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## [Let the numbers talk 2](#)

# CNE results show 170,000 fake votes for Frelimo and Chapo

The election results announced Thursday by the National Elections Commission (CNE) show 170,000 fake votes for Frelimo and Chapo. Yet again, the numbers talk, and tell a story of fraud.

Each voter arrives and is given three ballot papers, one for each of the three elections. There are three separate ballot boxes and no one reports voters who put ballot papers in one box and not the others. Yet the CNE reports that in Zambézia, 56,000 voters put ballot papers in the box for parliament (Assembleia da Republics) but not for President . In Inhambane, 6% of voters supposedly voted for parliament but not for President, and no one noticed.

We argue that the CNE numbers tell a different story. Clearly, all voters voted in all three elections, but some posted extra ballot papers in one election, or election staff added extra votes when writing up the results sheets. The seven members who voted against accepting the results cited precisely these dubious numbers. But the CNE majority and its chair, Bishop Carlos Matsinhe, accepted such obviously impossible numbers. But numbers talk, and they tell a story of 170,000 fake votes.

In all 11 provinces the difference between Chapo's vote for president and Frelimo's for parliament was small but generally with Chapo gaining more votes. In two provinces, however, Zambezia and Inhambane, the CNE tables show 111,000 extra votes went into the parliamentary race, and clearly went directly to the Frelimo list. In those two provinces, Frelimo was clearly anxious to keep and gain parliamentary seats. And they were right - without those extra ballots, Frelimo would have lost one seat to Podemos.

In Maputo province, where Venancio Mondlane did well last year, Frelimo was worried and put an extra 31,291 votes into the

<b>Difference in voter numbers between president and parliament</b>	
<b>Província</b>	<b>Diff PR-AR</b>
<b>To add to Frelimo in AR</b>	
Inhambane	56,048
Zambezia	55,013
Gaza	4,708
Maputo C	397
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,166</b>
<b>To add to Chapo</b>	
Maputo Prov	31,291
Tete	9,838
Nampula	5,428
CDelgado	2,777
Niassa	2,638
Manica	1,112
Sofala	517
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,601</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169,767</b>

presidential contest. Nampula and Tete are two other provinces where Frelimo wanted to put more votes into the presidential election and back Chapo.

Thus the data shows that Frelimo stuffed 170,000 extra votes and was able to choose in which contest to use the that extra power. We may not have seen them being stuffed, but the CNE approved numbers told us where they were.

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## The CNE made only one change, to Sofala

The Constitutional Council has reduced the CNE's formal power, making it clear that the CNE is only a glorified post box, receiving provincial editais, adding them up, and announcing the results. And a careful comparison of the numbers shows that, with one exception, the CNE has followed the provincial editais closely. The one exception is Sofala province, where the official results had an extra 5,499 votes for the presidential election, and they were given to Frelimo. But as its only action, the CNE discovered an extra 6,016 votes to add to the parliamentary election, and restore the balance, leaving the difference between parliamentary vote and presidential vote of just .517. To not cause problems with various tables and sums, the CNE added 2,463 to the nulos, 4806 to the brancos, and 401 to Renamo.

Because the CNE acts in secret, and no explanation was given, there was no statement made to say why Sofala, and only Sofala, was corrected. And no one knows where the 6016 votes came from. And the change was only discovered because *CIP Eleições* did such a careful comparison of the CNE and provincial tables.

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## CNE and CC can still intervene because Frelimo power is a "substantial" matter

A Frelimo goal has been to obtain more than three-quarter of the seats in parliament, 189, because that would give them unilateral power to change the constitution. According to the CNE declaration of the results, they now have 195 seats. We show above that 1 is clearly improper. After registration was completed, we calculated that Gaza and Inhambane had a total of 7 extra seats because of ghost voters - that is, where more voters are registered than voting age adults. (*CIP Eleições* 266, 16 May 2024).

Simply removing the seats for the ghosts will reduce Frelimo seats in parliament to 189, and taking out Frelimo's extra seat in Zambezia would take it back to 188 - losing the power to change the constitution.

That is important because the electoral law (Lei no 15/2024 de 23 de Agosto, art 196) says that "Voting at any polling station ... shall only be judged null and void if there have been illegalities that could substantially influence the overall result of the elections." Obviously Frelimo ability to unilaterally alter the constitution is a "substantial" issue to be decided by the outcome of this election - and by the CC and CNE

CNE final results for PR and AR, CPE results for AP - Resultados finais do CNE para PR e AR, resultados do CPE para AP													
Provincia	Simango/ MDM	Chapof/ Frelimo	Momade /Renamo	Mondlane/ Podemos	Registered - Inscritos	Voters - Votantes	Diff PR-AR	Turnout - Participação	Total Votos Válidos	Diff PR-AR	Blank Brancos	Invalid Nulos	
Niassa PR	9.615	184.467	23.957	49.515	872.186	287.080	2.638	33%	267.554	11.264	12.033	7.493	3%
Niassa AR	7.889	176.807	26.786	26.355	872.186	284.442		33%	256.290		17.423	10.729	4%
Niassa AP CPE	12.338	186.667	33.080		872.186	283.204		32%	258.617		18.039	6.548	2%
Cdelegado PR	17.076	281.507	32.331	96.843	1.407.467	481.249	2.777	34%	427.757	37.474	35.513	17.979	4%
Cdelegado AR	12.263	259.304	33.907	56.898	1.407.467	478.472		34%	390.283		59.637	28.550	6%
Cdelegado AP CPE	26.085	288.218	46.581		1.407.467	478.038		34%	398.457		61.833	17.748	4%
Nampula PR	31.070	504.786	94.606	216.826	3.266.882	927.996	-5.428	28%	847.288	24.679	52.482	28.226	3%
Nampula AR	31.342	476.542	106.649	156.631	3.266.882	933.424		29%	822.609		75.083	35.732	4%
Nampula AP	33.096	492.663	118.411		3.266.882	927.994		28%	833.462		67.792	26.740	3%
Zambezia PR	26.475	644.702	86.762	125.182	2.863.308	956.609	-55.013	33%	883.121	42.093	45.564	27.924	3%
Zambezia AR	20.208	676.203	138.685	69.728	2.863.308	1.011.622		35%	925.214		52.140	34.268	3%
Zambezia AP	22.517	618.101	136.929		2.863.308	929.949		32%	862.049		44.108	23.792	3%
Tete PR	15.923	733.281	25.299	94.116	1.556.938	922.459	9.838	59%	868.619	25.304	19.611	34.726	4%
Tete AR	15.666	721.699	37.304	51.516	1.556.938	912.621		59%	843.315		30.179	39.127	4%
Tete AP	40.619	751.109	56.547		1.556.938	912.531		59%	848.284		35.001	28.023	3%
Manica PR	14.027	354.322	31.867	130.919	1.128.189	570.555	1.112	51%	531.132	24.072	21.253	18.161	3%
Manica AR	14.764	341.636	46.122	77.681	1.128.189	569.443		50%	507.060		42.474	19.904	3%
Manica AP	47.504	382.743	71.449		1.128.189	569.480		50%	501.696		53.900	13.884	2%
Sofala PR	42.937	405.481	20.114	150.187	1.293.158	670.870	-517	52%	618.719	16.769	20.025	32.126	5%
Sofala AR	58.645	394.289	34.686	77.057	1.293.158	671.387		52%	601.950		33.483	35.944	5%
Sofala AP	103.411	414.664	42.438		1.293.158	667.851		52%	584.875		30.155	24.995	4%
Inhambane PR	13.577	300.298	15.094	81.525	1.002.723	433.219	-56.048	43%	410.494	-46.797	9.975	12.750	3%
Inhambane AR	12.693	358.280	29.498	34.646	1.002.723	489.267		49%	457.291		16.621	15.355	3%
Inhambane AP	32.077	293.924	35.265		1.002.723	415.158		41%	384.993		19.126	11.039	3%
Gaza PR	13.404	487.275	9.288	66.071	1.198.262	602.340	-4.708	50%	576.038	3.753	10.073	16.229	3%
Gaza AR	12.152	500.187	16.030	25.382	1.198.262	607.048		51%	572.285		17.588	17.165	3%
Gaza AP	27.633	497.109	22.548		1.198.262	601.171		50%	566.920		19.914	14.337	2%
Maputo Prov PR	23.612	656.056	24.112	260.792	1.569.530	1.005.682	31.291	64%	964.572	47.295	17.370	23.740	2%
Maputo Prov AR	24.246	614.859	30.678	229.930	1.569.530	974.391		62%	917.277		27.419	29.692	3%
Maputo Prov AP	39.036	626.852	43.474	235.134	1.569.530	999.720		64%	957.976		20.719	20.945	2%
Maputo C PR	10.893	204.117	36.560	128.669	676.757	426.389	397	63%	380.239	-28.762	28.915	17.234	4%
Maputo C AR	25.912	236.310	51.635	83.963	676.757	425.992		63%	409.001		8.868	8.123	2%
Simango/ MDM	218.609	4.756.292	399.990	1.400.645	16.835.400	7.284.448	-73.661	43%	6.775.533	72.958	272.814	236.588	3%
TOTAL PR	235.780	4.756.116	551.980	889.787	16.835.400	7.358.109		44%	6.702.575		380.935	274.589	4%
TOTAL AR	384.316	4.552.050	606.722	235.134	16.158.643	6.785.096		42%	6.197.329		370.587	188.051	3%
Sofala Provincial results different from CNE results - Provincial de Sofala resultados diferentes dos resultados da CNE													
		Sofala PR			1293158	670.602	5.499	52%	618.719	17170	19.944	31.939	5%
		Sofala AR			1293158	665.103		51%	601.549		28.687	33.481	5%
		Difference CNE-CPE				0	-6.016		0	-401	81	187	
		Sofala PR			0	6.284	0		401	0	4.806	2.463	

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