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59 shot in Maputo with 3 killed

On the last day of the third phase of the demonstrations opposing the election results, Thursday 7 November, 59 people were shot by police, three of whom died.

One of the deaths was a young man at the crossroads between Avenida de Angola and Avenida Joaquim Chissano. Another was a young man shot by a member of SERNIC.

Public, private and political party infrastructures were attacked and looted or destroyed:

- KaMaxaquene municipal command attacked. Four tractors, a pump, three vehicles, and the command building itself were destroyed.
- The Aeroporto neighbourhood secretariat was sacked and burnt.
- In the Maxaquene C neighbourhood goods of the ONGD were vandalised and looted. 15 bicycles and various computers and mobile phones were stolen
- Property of the OK stores in Maputo city was vandalised and looted
- A Vodacom shop and mast were destroyed.

Thursday was intended to be a mass demonstration with large number of people congregating in the centre of Maputo. The police were trying to stop demonstrators from congregating, and they were prevented from going from Matola to Maputo, and through Maxaquene on roads from outer neighbourhoods.

A video of police tear-gassing peaceful protestors on Av Eduardo Mondlane and in Maxaquene, both Maputo, is on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwHalPDoiWY>

In Matola the Matola Supermarket was vandalised and goods were looted in Malhampense. In Inharrime, Inhambane, three electricity transformer posts were burned,

and restoring them will cost Electricidade de Mocambique (EDM) about \$500,000. Also in Inharrime, 40 demonstrators were detained, but were released on Saturday. At the end of the day, the district commander ordered that they be detained again and taken to the PGR.

Last polling station results sheets delivered to CNE and submitted to CC on Friday

CNE chair Bishop Carlos Matsinhe, received on Friday the last missing results sheets (“editais”) before submitting them to the Constitutional Council. These are results sheets from Inhambane province which had not yet been delivered. Also on Friday, Matsinhe was to channel the entire process to the Constitutional Council, which had given him a deadline of 8 days, and Friday, 8 November, was the last day.

The opposition representatives on the Constitutional Council doubt the veracity of the information contained in the polling station results sheets sent. The editais may have been adulterated, since information is circulating that many editais had disappeared and others were found in the offices of the Frelimo Party in Chimoio, for example, and others were found in a rubbish tip.

Podemos rejects Constitutional Council ruling on its appeal

Podemos, Renamo and Pahumo appealed to the Constitutional Council (CC) to return parts of the tabulation to the National Elections Commission (CNE) because it had failed to take into account evidence of fraud. Instead the CC said it would include the information in its own consideration of the results.

Podemos regards the ruling as unjust and illegal and says “it should be deemed null and void”. Podemos had requested the annulment of the decision and that (1) the CNE should be ordered to repeat the general count, (2) the election should be annulled in the districts where the Podemos monitors were prevented from inspecting the count, (3) the elections should be annulled in the districts where there are numerical discrepancies, (4) the CDEs should be officially requested to provide the minutes of the intermediate count, to check whether or not the Podemos monitors were invited (5) request from the CNE the minutes and editais used for the general count (...) to confront them with the minutes and editais of Podemos.” The Constitutional Council issued a ruling which remits the final decision on these points to the phase of validating the election results.

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.

Gaza District	INE 2024 adults	Registered voters	Registered ghosts > INE	voters 2024	ghost voters 2024 > INE	Turn-out % reg	Turn-out % INE
Where ghosts voted							
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%
Total	132,364	184,539	52,175	167,510	35,146	91%	127%
High turnout where some ghosts probably voted							
Chókwè	131,844	229,825	97,981	115,514		50%	88%
Massangena	11,499	13,387	1,888	10,605		79%	92%
Total	143,343	243,212	99,869	126,119		52%	88%
Where few ghosts voted							
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%
Total	523,106	770,511	247,405	307,182	0	40%	59%
Total Gaza	798,813	1,198,262	399,449	600,811	35,146	50%	75%

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. There were observers in a quarter of Chibuto polling stations, and in the 75 observed, 23 had a turnout of 10% or fewer; in Mandlakaza 9 observed polling stations had turnout under 10%: and in Xai Xai 6 observed polling stations had a turnout of under 6%. Chibuto had one polling station with a turnout of only 2.6%; only 12 people voted, 7 for Chapo and 5 for Mondlane. Clearly, the ghosts were not voting.

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