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CC rejects MDM protest on Gurué - *dubious result confirmed*

The Constitutional Council has rejected the MDM's appeal against the election in Gurué, on the grounds that MDM appealed against the National Elections Commission's 4 December announcement of results, when it should have appealed against the CNE's 28 November rejection of MDM's earlier protest. (Acórdão no 3/CC/2014 de 21 de Janeiro) The CNE had rejected the MDM protest because it should have been made its complaint to the Gurué District Election Commission by 24 November, but only did so on 27 November.

Thus the CC never considered the facts of the case, and the highly questionable election of Frelimo candidate Jahanguir Hussen Jusseb is confirmed.

After the count in each polling station, each party is given an official copy of the results sheet (edital). When added up, those gave the majority of votes to Orlando António Janeiro of MDM. But when the district election commission announced the result, it said Jusseb won. A parallel count by the Electoral Observatory confirmed that Janeiro and MDM had won. (See Local Election newsletter LE-63 12 December 2013). The implication is that at some point in the centralisation of results, they were falsified. But the CC never considered the actual result.

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