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## [Let the numbers talk - 3](#) **In Gaza, even the ghosts boycotted**

The CNE and its chair Bishop Carlos Matsinhe definitely believe in ghosts and allow them to vote. But in most parts of Gaza, even the ghosts did not vote for Frelimo. Nevertheless, Gaza has six extra parliamentary seats entirely for ghosts, which could be enough to push Frelimo over three-quarters of AR seats. That would allow Frelimo to change the constitution unilaterally. So the ghosts are doing their job, even without voting.


Gaza has only 800,000 voting age adults, but 1.2 million voters registered, which means 400,000 voters - one-third of all voters - are ghosts. Because the National Elections Commission (CNE) does not allow an audit of the voters roll, it is impossible to check on the ghosts.

The table below shows that Gaza is sharply divided. The more sparsely populated northern part of Gaza really is Frelimostan. There are seven districts which all have a turnout over 86%, which includes many ghosts, and more than 97% vote for Frelimo.

Chokwe is a larger urban area and has the highest proportion of ghost voters - with 98,000 registered ghost voters. That means that for every 3 adults, there are 2 ghosts. There must be ghosts everywhere in the city. In Chokwe 88% vote for Frelimo.

However two-thirds of registered voters and two-thirds of voting age adults live in the more urbanized south of Gaza. Most of the ghosts are there too, but these ghosts did not vote. Turnout in Mandlakaze, Xai Xai and Chibuto was 34%, 35% and 36%, some of the lowest in the country, and that included some ghost voters. That looks very much like a boycott aimed at Frelimo.

Gaza District	INE 2024 adults	Registered voters	Registered ghosts > INE	voters 2024	ghost voters 2024 > INE	Turn-out % reg	Turn-out % INE
<b>Where ghosts voted</b>							
Chicualacuala	15,911	19,467	3,556	17,263	1,352	89%	108%
Chigubo	11,771	16,168	4,397	15,571	3,800	96%	132%
Guijá	49,278	76,252	26,974	69,944	20,666	92%	142%
Mabalane	20,621	24,537	3,916	21,739	1,118	89%	105%
Mapai	15,183	20,442	5,259	19,074	3,891	93%	126%
Massingir	19,600	27,673	8,073	23,919	4,319	86%	122%
<b>Total</b>	<b>132,364</b>	<b>184,539</b>	<b>52,175</b>	<b>167,510</b>	<b>35,146</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>127%</b>
<b>High turnout where some ghosts probably voted</b>							
Chókwè	131,844	229,825	97,981	115,514		50%	88%
Massangena	11,499	13,387	1,888	10,605		79%	92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,343</b>	<b>243,212</b>	<b>99,869</b>	<b>126,119</b>		<b>52%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Where few ghosts voted</b>							
Xai-xai	93,924	150,571	56,647	53,445		35%	57%
Bilene	84,145	93,676	9,531	49,059		52%	58%
Chibuto	125,996	191,086	65,090	68,915		36%	55%
Chongoene	63,614	94,140	30,526	41,858		44%	66%
Limpopo	80,444	117,115	36,671	52,128		45%	65%
Mandlakaze	74,983	123,923	48,940	41,777		34%	56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>523,106</b>	<b>770,511</b>	<b>247,405</b>	<b>307,182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Total Gaza</b>	<b>798,813</b>	<b>1,198,262</b>	<b>399,449</b>	<b>600,811</b>	<b>35,146</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>75%</b>

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