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Most registration posts open with new printers

Most voter registration posts reopened over the weekend, with new printers for the voter's cards.

But our journalists also report that on Monday morning some posts still had not reopened in Lichinga (Niassa), Ribáue (Nampula), Vilankulo (Inhambane), and Manjacaze (Gaza) where new printers had still not been installed. In Quelimane many posts had not reopened because of a lack of electricity. In Maxixe (Inhambane) registration stopped because of a shortage for registration forms. In Maputo and Matola some registration posts reported ongoing software problems, including cards being printed multiple times or with pictures in the wrong place.

In Macia, Gaza, all registration posts were functioning normally on Saturday morning. Brigades were only taking 5 minutes to register each person. Correspondents in several provinces – Inhambane, Manica, Nampula and Niassa – as well as some cities, including Moatize (Tete) and Mocuba (Zambézia), reported that most posts had reopened. Reports of turnout over the weekend varied, from low in Alto Molocue to high in Mocuba.

Two towns, vila de Manica and Marromeu, report that they have now each registered over 1000 people.

In Nampula technicians gave brigade members special instructions on changing the toner, to try to reduce further problems.

In Marromeu (Sofala) new printers were installed and brigade members as well as civic education teams were given their first payment. Civic education teams have finally received t-shirts and other materials and are starting work promoting registration.

EU denies *Correio & Canal* articles on election aid block

The European Union this morning denied an article Friday in the newsletter "Correio da manhã" which claimed that the EU would not finance elections unless there was agreement between the government and Renamo, and crediting this as a Renamo diplomatic success. The claim was repeated this morning in CanalMoz on the web.

But the EU points out that it is not funding the elections at all and has no plans to do so; elections are being paid from the state budget.

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