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COLLECTIVE ACTION: This newsletter is based on reports from 150 journalists in nearly every district, working together to give the most up to date coverage of the election. We are also working with the Community Radios Forum (FORCOM) and the Human Rights League.

Violence increasing warns CNE head Abdul Carimo

Violence and electoral misconduct are increasing across the country, warned CNE President Abdul Carimo in a statement today (Thursday). He confirmed that electoral misconduct is leading to arrests.

The CNE head appealed for party members to "abandon the use of violence, and follow a model of civility in the remaining days of the electoral campaign."

And in a warning clearly directed at Frelimo, although also at MDM in the centre and north, he stressed that the electoral law prohibited the use of state and municipal resources. And he reminded parties that it also bans campaigning in military units, religious premises, state facilities during the normal working day, and in schools during class times.

Training starts tomorrow for 60,000 polling station staff

A total of 130,000 polling station staff will be trained, according to STAE spokesperson Lucas José. The first 60,000 start training tomorrow and will conclude on 28 September. The second group will be trained 30 September until 9 October.

Under the revised law, the three parties in parliament can each name one member to each of the more than 17,000 polling stations, in addition to the four members chosen by the normal public competition. But in his statement today, CNE head Carimo suggested that at least some parties have not named enough people. He called on the three parties "to submit their lists of candidates for polling stations so that they can receive the necessary training to correctly carry out their functions."

Even the 'first lady' is using a state car in the campaign

The warning by the CNE president about the prohibition on the use of state resources comes as our journalists continue to report that the governing party is using government cars. So far, police have seemed anxious to prosecute damage to Frelimo posters, but not to prosecute use of state vehicles.

In **Nacala-Porto**, a state car EAB 239 MP was used yesterday (Wednesday) by the Frelimo campaign to receive the wife of the president, Maria da Luz Guebuza. The car was covered with Frelimo posters and was later photographed outside the Frelimo headquarters. Another car, EAB 607 MP, of the provincial education directorate, was also parked there.





In **Buzi district**, Sofala, a grey Toyota Hilux, D4D with registration AEG 485 MP, assigned to the economic activities service, was part of the retinue of the central brigade of Frelimo in the province of Sofala, headed by Alberto Chipande. The car was later seen in the campaign in Bairro Mucurrungo, in Buzi.



Frelimo says: Don't cover number plates

Frelimo has told supporters not to cover car registration number plates with posters, following protests and two incidents in which criminals used cars disguised as campaign vehicles to carry out, or attempt to carry out, armed robberies.

The state news agency AIM reported yesterday (Wednesday) that Antonio Mainato, Frelimo head of mobilisation and propaganda in Manica province, said “there is an internal dispatch which forbids our members from covering number plates with party symbols. We are mobilizing our members to remove the posters which are hiding number plates”.

Opposition politicians claim that Frelimo has deliberately obscured number plates to disguise the illegal use of state-owned vehicles in political campaigns.

Last week, a vehicle with its number plates obscured by Frelimo posters was used to rob a shop on the outskirts of Chimoio, of 50,000 meticaís (\$1600). In Maputo on Saturday police intercepted a vehicle completely covered with Frelimo propaganda which was allegedly used by criminals

preparing an armed robbery. One person in the car had a gun.

The police have warned that hiding the number plates of a vehicle is a violation of the Highway Code, and have threatened to arrest motorists driving such cars. But this has not happened yet, and our journalists continue to report the practice. For example, in Cabo Delgado, the city administrator of **Pemba**, Gabriel Adolfo, was seen Tuesday using his government assigned Ford Ranger in the campaign with the registration plate totally covered.

Xinavane civil servants ordered to attend Frelimo rally

In Xinivane, Manhiça, Maputo province, civil servants and teachers were ordered to attend the Frelimo rally at 3 pm yesterday (Wednesday) at the party headquarters. Many schools were closed including Xinavane, Mepambe and 9 de Fevereiro primary schools; Xinavane secondary school and Xinavane community school.

Charity in the campaign

The wife of the mayor of Nacala-Porto, the district administrator, and the director of Locone primary school went to the Nacala Orphanage, which also has a school, to distribute free school materials. But as the picture shows, they were wearing Frelimo t-shirts and the material they handed out had Frelimo emblems. Perhaps recruiting voters for 2024?



Posters, violence and accidents

Renamo in Mogincual, Nampula, has made a formal complaint to the police about Frelimo pulling down its posters..

Renamo in Barué district, Manica, has made a formal complaint against a driver for the municipality of Catandica, who it says on Tuesday drove a Frelimo car into a Renamo march near

Escola Secundária Armando Guebuza, which resulted in a fistfight..

And in Machipanda, Manica, one of the cars escorting MDM presidential candidate Daviz Simango came off the road and seriously injured six people. The accident occurred at 3 pm yesterday.

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on
<http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-1a> and <http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-2>

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