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## The night of shouts of revolution in central Maputo

Between 21.30 and 23.30 on Monday, Maputo city experienced an unprecedented environment. The occupants of Maputo's high rise apartment blocks responded to the call by Venâncio Mondlane for everybody to hold a peaceful demonstration in their own houses. For about two hours, residents blew whistles or banged on saucepans or other objects that made a noise.

At the same time ([see video aqui](#)), they were shouting "The people in power" and "This country is ours! Rescue Mozambique!". The residents of many of the buildings in central Maputo are leaders of Frelimo.

The various wings of the police went into the streets armed, but nobody was on the streets. The citizens were in their homes. The police fired tear gas onto deserted streets.

The Internet shutdown (which began at 17.00 and was only re-established at about 09.00 on Tuesday morning) did not prevent the circulation of messages.

## Another day of extreme violence and police murders

On Monday, Maputo city was the epicentre of the demonstrations. There were dozens of foci of demonstrations in the city. For the first time, the demonstrations reached the cement city. The Students of Residence 5, of the Eduardo Mondlane University, decided to demonstrate on Mao Tse Tung Avenue, and were driven back by tear gas. Also present were various members of political parties who had been called by PODEMOS for Tuesday's march.

The students returned to the residence and began to hit saucepans against the walls. Each in his own apartment caused an enormous racket ([see video here](#)).

A group that came from the Xiquelene market, along Julius Nyerere Avenue. was stopped about a kilometre from where the wall of the Presidential office begins. The police fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrators ([1](#) and [2](#)).

On the outskirts of Maputo, in neighbourhoods such as Magoanine ([see video here](#)), Albazine, Hulene and Maxaquene, the roads were blocked.

There are reports of at least five people killed by the police, two of them in Magoanine neighbourhood and the third in Hulene. All are children, and two were returning from school.

In Matola city, in Malhampsene neighbourhood, a citizen died from a police bullet and demonstrators in retaliation killed the policeman who fired the shot ([see video here](#)).

The road from Mozambique to South Africa was interrupted, due to a blockade of National Highway No. 4, at Ressano ([see video here](#)). The demonstrators obliged South African trucks to block the road.

## Two killed and 23 shot in Meconta

The weekend demonstrations in Namialo, in Meconta district, Nampula province, resulted in two deaths and 23 injuries, eight of them serious.

One of those killed was not registered by the health authorities. He was a 17 year old adolescent. Only one of those murdered was registered.

14 people were detained in connection with the demonstrations. Shops and stalls along the main road were vandalized.

In Mogincual, one person was shot on 5 November. He was transferred to Nampula Central Hospital.

## Police and helicopters fire gas into homes

In Patrice Lumumba neighbourhood, in Matola, the demonstrators tried to wreck the offices of the Frelimo Party, but without success, because the police intervened immediately.

The peaceful environment which had characterised the neighbourhood since 31 October changed drastically on Monday, into a climate of tension.

Helicopters overflew the area and dropped tear gas onto the homes near the Frelimo office in the afternoon. The environment was one of great tension with the Frelimo office liable to be attacked at any moment.

In addition to tear gas, the police fired rubber bullets and real bullets. Some citizens fainted because of the tear gas. A mast of the mobile phone company Movitel, installed in the Patrice Lumumba Complete Primary School, was burnt down.

In the KM15 zone, in the Machava neighbourhood, police opened fire to disperse the demonstrators.

## Minister who is also the Frelimo election agent meets with diplomats in the name of the Mozambican state

In a clear conflict of interest, Verónica Macamo, in a meeting with the diplomatic corps accredited in Mozambique, confused her duties as Foreign Minister with those of election agent for Frelimo in the most fraudulent general elections ever held in Mozambique.

In her speech to the diplomats about the elections, Macamo was unable to hide her political party militancy, when the speech of a State representative was expected. For example, Verónica Macamo did not disguise her role as Frelimo election agent, when she told the observers that “the candidate Venâncio Mondlane declared himself the winner when only 10% of the votes had been counted”, and that he “rejected early the framework, an objection in which he was later joined by Lutero Simango, Ossufo Momade and their parties, alleging irregularities and frauds, thus creating a political environment similar to the preceding elections”.

At no time did Verónica Macamo mention that the elections were marked by ballot box stuffing, and bribes paid to polling station staff (MMVs) and opposition monitors to allow Frelimo to manipulate the results by stuffing the ballot boxes (see bulletins [306](#), [307](#), [308](#), [309](#), [310](#) and [311](#)).

Likewise, Verónica Macamo did not tell the diplomatic corps that the MMVs, namely the polling station chairpersons, deputy chairpersons, secretaries and fourth scrutineers were indicated through clandestine lists drawn up by the Frelimo Party district committees (see bulletins [304](#), [305](#) and [306](#)).

The Frelimo election agent omitted or minimised the positions of the observers from the European Union and the International Republican Institute who found that the elections were marked by various irregularities including ballot box stuffing. Macamo merely stated “some Observers mentioned the phenomenon of ballot box stuffing”.

The EU Observation Mission said that its observers witnessed ballot box stuffing in six provinces, while the national observers, said they had witnessed this phenomenon in 10% of the polling stations throughout the country.

For example, the observers in Zambézia, reported that many polling station chairpersons had piles of ballot papers, ripped out of the book of ballot papers and ready to be delivered to selected people who would fill out several ballot papers in favour of Frelimo and then fold them together. One chairperson had 38 ballot papers in front of him and another had 45. They were given to previously chosen people, some of whom received 200 Mt (3 US dollars) in exchange.

Macamo’s 17 page speech not only omitted the role of Frelimo, the party of which she is an agent, in manipulating the elections and the police violence which led to the deaths of about 15 people, but she also attacked PODEMOS, the party which supports Venâncio Mondlane, the greatest victim of the election fraud perpetrated by the ruling party.

The Frelimo election agent, using her cover as Foreign Minister, declared: “the speeches of candidate Mondlane and his supporters created the environment for transforming the demonstrations – a constitutional right - into acts of vandalism, theft and violence which spread across the country, and resulted in the deaths of some people, imprisonment, looting and destruction”. Macamo omitted the orders given by Frelimo to shoot at the demonstrators.

This is not a speech characteristic of a Foreign Minister, who should take a State rather than a party position. Verónica Macamo was not able to separate the role of election agent and member of the Frelimo Political Commission from that of Foreign Minister. That is, she confused grossly the functions of party representative and State representative.

## **PODEMOS delegate in Mogovolas is alive**

At the weekend, reports circulated that the PODEMOS delegate in Mogovolas district, in Nampula province, had been kidnapped and found dead. The story was not true. He is alive. But there is a PODEMOS member who was kidnapped and found dead on Monday a few kilometres from Nametil, the Mogovolas district capital.

What happened is that all PODEMOS representatives go into hiding because they have received death threats from the police death squads.


The PODEMOS provincial delegate in Nampula says they have been hiding from their houses to find safe places because of the harassment they are suffering.

The kidnap and murder of a young PODEMOS member at the weekend is, for the provincial delegate, evidence of the intentions of the death squads. The PODEMOS member was kidnapped and murdered in the early morning by the side of the road.

## **Internet shutdown hinders virtual work**

Some schools were resorting to online classes to minimise the losses caused by the stoppage of activities due to the demonstrations contesting the election results. But the Internet shutdown is preventing some schools, particularly private ones, from continuing to teach. Companies now find distance working impossible, and online financial operations are also becoming impossible.

The country is in chaos. The internet blackout is only causing more damage to the country's economy, since it was an alternative to going into work in person.

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