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Monitor forced to return money charged to citizens to register

A monitor from the FRELIMO Party, stationed at the voter registration post in the Pista Velha EPC, in the town of Alto Molócuê, has been forced to return the money he demanded from two citizens for their registration.

The incident happened last Friday (19 May), when two citizens, a mother and her daughter, asked the monitor to attend to them, since they had been trying to register for the previous three weeks without success. One of them was pregnant. In response, the monitor asked for 100 meticaís for the two to register. Since they needed to register, they ended up by giving him the money.

The person who denounced this was a third woman who also wanted to register. When she realised it was possible to register, she also went to speak to the monitor and asked him to facilitate her entry into the post so that she could register. The monitor agreed, but demanded that she pay 50 meticaís. The potential voter offered 20 meticaís, but the monitor rejected this, on the grounds that it was too small an amount.

Revolted, the citizen retaliated. She communicated the case to the secretary of the Frelimo Party branch in the triangulo area in Muimahi neighbourhood. For her part, the secretary channelled the case to the neighbourhood secretary, who questioned the monitor. First, the monitor denied the accusations, but later he admitted that he had received he money. Then he returned the money to his victims.

Sussundenga has already registered 78.6% of its voters

The Electoral Administration Technical Secretariat (STAE) in Sussundenga, in Manica province, announced on Tuesday (23 May) that, in the entire district, 78.6 per cent of the estimated electorate of 93,500 has already been registered.

This is a very high percentage when compared with many other districts. Sussundenga is one of the strongholds of Frelimo in Manica.

Manica is one of the three provinces with the highest percentage of voters registered, after Gaza and Cabo Delgado.

Frelimo in Manica admits collecting voter cards and says this is a way of mobilising voters

The first secretary of the FRELIMO provincial committee in Manica, Tomás Chitlango, has said that collecting the numbers of voter cards by the neighbourhood secretaries is a way found to mobilise the electorate.

“It’s the work of the neighborhood secretary, as a government official, to mobilise his people to go and register, because, in a democracy, to be voted upon, we need the people to register. Now if the neighbourhood secretary, the head of the post, or the head of the locality, are mobilising, are looking for people who have not yet registered, that’s their responsibility as members of the Frelimo government”, said Chitlango, who advised the opposition not to become agitated by the mobilisation work that Frelimo is undertaking.

“A party that becomes agitated because the neighbourhood secretary is mobilising the people, is forgetting that, to be democratic, we need to mobilise the people, so that they can vote for us”, he concluded, and invited the opposition parties to do the same.

In Alto Molócuè, our correspondents are reporting cases of members of the Frelimo Party stepping up the collection of voter cards in the neighbourhoods.

Political parties concerned at the lack of interest shown by voters in Massinga


Frelimo and Renamo are concerned at the lack of interest shown by voters in recent days. Renamo says the causes of the poor attendance at the registration posts are weak mobilisation by the civic educators in the neighbourhoods, and lack of trust in the process because some members of Frelimo are collecting voter cards for obscure purposes.

Armando Maquiquele calls for greater rigour by those in charge of mobilising the public to register. Massinga is the only district in Inhambane province which has not yet reached 50 per cent of its registration target.

Registration post has not begun to register in Mandimba

The registration post that should operate in the Muita Basic School, ZIP Nº 7, 15 km from Mandimba town, has not yet begun to work, when there are only 11 days left before the end of the voter registration period.

According to some people in the area, the registration equipment has not yet arrived at the post.

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