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## Renamo demands registration extension, claiming posts closed in its areas of influence

Fernando Matouassanga, member of parliament and member of the Renamo National Council, told a press conference Wednesday 16 April that registration brigades were paralysed in parts of Nampula where Renamo influence was greatest. Renamo says this was planned and that the Frelimo government had ordered the Election Technical Secretariat (Secretariado Técnico de Administração Eleitoral, STAE) to sabotage registration in Renamo areas. Therefore Renamo called for an extension of the registration period.

Matouassanga had been part of a group of parliament members on a two week visit to Nampula to monitor the registration process..

The MP cited places such as Jabir (Meconta district); Grácio, Tinua e Namahia (Muecate); Tapuane (Nacarôa); and Tutua and Cavira (Monapo) where Renamo had formerly had bases and where he said registration was paralysed, allegedly for lack of materials or electricity. He also claimed that many supervisors had simply abandoned the registration posts, notably in Moma, Mossuril, Monapo, Eráti and Malema districts.

STAE officials in Nampula denied that any registration posts were paralysed, but admitted there were problems caused by systematic computer failures, lack of fuel for generators, and other difficulties. And President Armando Guebuza recognised the problems in a speech last Tuesday in Namicopo, in the suburbs of Nampula city, when he called for equipment to be repaired and put back into operation. "We know that STAE is working to organise the process but, unfortunately, some machines insist on not working. The problem must be resolved because we paid for the machines and they must work," he said.

STAE Director-General Felisberto Naife said that so far Renamo had made no formal request to extend registration, and he stressed this would be very difficult because the election calendar is very tight.

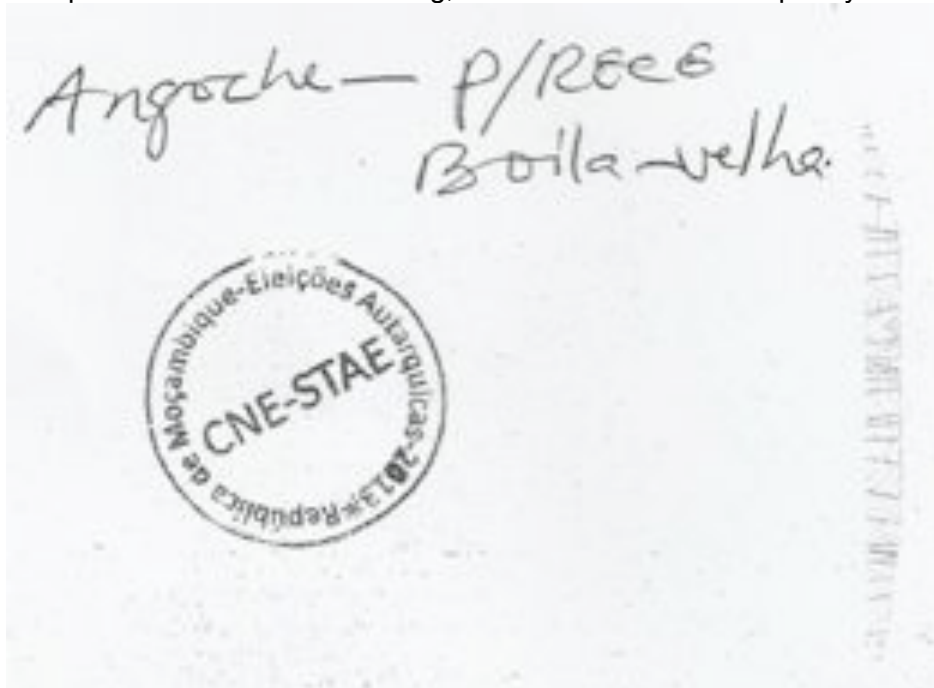
**COMMENT:** There is no indication that Renamo President Afonso Dhlakama has registered to vote, which he must do by 29 April if he intends to stand for national president. ,Perhaps Renamo also wants a delay to give its president more time to obtain his voter's card. *jh*

## Voter's cards without fingerprints

Some voter's cards in Nampula lack fingerprints, Matouassanga also reported, claiming this is very common. Below are photos of a voters card with the normal fingerprint and three without, shown by Matouassanga:



He also objected to the use of the rubber stamp (carimbo) in some places left from last year's election, and which still say "local elections" ("Eleições Autárquicas"). An embarrassed STAE in Nampula admitted this was wrong, and said it would move quickly to resolve the problem.



## Registration abroad is up

Mozambicans abroad can register and vote at Mozambican embassies in nine countries. There was a one-month registration period, 16 March to 14 April. For the 2009 election, 60,429 people registered, but this year the number is higher, 74,148. Most are in South Africa. By country:

South Africa - 43,348  
Tanzania - 8477  
Zimbabwe - 7509  
Malawi - 6528  
Swaziland - 4064  
Zambia - 2001  
Portugal - 1199  
Kenya - 693  
Germany - 525.

## With less than two weeks to go, only 63% of unregistered adults have signed up

Registration has risen 5.756.271 people, 63% of the estimated 9.143.923 voting age adults that STAE hopes to sign up by 29 April. The number is likely to be slightly higher because some registration brigades in remote areas without mobile telephones have not reported. The position on Thursday morning 17 April was:

Provincia	Previsão	Inscritos	%
Maputo Cidade	121,448	54,211	44.6
Maputo Provincia	421961	203,848	48.3
Gaza	504,416	328,129	65.1
Inhambane	551,636	363,793	65.9
Sofala	646,550	438,342	67.8
Manica	633,472	422,206	66.6
Tete	960,567	596,701	62.1
Zambézia	1,953,573	1,112,782	57.0
Nampula	1,993,788	1,235,770	62.0
Cado Delgado	736,640	638,339	86.7
Niassa	619,872	362,150	58.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,143,923</b>	<b>5,756,271</b>	<b>63.0</b>

## More party members join STAEs

Deputy provincial directors of STAE nominated by Frelimo and Renamo were all formally installed in their posts in a series of ceremonies Thursday and Friday, carried out by STAE director general Felisberto Naife and his two deputies (also named by Frelimo and Renamo).

In Zambézia, district deputy directors and department heads were also installed last week.

The process of installing party-nominated deputy directors, deputy department heads and other staff should be completed during the coming week.

**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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