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Opposition wants district elections held in 2024



Opposition parties argued in Maputo on Wednesday (15/02) that the district elections should be held in 2024. For Renamo, it makes no sense to discuss delaying the elections, since they are the result of consensus in the peace agreement reached between Filipe Nyusi and Afonso Dhlakama.

All the opposition parties agree that the country should establish conditions for the district elections to be held next year. However, some proposed that Renamo and Frelimo should sit down together again to discuss the possible postponement, or not, of the elections. For those who defend this argument, the government cannot decide on the matter except by means of an agreement with Renamo.

Some representatives of the opposition suggested that the idea of a possible postponement signals Frelimo's fear that it will lose control of some districts to the opposition.

For their part, the representatives of Frelimo argue there is a need to understand the scope of the message of President Nyusi, according to which all of society should be involved in the debate in order to attain the expected results.

The representatives of civil society called for the debate to be inclusive, involving all Mozambicans, and not just the two main parties, namely Frelimo and Renamo.

The Constitution requires the holding of elections in 2024. It also makes holding the elections conditional on the approval of specific legislation on how the district bodies will operate. But Frelimo has decided that Parliament will not consider this legislation, thus making the elections impossible.


The debate on the district elections was organised by the Centre for Public Integrity (CIP).

Pilot voter registration: rain prevents voters from registering

In the last two days, the pilot registration posts in Mogovolas district, in Nampula province, have been unable to register voters due to the heavy rains in the area.

In Maputo province, the turnout remains poor. In part, this is also due to the rains falling across the entire southern region of the country.

As for the behaviour of the machines used in the registration, so far there are no reports of serious breakdowns.

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