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Renamo calls Maputo general strike Monday

Renamo has called "a peaceful demonstration throughout the Maputo next Monday, 11 December 2023, which will consist of a paralysing, without any kind of violence, of all public and private work activity. In repudiation of an electoral system infiltrated by delinquency and profound injustice, all citizens should stay home and shut down all establishments and all means of public access."

In a statement issued this morning, the Maputo city office of Renamo also announced that it had brought criminal prosecutions against seven judges of the Constitutional Council. They are accused of falsifying documents, knowingly using fake documents, and illegally reversing lower court rulings. Renamo says that the Constitutional Council law allows "the opening of disciplinary and criminal proceedings in cases where Judges intentionally and wilfully fail in their duties."

"Due to the fact that the reasoning was largely absent from the judgement", Renamo submitted a request for "Clarification of the Judgement" to the Constitutional Council itself and also asked the Constitutional Council for a certificate extracting the minutes of the Council's sessions on the basis of which the judgement was drawn up;

The Renamo statement detailing electoral fraud is available on <https://bit.ly/Moz-EI-Ren-greve> (in Portuguese).

Police assault Renamo Nampula office and detain Renamo members after undercover police found

Renamo in Nampula city has denounced the detention of dozens of its members after a demonstration Tuesday (5 Dec). (See [video](#))

Everything began when Renamo identified and neutralised two armed police agents who were in plain clothes during the Renamo march.

One of the agents identified himself as a police officer and showed all the documents which identified him as a member of the police force (PRM). Renamo released him immediately, but the second agent denied he was a member of the police. Instead, according to the Renamo spokesperson in Nampula, Nelson Carvalho, he said he was a member of Renamo and that he had been accompanying the Renamo marches since they began.

Renamo's own security guards took him to the Renamo headquarters where they investigated him, and found that he was an agent of the police Special Operations Group (GOE), and that he had indeed been accompanying the demonstrations since they started.

The GOE member had been sending information to his chief in Nampula, Abdul Remane, about the route of the marches and the content of the speeches made by the Renamo leadership in Nampula.

"He is a person who is working on the orders of the State Intelligence and Security Service (SISE), the police and Frelimo. These are people infiltrated by Frelimo to stain the image of Renamo", accused Nelson Carvalho.

While the Renamo members were informing their national headquarters in Maputo of this occurrence, members of the two police special units attacked the Renamo Nampula office. They rescued the GOE agent from the hands of Renamo, and also detained dozens of Renamo members.

"Here, in addition to seizing more than 50 of our members, the UIR (Rapid Intervention Unit) and the GOE looted our property, including electronic equipment, loudspeakers, computers and money. They also took mobile phones from several members of Renamo", declared Nelson Carvalho.

Mayor questioned today by Nacala Attorney General

The Nacala-Porto District Attorney General's Office (PRG) notified the head of the Renamo list of candidates and current mayor of the Nacala-Porto, Raul Novinte, and his communications advisor, Arlindo Chissale, to be submitted "to interrogations as accused persons who are not under arrest". The first interrogation was scheduled for yesterday (7 December), but was postponed to this morning, Friday 8 December, because neither of the accused was in Nacala.

After leaving the hearing, Novinte, said that he was being intimidated by the Attorney General's Office so that he wouldn't talk about electoral fraud. At the same hearing, Novinte said that he had been questioned about the perpetrators of a fire at the school where voting will be repeated on Sunday.

Novinte is accused of inciting violence and of disobeying the decisions of the Constitutional Council, because he has been advocating demonstrations and the repetition of the elections in the entire municipality of Nacala-Porto and not just in 18 polling stations.

Arlindo Chissale is on leave in Balama, Cabo Delgado. In a contact by telephone, Chissale said that he will not take part in the repetition of the Nacala elections because he is in Balama with his family where his children are taking part in initiation rites.

Novinte has been in Maputo, where he was taking part in mediation between the grass roots of Renamo and the party's leadership in the capital.

As he left the Attorney General's Office, Raul [Novinte was carried by Renamo sympathisers to his car.](#)

Novinte announced that Renamo has already gathered thousands of signatures to submit to the Constitutional Council and does not agree that the Constitutional Council's decisions cannot be appealed.

Crisis in Renamo in Nacala:

National leadership & grass roots at daggers drawn

Two days before the repeat election, Renamo has still not reached an understanding about re-running the election in Nacala-Porto. The head of the Renamo list and the district delegate were in Maputo to negotiate with the party leadership. They returned with an instruction that was again not accepted by the grass roots.

The instruction from Renamo President Ossufo Momade is that Renamo must take part in the elections on Sunday 10 December in the four municipalities where the municipal elections are being re-run. But Renamo in Nacala-Porto is challenging this guidance, and is ordering the total demobilisation of its members. They say all citizens registered in the polling stations where the election will be repeated should not go to vote.

Renamo in Nacala-Porto is demanding that the elections be repeated not just in 18 polling stations, but in the entire municipality because of the fraud confirmed by the Constitutional Council.

Yesterday (Thursday 7 Dec) the Renamo party headquarters in Nacala was closed but today it resumed normal operations.

ND denounces recruitment of MMVs involved in fraud in Guruè

Some polling station staff who were the protagonists of electoral fraud that led to the repetition of elections in 13 polling stations in Guruè, Zambezia, will be working at polling station tables again Sunday, according to the New Democracy (Nova Democracia) Party, which says it won in Guruè. Criminal proceedings against them are still underway .

Nova Democracia says that "all the polling station members (MMVs) selected are members of the OJM (Frelimo Youth Organisation) and local Frelimo leaders", which contradicts the instructions of the General Directorate of the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE).

Reward for fraud lasted just 48 hours

He was the protagonist of the electoral fraud of 11 October who, when he refused to sign the minutes and results sheets (*editais*) at the Coalane EPC in Quelimane, was dragged away and beaten by members of the opposition. He was then appointed district director of the STAE in Namarrói, in recompense for his crime. But his reward only lasted 48 hours.


His name is Juedinaldo Costa, he was headmaster of Namarrói Secondary School until at least a week ago when he was appointed district director of STAE in Namarrói (bulletin 188). He was dismissed from his new STAE post last week and now faces criminal charges.

Juedinaldo Costa was recruited in Namarrói, 300 kilometres from Quelimane, to be a polling station worker. He had a clear mission: to fabricate Frelimo's victory (see videos here). But his reward did not last long.



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