

Violence and faints mark electoral campaign

In the last weeks of campaign has been marked by the escalation of violence and faintings in election rallies. In the last two days, five cases of violence took place mainly in the provinces of Gaza, Inhambane, Manica, Tete, and Niassa. Gaza has registered high levels of violence especially in the districts of Chókwè, Mandlakazi,

and Xai-Xai, mostly starred by Frelimo supporters with MDM and Mr. Daviz Simango being the main target. Although all convoys have been attacking each other, Frelimo supporters seem to be the less tolerants against Renamo and MDM.

Rally of Filipe Nyusi marked my faints in Manica Province



Rally attendants exposed to the sun and exceedingly small places

At least six people, two men and four women, fainted in a rally of Frelimo and the candidate to the head of state, Mr. Filipe Nyusi. These incidents took place on 30th of September in the district of Machaze, in Manica Province. The faints occurred specifically at the Soccer Field of Machaze (Campo Distrital de Futebol de Machaze), Chitobe administration. The long exposure to sunlight has been identified as the main cause, from 8 AM to 2:30 PM on

that field. Nyusi has planned the rally to take place at 8:30 AM, but his previous rally in the district of Mussorize delayed it to 11 AM whereas his supporters awaited at the soccer field. Hence, the supporters were exposed to the sun until 11 AM.

The victims were immediately taken to the local health centre and interned. The CDD-E Bulletin got to know that the victims

had returned to their homes yesterday, 1th of October.

Based on the Mozambican electoral law, political parties and candidates do not take responsibility under safety and protection of rally attendants. Hence, when people decide to attend political campaign rallies wherever they take place, should not expect politicians' responsibility.

Violence interrupts Renamo's campaign in Niassa

Renamo had to interrupt its rally scheduled to the morning of 30th of September when violence erupted between Frelimo and Renamo convoys. The incident started when sympathizers of both political parties meet at the Vila-Sede administrative post in the district of Muembe, Niassa and they started attacking each other. Afterwards, Frelimo supporters decided to throw out stones against their opponents, Renamo supporters had to run away, allegedly to avoid further and high violence. The police intervened without violence and impartiality.



Violence interrupted the Renamo rally in Muembe, Niassa.

Monitor Platform congratulates best practices of campaigners in Maputo and Sofala

In the last two weeks were not marked with violence only, but some best practices as well. The main political parties, specifically Frelimo, Renamo and MDM according to the Monitor Platform evaluation. These best practices took place particularly in the provinces Sofala, Maputo, Manica and Zambézia.

In the neighbourhoods of Marrocane 2, Beira City, Sofala, Renamo and Frelimo caravans meet with no violence. At the beginning, Renamo supporters sang provocative songs saying, "Frelimo is a party of thieves." However, some Frelimo delegates advised their members to ignore Renamo supporters. Afterwards, both convoy members came together saluting each other and proceeded with their rallies.

An unusual experience happened in the Sikwama neighbourhoods in Matola City, Maputo province where Frelimo and Renamo members met and greeted each other and wished luck on the election.

In Zambézia, the good practice was the inclusion of the handicap in electoral campaign. For instance, in the district of Mocuba, specifically in Bairro 25 de Setembro, a handicap was seen with peer political party members. This event had never occurred in previous elections, at least openly.

Opposite convoys also met with no violence in Chimoio City, Manica. In addition, an

MDM member who met two children in a rally, decided to protect them in rally the Nhamaonha neighbourhoods, in Chimoio. The children held flags and when the delegate saw then, he took away the flag and withdrew them from the caravan.

These are some of the best practices that have been identified with 12 days left for electoral campaign. The Monitor Platform – Electoral Justice, Peace, and Democracy has been following the campaign with a number of local well-trained electoral observers with technological abilities for electoral data collection.

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Meeting for information sharing between Monitor e CNE

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