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Renamo military presence accepted to permit 9 registration posts to open and Dhlakama to register

Nine registration posts are opening in Gorongosa district under the protection of the Renamo military, with no Mozambican police presence, the National Elections Commission confirmed at a press conference this morning (Thursday 24). This follows an agreement last night between Renamo and the government, which will also permit the registration of Renamo president Afonso Dhlakama and of Renamo soldiers.

This also confirms the very usual position of Renamo, which is the main opposition party in parliament and is participating in the electoral process, while having an armed force which controls part of a district and will only allow registration if there are no government police present.

The nine registration posts in Gorongosa district, Sofala, had never opened because of on-going fighting between Renamo and the government. CNE spokesman Paulo Cuinica this morning said members of the National Elections Commission (in pairs of Renamo and Frelimo) are today going to Sofala to go with the registration teams, and that they would not be accompanied by members of the Mozambican police (PRM).

The nine registration brigades will be in Casa Banana, Vunduzi, Nhataca, Chionde, Tsikiri, Mussikazi, Piro and Mukodza. Cuinica also confirmed that the brigades would not stay overnight in these places, but would return to more secure areas each night.

Cuinica also confirmed that Renamo had made a request to delay the end of registration, now scheduled for Tuesday 29 April. Renamo alleges that there are regions where registration started late because of rains and others where there were constant breakdowns of equipment including generators and computers. Cuinica said that CNE and STAE had reinforced the capacity of brigades in problem locations and thus there was no need to an extension, but the request is being considered by the CNE. Any delay of more than a few days would create serious problems, because registration data is needed for subsequent processes, including party selection of candidates.

With just 6 days to go, registration under 78%

CNE announced this morning that 6,424,570 voters have been registered this year in Mozambique, 70.3% of the 9,143,923 unregistered voting age adults. Registration ends on Tuesday 29 April.

To this must be added the 3,059,804 voters registered last year for 2013 local elections, who need not register again. Thus total registration is 9,484,374, which is 77,7% of the estimated 12,203,727 people who will be over 18 years old on voting day, 15 October.

For the 2009 election, registration was over 90%.

The full table as of this morning:

Provincia	Inscritos 20013	Previsão 2014	Previsao Geral	Inscritos 2014	Total de Inscritos	% Geral
Maputo Cidade	614,671	121,448	736,119	59,357	674,028	91.6
Maputo Provincia	468,445	421,961	890,406	223,509	691,954	77.7
Gaza	153,199	504,416	657,615	350,627	503,826	76.6
Inhambane	142,666	551,636	694,302	399,151	541,817	78.0
Sofala	290,060	646,550	936,610	541,958	832,018	88.8
Manica	199,725	633,472	833,197	458,850	658,575	79.0
Tete	163,411	960,567	1,123,978	677,214	840,625	74.8
Zambézia	245,370	1,953,573	2,198,943	1,251,390	1,496,760	68.1
Nampula	451,463	1,993,788	2,445,251	1,381,444	1,832,907	75.0
Cado Delgado	198,013	736,640	934,653	681,625	879,638	94.1
Niassa	132,781	619,872	752,653	399,445	532,226	70.7
Total	3,059,804	9,143,923	12,203,727	6,424,570	9,484,374	77.7

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on
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