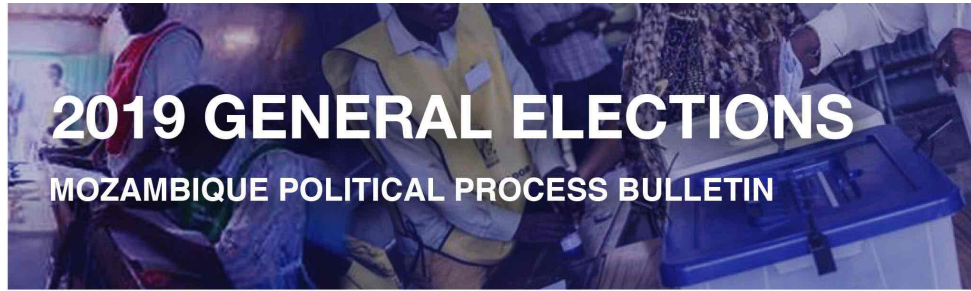




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Insurgents kill 12 and burn Frelimo headquarters in Mbau, Cabo Delgado

Insurgents carried out two attacks yesterday (September 23) in Mocimboa da Praia and Muidumbe districts in Cabo Delgado. Muidumbe's attack took place at the Mbau Administrative Post, 83 km from the district town of Mocimboa da Praia, starting at 6 pm and continuing until 1 am. Ten people died in the attack. Half of the village houses plus Frelimo's local headquarters were set on fire. In the town, forces from the Rapid Intervention Unit (UIR) tried to repel the attack, leading to an exchange of fire that lasted for several hours.

This morning, local people went looking for transport to leave Mbau for safer parts of Cabo Delgado, our correspondents report.

Mbau Administrative Post Head Adriano Ahmed had also taken refuge in the woods because of the attack. He said that when the guerrillas entered the town, the insurgents found many young men drinking alcohol. "Many died on the spot," said Ahmed.

The insurgents also broke into market stalls and "seized goods. Then they set fire to the stalls and left the town with a vehicle full of goods," he added.

Mbau town has 5588 voters registered in 10 polling stations.

This was the second attack yesterday. The first occurred in the village of Limala, Mengueleua, Muidumbe district. Insurgents surprised two men between the ages of 28 and 30 when they were in their fields; they were beheaded around 10 am yesterday.

These are the seventh and eighth insurgent attacks on Cabo Delgado since the start of the election campaign.

Historic note: Wednesday 25 September is Armed Forces Day and commemorates the first shot of the independence struggle on 25 September 1964, in Chai, Cabo Delgado. Chai is in

Macomia district, one of the hot spots of the new insurgency. General Alberto Chipande who fired the first shot, remains a very powerful figure in Cabo Delgado.

Renamo man beaten by Frelimo in Dondo

Renamo sympathizer Elias Arcanjo Chico, 36, was brutally beaten at home by 15 alleged Frelimo members in the Dondo district of Sofala. The attack occurred Saturday (21 September) in the centre of Dondo. The attackers, dressed in Frelimo T-shirts, entered the victim's home at 7 pm and beat him and injured his rib, our correspondents report.

Chico had just left Renamo headquarters. "As soon as I got home, 15 men assaulted me," said Chico. "Afterwards, I couldn't walk."

The attacker was rescued 30 minutes later by police and party supporters, and was taken to Dondo Health Unit where he received first aid. He is currently at home, but still cannot walk properly.

The victim also told the Bulletin that, throughout the day, parades of Frelimo and Renamo parties crossed several times and threats were exchanged.

Renamo political delegate Albano Luís confirmed the case and said it had already been referred to police authorities, who are investigating.

This is the third politically motivated assault in Dondo district since the start of the election campaign. The first two at the administrative posts in Mafambisse and Mutua ended with the death of a Renamo and a Frelimo supporter.

Post-Idai aid in Sofala only for Frelimo?

Since the start of the election campaign, people affected by cyclone Idai in Sofala have been pressured to not support the opposition. In some cases, local leaders and party members threaten to remove individuals from the food-for-work project, and in others require voter cards in exchange for Idai food aid. The cases are reported by our correspondents in the districts of Buzi and Dondo, which were badly hit by the cyclone.

In Bandua, Buzi district, MDM supporters complain that they have been removed from the food-for-work project introduced after the cyclone, because they participated in their party's campaign. They were informed that in order to receive Idai donations again, they must leave MDM and join Frelimo, our correspondents report.

In Buzi district, the food-for-work project is being implemented by World Vision. "Project management is done by community leaders. The information we receive from them is that the individuals referred to were removed from the program for not working," the Project Coordinator at World Vision told the newsletter.

In a statement sent to the Bulletin, World Vision says it has been warned of episodes of alleged politicization of humanitarian aid it has provided, adding "World Vision-Mozambique is investigating the allegations".

Meanwhile, in Dondo district, Frelimo members collect voter cards in exchange for donations for cyclone Idai victims in the Munhonha, Mussassa and 4 October districts in Mafambisse, Dondo, the Renamo political delegate Albano Luís reported.

Renamo accuses Frelimo of buying its flags to burn them

Renamo provincial delegate Clementina Bomba accuses Frelimo members of buying their party's flags at the Santos Market, Matola, and then burning them, last week.

Renamo supporters still missing

The pair of Renamo supporters who were reported missing at dawn on Thursday (September 19) in Tambara district, Manica, are still missing. Only their two minor children remain in the house. The case is in the hands of the local police, who refused to comment, and after five days the reasons for the disappearance is unknown.

On the afternoon before their disappearance, the couple refused to receive the district administrator when he was campaigning door-to-door (See Bulletin 55).

"We have already reported to the police and hope that they will take action. We cannot be intimidated. We enjoy the same rights as any other Mozambican. Our flags have to fly," he said. "Supporting Renamo is not a crime. Here each Mozambican chooses his party," he added. But buying flags to burn them is probably not illegal either.

Education director shuts schools

At least three schools were closed and hundreds of students had no classes yesterday (September 23) in Nacala-a-Velha district because teachers were mobilized for a meeting by the provincial director of education and human development, Judite Massacula. At the meeting held at the Residential Canal Conference Room in Nacala, Massacula asked teachers and School Council members to vote for Frelimo and its candidate in the 15 October elections.

Teachers told the Bulletin say they were required to attend the event by their school principals. "My director threatened me and other colleagues that anyone who didn't come here would lose a job," said one teacher. "How long will we be subject to this?" he asked, but admitted he needed to work to feed his family..

Visiting Nacala-Porto this morning (September 24) Judite Mussacula, met again with teachers to campaign for Frelimo. Likewise, teachers and other school staff were mobilized to join in mass in their meeting.



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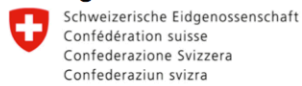
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