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District elections: Ossufo Momade resigned?

Renamo seems to have accepted the decision of Frelimo to cancel the holding of district elections in 2024. According to Ossufo Momade, Renamo “has no answer to give”, but it was his desire that the elections be held next year.

Ossufo Momade says that Renamo regrets that the postponement of the district elections had been presented “very late”. Momade recalled that the elections are the result of agreements in 2019 between Renamo and the Government.

Ossufo Momade reacted to the cancelling of the elections after the meeting he held with the President of the Republic, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, in the context of the Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration (DDR) of former Renamo guerrillas.

As for the next step to be taken, the leader of the largest opposition party said “Right now, we have no answer to give with regard to the district elections.”

Although apparently in acceptance, Momade guaranteed “We shall discuss so as to find a solution, because we would like the district elections to be held in 2024”.

For his part, the President of the Republic, Filipe Nyusi, confirmed there had been an “exchange of impressions” about the district elections. Both men analysed technical aspects concerned with the consolidation of decentralisation, and also with the financial viability of the district elections.

By way of a warning, Filipe Nyusi presented a further reason for his hesitation in pushing ahead with district elections. “If we are embarking on the DDR, in which we are thinking about paying pensions, that means involving (financial) resources.” And he concluded “The Mozambicans will find a solution”.

Accessories for Mobiles for voter registration are now in Maputo


The equipment was unloaded on Monday (6/3/2023). It consisted of 108 tonnes of accessories for the computers that will be used for the voter registration that begins on 20 April. The accessories came from Hong Kong.

The material unloaded on Monday morning, consisting of batteries, power banks (auxiliary chargers), PVC cards, including some Mobile ID kits, among others, amounts to 20% of the total equipment to be imported for the registration. Mobile IDs are the computers that will be used for voter registration. In the structure of these computers will be included the power banks to increase their autonomy, which will reduce the need to take them to charging points (points with access to electricity) thus avoiding interruptions in the registration of voters.

In all, 200 tonnes of equipment from Hong Kong and France are being transported to Maputo for the voter registration. The cost of transport is 7 million US dollars ([For more details, see Bulletin 16](#)).

For the voter registration this year and next year, for the first time a PVC card will be used which adds greater value to the process because of its quality, resilience, durability and security.

According to a source in the National Elections Commission, the last aircraft carrying the T Mobiles will soon land in Maputo from France.

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