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# Maxixe police command notifies block chief found with voter cards

Olinda Rafael, a block chief in Maquetela neighbourhood, in Maxixe, has been found with more than 20 voter cards in her house, which she collected in her neighbourhood. Next Friday (26 May), Ms Olinda will be questioned in the police station.



A police agent, stationed at the Maquetela brigade, went to the house of the block chief to obtain explanations about the collecton of the cards, but she had already fled from the house.

Olinda Rafael ran away after she had been found with the cards. Her whereabouts are unknown, but on Friday, at 09.00, she should appear at the police station.

## Crowds continue in Sofala, Zambézia and Nampula, but there are improvements in attendance

The central provinces of Sofala and Zambézia, and Nampula in the north have been registering huge crowds at the voter registration posts, as our corespondents report. However, significant improvements in registering voters are also reported, in all districts.



Beira city has been the scene of the largest crowds in Sofala province, while in Zambezia, Quelimane, Guruè, Morrumbala and Alto Molócuè have been the places concentrating most people.

In Beira, during visits made early on Wednesday morning (23 May), there were aleady voters at the posts.

In Quelimane there was an enormous crowd, which forced STAE to allocate more computers ("Mobile IDs") to ease the congestion at the registration posts.

In the Malua 2 EPC, in Alto Molócuè, there was a huge crowd of citizens waiting to be registered. However, today (24 May) voter registration took place without upsets, and there was flexibility in attending to citizens. But the priority given to unknown people is continuing, while there are citizens who have been waiting for approximately a week without being able to register.

On Mozambique Island, in Nampula, the number of people registered per day has increased. Currently, many brigades have been registering between 100 and 110 voters a day.

# District director prevents printing of voter cards outside of the registration post

In Morrumbala, in Zambézia, the STAE director, João Cassamo, ordered the return of material collected in the Marenco EP, which was to have been printed in Morrumbala town. According to the director, the printing of voter cards should take place where the registration is happening, and not in the town.

The material had been collected by the STAE staff stationed in the electoral operations area, in order to print voter cards in the town after 21 days when the printer was out of order. The Marenco EP is about 22 Km from the town.

Right now, the brigade is printing cards, after the repair of the printer, but there is a low turnout of voters.

Unlike Morrumbala, in Massinga, in Inhambane, the district STAE is printing cards from the registration post at the Madauca Complete Primary School in the STAE headquarters because the printer has not been working since Tuesday (23 May). The opposition parties suspect that the cards are being printed clandestinely.

#### Police agent again hinders CIP correspondents in Nacala

A police agent stationed at the voter registration post located in the 7th April EPC, in Nacala Port, has, for the second time, prevented the CIP correspondents from observing.

At that post, in the yard of the 7th April EPC, there have been countless cases of violence. This is the second time that police agents have prevented our correspondents from observing.

#### Secretaries select who should register in Caia

In Caia, Sofala province, reports from our correspondents indicate that many people have not yet been registered, because it is assumed they support the opposition. People are not actually banned from registering, but what happens is that the zone secretaries indicate who should be registered through a list. They are called. Mostly, they are people from areas where the opposition is strong.

### Chiefs of 10 houses lead collection of cards in Balama

In Balama, Cabo Delgado, the Heads of 10 houses have cards accumulated from many citizens. They have been collecting the cards to extract the numbers.

#### MDM head of mobilisation released in Chiure

Yesterday (23 May) the head of the MDM for the area of Organisation and Information in Chiure, Benedito José Tavares Bacar, who had been detained after he was accused of trying to register two youths from Namapa, Nampula province, was released. Bacar is free while waiting for his trial.

#### Tanzanian detained who tried to register in Balama

A Tanzanian citizen has been in the hands of the Mozambican police since 23 May, for trying to register as a voter in Nairóbi village, in Balama district.

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