parliament seats.

Nyusi gained 1.8 million votes since his first election in 2014, jumping from 2.8 mn to 4.6 mn.

After this elections, Frelimo increases from 144 to 184 seats, while Renamo drops from 89 to 60 seats and MDM from 17 to only 6. No other parties seats in parliament or assemblies. Turnout was 51.8%, the highest since 1999, but lower that the 60% turnout in municipal elections last year.

The wipe out continued in the provinces, where Frelimo won all 10 governorship and 628 seats in provincial assemblies, compared to 156 for Renamo and 10 for MDM.

Frelimo's victory was even bigger than predicted by the parallel vote count. Frelimo gained 9 more

parliament seats than was predicted based on the parallel count

But observers and our correspondents have pointed to widespread misconduct. Registration totals were inflated in Gaza and supressed in Zambézia. During the voting there was more overt ballot box stuffing than in the past, and election commissions illegally refused to accredit more than 3000 independent domestic observer as well as many party delegates (poll watchers). All parts of the electoral process are politicised and the CNE split on party lines, only approving the election on Friday on a 9-8 vote. The report of the presented to the public today was signed by the 9 Frelimo members but not the 8 opposition members.

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								% of valid votes			
Province	Registere d voters	Votes	Valid votes	Nyusi	Simango	Momade	Albino	Nyusi	Simang.	Momade	Albin.
Maputo city	701 184	410 594	398 788	276 087	29 471	91 627	1 603	69.2%	7.4%	23.0%	0.4%
Maputo pr	1 015 798	552 913	532 702	387 461	29 509	113 926	1 806	72.7%	5.5%	21.4%	0.3%
Gaza	1 166 011	741 513	717 702	679 929	14 555	20 535	2 683	94.7%	2.0%	2.9%	0.4%
Inhambane	657 142	352 659	327 261	266 276	14 404	43 763	2 818	81.4%	4.4%	13.4%	0.9%
Sofala	1 029 354	593 725	557 091	377 830	64 865	111 789	2 607	67.8%	11.6%	20.1%	0.5%
Manica	893 426	543 112	510 126	381 816	12 554	113 201	2 555	74.8%	2.5%	22.2%	0.5%
Tete	1 119 378	671 152	615 265	476 113	13 491	122 810	2 851	77.4%	2.2%	20.0%	0.5%
Zambézia	2 140 125	917 219	813 049	541 399	29 403	236 344	5 903	66.6%	3.6%	29.1%	0.7%
Nampula	2 361 973	1 013 529	912 404	546 485	34 268	314 446	17 205	59.9%	3.8%	34.5%	1.9%
Niassa	677 764	300 212	274 829	188 030	8 782	76 439	1 578	68.4%	3.2%	27.8%	0.6%
C. Delgado	1 185 024	582 380	515 020	385 966	19 111	106 262	3 651	74.9%	3.7%	20.6%	0.7%
Africa	212 633										
Europe	2 479										
CNE TOTAL	13 162 291	6 679 008	6 174 237	4 507 392	270 413	1 351 142	45 260	73.0%	4.4%	21.9%	0.7%
Africa		143 479	140 679	130 598	2 830	5 285	778	92.8%	2.0%	3.8%	0.6%
Europa		1 439	1 401	1 025	154	217	5	73.2%	11.0%	15.5%	0.4%
ACTUAL TOTAL	13 162 291	6 823 926	6 316 317	4 639 015	273 397	1 356 644	46 043	73.4%	4.3%	21.5%	0.7%

Province	Turnout - % of registered who voted	Valid votes as % of total	Blank votes	invalid votes	blank as % of total	invalid as % of total
Maputo city	58.6%	97.1%	4 096	7 687	1.0%	1.9%
Maputo prov	54.4%	96.3%	8 203	11 978	1.5%	2.2%
Gaza	63.6%	96.8%	11 674	12 137	1.6%	1.6%
Inhambane	53.7%	92.8%	13 703	11 695	3.9%	3.3%
Sofala	57.7%	93.8%	19 925	16 295	3.4%	2.7%
Manica	60.8%	93.9%	19 332	13 645	3.6%	2.5%
Tete	60.0%	91.7%	26 765	29 122	4.0%	4.3%
Zambézia	42.9%	88.6%	55 585	48 585	6.1%	5.3%
Nampula	42.9%	90.0%	62 616	38 509	6.2%	3.8%
Niassa	44.3%	91.5%	14 552	10 831	4.8%	3.6%
Cabo Delgado	49.1%	88.4%	46 978	20 382	8.1%	3.5%
CNE TOTAL	50.7%	92.4%	283 429	220 866	4.2%	3.3%
Africa	67.5%	98.0%	998	1 802	0.7%	1.3%
Europa	58.0%	97.4%	19	19	1.3%	1.3%
ACTUAL TOTAL	51.8%	92.4%	284 446	222 687	4.2%	3.3%

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		Votes						Seat	s	
Province	Registered	Voted	Valid	Frelimo	MDM	Renamo	Others	Frel	MDM	Ren
Maputo city	701 184	409 247	392 627	242 105	30 646	109 362	10 514	8	1	4
Maputo prov	1 015 798	553 632	518 331	343 261	25 672	136 144	13 254	14	1	5
Gaza	1 166 011	730 360	699 523	654 244	11 973	18 180	15 126	22	0	0
Inhambane	657 142	353 641	318 228	246 212	14 114	44 016	13 886	11	0	2
Sofala	1 029 354	593 058	544 143	361 083	66 559	110 052	6 449	14	2	4
Manica	893 426	542 520	496 327	365 358	12 568	110 945	7 456	13	0	4
Tete	1 119 378	666 808	599 336	457 526	12 208	121 808	7 794	17	0	4
Zambézia	2 140 125	906 078	772 477	505 906	26 217	228 615	11 739	28	1	12
Nampula	2 361 973	1 001 505	854 130	495 642	28 612	299 150	30 726	28	1	16
Niassa	677 764	282 112	253 089	170 176	7 404	70 730	4 779	9	0	4
Cabo Delgado	1 185 024	582 521	477 236	353 205	14 817	96 673	12 541	18	0	5
Africa	212 633									
Europe	2 479									
CNE TOTAL	13 162 291	6 621 482	5 925 447	4 194 718	250 790	1 345 675	134 264			
Africa		143 496	140 647	127 286	2 782	5 386	5 193	1	0	0
Europe		1 438	1 396	940	161	264	31	1	0	0
ACTUAL TOTAL	13 162 291	6 766 416	6 067 490	4 322 944	253 733	1 351 325	139 488	184	6	60

Calculated			i				% of vali	d votes		
Provínce	Turnout - % of registered	Blank votes	Invalid votes	Blank % of total	Invalid % of total	Valid votes - % of total	Freli- mo	MDM	Re- namo	Others
Maputo city	58.4%	8 357	8 240	2.0%	2.0%	95.9%	61.7%	7.8%	27.9%	2.7%
Maputo prov	54.5%	19 860	15 441	3.6%	2.8%	93.6%	66.2%	5.0%	26.3%	2.6%
Gaza	62.6%	16 509	14 328	2.3%	2.0%	95.8%	93.5%	1.7%	2.6%	2.2%
Inhambane	53.8%	21 129	12 758	6.0%	3.6%	90.0%	77.4%	4.4%	13.8%	4.4%
Sofala	57.6%	25 637	21 938	4.3%	3.7%	91.8%	66.4%	12.2%	20.2%	1.2%
Manica	60.7%	32 134	14 057	5.9%	2.6%	91.5%	73.6%	2.5%	22.4%	1.5%
Tete	59.6%	33 862	33 610	5.1%	5.0%	89.9%	76.3%	2.0%	20.3%	1.3%
Zambézia	42.3%	65 921	67 680	7.3%	7.5%	85.3%	65.5%	3.4%	29.6%	1.5%
Nampula	42.4%	103 179	44 196	10.3%	4.4%	85.3%	58.0%	3.3%	35.0%	3.6%
Niassa	41.6%	16 074	12 949	5.7%	4.6%	89.7%	67.2%	2.9%	27.9%	1.9%
C. Delgado	49.2%	77 069	28 216	13.2%	4.8%	81.9%	74.0%	3.1%	20.3%	2.6%
CNE TOTAL	50.3%	419 731	273 413	3.2%	2.1%	89.5%	70.8%	4.2%	22.7%	2.3%
Africa	67.5%	1 228	1 621	0.9%	1.1%	98.0%	90.5%	2.0%	3.8%	3.7%
Europe	58.0%	21	21	1.5%	1.5%	97.1%	67.3%	11.5%	18.9%	2.2%
ACTUAL TOTAL	51.4%	840 711	548 468	12.4%	8.1%	89.7%	71.2%	4.2%	22.3%	2.3%

Protest and secrecy

The official national count was yesterday (Saturday 26 October) and this was the only session open to observers and party mandatários (agents). It was not actually a count, and simply consisted of showing the slides which would be shown to the public today. The slides and totals had been agreed at a closed meeting Friday.

The opening of the meeting yesterday began with an intervention by six party mandatários, led by Venancio Mondlane of Renamo, saying that under the law agents and observers must be admitted to the count. The mandatários argued that there had been widespread misconduct which affected them and was not being discussed at the Saturday meeting because it had already been voted on in the closed Friday meeting. They said they should have been able to attend the Friday meeting, where it appears the count actually took place.

They also argued that they had only been notified of the Saturday meeting by telephone, when the law was changed earlier this year to require a written notification. The CNE imposed restrictions on parties for submitting candidates, but was lax in obeying the law when notifying parties or handing out state money to parties, they said. The mandatários also objected to being handed a half metre high stack of documents when the arrived Saturday, which could not be read and digested in time for the official count.

After nearly eight hours of mostly closed debate, the CNE simply rejected the formal protest adding that the fact that the mandatários were there showed that telephoning was adequate, even if illegal.

The meetings showed the very narrow interpretation of the word "count" ("apuramento"). Observers and mandatários were excluded from most of the discussion of the protest on the grounds that the protest is not part of the count, and therefore internal and not open. Similarly it said that the Friday meeting was just to "correct errors" in the data, approve documents and slides to be presented, and not actually a count. So the only "count" was looking at the slides at 11 pm last night.

Thus there is no public record of changes that the various elections commission made to the results. Were polling stations with more than 100% turnout deleted, and if so, which ones. What other "corrections" were made in the secret part of the meetings?

National parliament (AR) seats

	Frelimo	MDM	Renamo
Niassa	9	0	4
Cabo Delagado	18	0	5
Nampula	28	1	16
Zambézia	28	1	12
Tete	17	0	4
Manica	13	0	4
Sofala	14	2	4
Inhambane	11	0	2
Gaza	22	0	0
Maputo Provínce	14	1	5
Maputo City	8	1	4
Africa	1	0	0
Europa	1	0	0
Total	184	6	60

2014 144 17 89

Provincial assembly (AP) seats

	Frelimo	MDM	Renamo
Niassa	46	0	14
Cabo Delgado	66	0	16
Nampula	63	0	31
Zambézia	69	0	23
Tete	65	0	17
Manica	63	0	17
Sofala	60	8	13
Inhambane	54	0	6
Gaza	81	0	1
Maputo Província	61	2	18
Total	628	10	156

2014 485 31 295

Polling station head convicted of ballot box stuffing for Frelimo

Henrique Martins was sentenced on 17 October to five months in prison by the Mutarara District Court, after being found guilty of ballot box stuffing in Frelimo's favour. Martins was a polling station chair at the Mapulango primary school, Inhangoma, Mutarara Tete.

According to the court, Henriques gave extra ballot papers to a voter previously identified as a Frelimo supporter to introduce them into the ballot box. The Renamo delegate (poll watcher) saw this and took the ballot papers from the hands of the

voter, and went on to submit a complaint to the district attorney's office.

Four other members of the polling station staff (MMVs) were also heard by the court on 17 October (See Bulletin 81). Claudino Hilario and

Tomé Pinacua, both of Frelimo, were acquitted for insufficient evidence. The remaining two were called for a new session at the Mutarara District Court.



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