

# 2018 Local Elections - 19

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### Nampula 2nd round

### Low turnout

### Register book and credential problems

Nearly all polling stations opened on time this morning. Turnout appears to be low, similar to the 25% of the first round. There are continuing problems with people who have voters cards not being able to vote, and there has been a problem with observer credentials.

Most polling stations are classrooms in schools, and a new system was introduced in which there was a STAE technician with a laptop with the full 2013-14 registration list to assist people who had lost their voters cards or whose cards but did not appear on lists. (See photo, of voters at 12 October secondary school checking their names with the technician.) But problems persisted.



At Escola de Limoeiros there was no technician with laptop; some voters could not find their names on the voters role.

At polling station 1401, Ntota primary school, three voters with cards which had numbers of polling stations at that school were not on the register.

At Teacane secondary school, with 11 polling stations, many voters did not find their names on the register list and the STAE technician said they should return home. Three said they had voted in the first round.

## **Fraudulent voting?**

There have been at least two cases in Namicopo, a Renamo area, where people tried to vote early this morning and were told their names were already ticked on the list as having voted.

At polling station 406, UC Josina Machel, Namicopo, a voter with card was told they had already voted and their name was ticked off. At Namicopo 2 primary school a person who did not have a voters card but did have an ID card went to the technician with laptop and was correctly told to go to polling station 106, but on arrival there was told they had already voted.

## **Other problems**

Polling stations are supposed to open at 7 am, but by 8 am polling station 1415/1485 at Nthota primary school had not opened because it did not have the indelible ink that voters must dip a finger in to prevent them from voting again.

At Apea primary school in Mutava Rex, Namicopo, police were only 30 m from the polling station, until journalists from Radio Encontro suggested they move further away.

At Mulila primary school, two people were arrested by the police as their tried to collect voters cards from people waiting in the queue.

## **Observer credentials not issued**

It was decided not to accept observer credentials issued for the first round, 24 January, and issue new credentials for the second round. But the Electoral Observatory, which is trying to monitor all polling stations and carry out a parallel count, had only 71 of 153 credentials issued by this morning. The Observatory insists it applied for credential in good time.

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## **Nampula 2a volta: Problemas com os cadernos eleitorais prevalecem; Observadores da sociedade civil sem credenciais**

Continuam os problemas com os cadernos eleitorais na segunda volta da eleicao intercalar do presidente do conselho municipal de Nampula. A Comissao Nacional de Eleicoes elaborou um plano para evitar que o problema que manchou o processo na primeira volta se repetisse, mas no terreno ha muitas pessoas a tentar votar e nao conseguem porque seus nomes nao constam dos cadernos.

Na Escola de limoeiros, os eleitores nao conseguem localizar seus nomes. A CNE havia garantido que existiriam tecnicos do STAE para auxiliar os MMV's na localizacao dos nomes, usando computadores portateis, mas aqui nao havia nenhum tecnico. Trata-se da assembleia 03000401/ 03000485

Na EPC Namicopo 2 houve confusao com a intervencao do tecnico do STAE. Um cidadao apresentou-se com Bilhete de Identidade para votar e o tecnico do STAE lhe recomendou para ir a mesa 3003106. Entretanto, nesta mesa encontrou que alguem ja votou em seu

nome.

Ainda em Namicopo, uma zona de influencia da Renamo, um eleitor nao conseguiu votar porque o seu nome na lista esta riscado, sinal de que alguem ja votou em seu lugar, mesa n. 406, UC Josina Machel, em Namicop.

Na mesa 03001401, Epc Ntota, 3 eleitores nao conseguiram votar embora os numeros de cartoes de eleitores coincidam com a assembleia. Seus nomes nao constam no caderno, o tecnico do STAE nao consegue ajudar.

Situacao identica na Escola Secundaria de Teacane, onde estao instaladas 11 mesas. Muitos eleitores nao estao a encontrar seus nomes no computador. O tecnico do STAE nao tem solucao e manda eleitores voltar a casa. Tres eleitores mandados voltar afirmaram ter votado no mesmo centro na primeira volta

A fraca afluencia que marcou a primeira volta repete-se hoje.

## Outros problemas organizacionais

Na EPC Nthota, ate as 8 horas, o processo de votacao ainda nao tinha iniciado na mesa numero 03001415/03001485, por falta de tinta indelevel;

EPC de Apea (Mutava Rex - Namicopo), agentes da policia posicionam numa distancia de menos de 30 metros e que so se retiram com a intervencao de jornalistas da Radio Encontro;

Na EPC de Mulila dois individuos andavam a recolher cartoes de eleitores nas filas e foram detidos pela Policia.

## Observadores sem credenciais pondo em causa a contagem paralela

A plataforma da Sociedade Civil para a Observacao Eleitoral que na primeira volta fez a contagem paralela de votos (PVT) solicitou a emissao de 153 credenciais para seus observadores em Nampula mas apenas recebeu um 71 credenciais na manha de hoje, depois da votacao ter iniciado.

Esta situacao poe em causa a PVT, que foi muito eficaz a prever o empate tecnico na primeira volta. A Plataforma alega que solicitou credenciais logo que o processo abriu. A CNE decidiu inutilizar os credenciais usado na primeira volta.

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