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London Public Lecture Wed 16 March, LSE

Fraud at polls: can journalists and statisticians check?

The Mozambican experience

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Wednesday 16 March 2016; 6.30-8pm

Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House, Aldwych, LSE

In every Mozambican election, Frelimo won, and Renamo cried fraud. Now it appears Renamo has gone back to war.

But who really won the elections? This is a first report on a unique project to put journalists and statisticians together - and test the official outcome of five presidential elections.

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/publicEvents/events/2016/03/20160316t1830vHKT.aspx>

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More convoys, more attacks

A second convoy has been established on the main north-south road, the EN1. The first is three times a day on the 100 km section between on the 100 km section between the Save River and Muxungué, where there were also serious attacks in 2013/14. The second is new and is between Nhamapadza, Maringué, and Caia on the south bank of the Zambezi River.

But both convoys were attacked on Tuesday 23 February. On the southern section at 10.00 in Zove, south of Muxungué, a 90 vehicle convoy was shot at. One car was severely damaged and one of the occupants injured. On the northern section a 60 vehicle convoy was shot at twice near Fudza, Maringué, around 11.00; two cars were hit and their occupants rescued by the army. Police say there have been 18 attack on the EN1 since 11 February. (*Noticias* 24 Feb)

Also on Tuesday there was a clash between Renamo and the army in Honde, Barué, Manica on the main EN7 road linking Chimoio and Tete. This came after two policeman patrolling the EN7 in Mutamba, Barué, were injured in a Renamo ambush on 20 February.

Police in Gaza say there was an attack on a police post in Mazivila, Bilene in an attempt to steal weapons, and the five gunmen with AK47s were captured. Police say one is Domingos José, a major in the Renamo army demobilised in 1994.

Nyusi forced to offer a hand

O Pais published a strong front page headline this morning: "Increase in tension forces Nyusi to extend a hand to Dhlakama. PR [President of the Republic] calls a National Defence and Security Council meeting with the increase in political tension on the top of the table. Nyusi decided to extend a hand to Dhlakama, reformulating the invitation for dialogue giving security to the leader of Renamo to leave the bush."

The article went on to say that a statement from the presidency after the meeting reported that the council, which is advisory, "counselled President Nyusi to identify better forms to reinforce the invitation made to the leader of Renamo." The statement continued that Nyusi was prepared to "reverse himself" (*arrepiaar caminho*) if necessary in order to have a meeting with Dhlakama. (*O Pais* 25 Feb pp 1.3)

Catholic-led contact groups

The Catholic Church will head a contact group of political parties, civil society and academics to make contact with President Filipe Nyusi and Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama to say that it is urgent that they meet in one of the cities in the centre of the country. The decision was made at a conference in Maputo Wednesday organised by the Netherlands Institute of Multiparty Democracy.

For historic reason, the Catholic Church in Mozambique has been sympathetic to Renamo. (It had backed Portugal against Frelimo in the colonial era, so in the early post-independence period Frelimo was hostile to the Catholic Church, which in turn then supported Renamo in the 1980s war.) Thus a recent demand of Dhlakama has been that the Catholic Church and South African President Jacob Zuma should mediate any future talks.

There have been appeals for peace and a peace march in Maputo, as well as the conference. But many of the appeals have been directed toward one side or the other. Beira Archbishop Claudio Zuanna used his presentation yesterday at the Maputo conference to attack the government and denounce what he called the "militarization" of Mozambique, and called on the government to halt the purchase of new arms and the sending of armed men into the country.

On the other side, the Frelimo Mayor of Maputo, Edgar Muxunga, participated in the Maputo peace march yesterday and in a statement targeting Renamo said: "We must stop killing people and want that man living in the bush [Dhlakama] to leave and to come and meet peacefully with his brothers."

For Portuguese readers, a thoughtful article in *Publico* (Lisbon) today by Elisabete Azevedo-Harman:

<http://www.publico.pt/mundo/noticia/mocambique-paz-com-balas-guerra-com-palavras-1724284>

Refugees in Malawi accuse Mozambican soldiers of executions, sex abuse and ill-treatment

Human Rights Watch Monday released a report saying Mozambican refugees in Malawi claimed they fled because of abuses by the Mozambican military. A 20-year-old woman from Nhande said that on 7 February, five government soldiers accused her family of feeding Renamo and they shot her husband; she fled with her two children that night. A 22-year old woman from Ndande said she saw soldiers detain her husband and he has not been seen since. A 33-year-old man said soldiers beat him, accusing him of being a thief and a Renamo member.

<https://www.hrw.org/africa/mozambique>

Other war news

+ Heavily armed riot police surrounded the Renamo headquarters in Maputo, at avenues Filipe Samuel Magaia and Emilia Dausse, from early morning Tuesday and for the whole day. They did not intervene, but simply remained as a show of force during a high level meeting of Renamo officials. (*O Pais* 24 Feb)

+ Land, Environment and Rural Development Minister Celso Correia Tuesday accused Renamo of hunting in the Gorongosa National Park, particularly killing elephants. (*O Pais* 24 Feb)

+ Soldiers occupied a timber industry complex on 19 February and detained eight workers for several hours, accusing them of providing food for Renamo. The complex is in a Renamo dominated zone, Maringué, and is owned by the Spanish company EuroMoz, which denies supporting Renamo. (AIM 22 Feb)

+ Attacks on the roads are not as deadly as accidents. *O Pais* (23 Feb) points out that just last week, 35 people were killed in road crashes. And on Tuesday at Inchope on the Beira-Chimoio road a speeding bus of the Sunrise company overturned, killing one person and seriously injuring nine. *O Pais* (24 Feb) notes that the Chimoio-Inchope section of this road has come to be called the "corridor of death", not because of Renamo, but because of the high number of road crashes.

+ An alleged Renamo gunman was captured in Inchope on 20 February. 20-year-old Zacarias Manuel told reporters he was part of a group of 50 Renamo trained in Kenya. But AIM (En 22 Feb) said "there are good reasons for doubting large parts of Manuel's story."

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Macauhub English: www.macauhub.com.mo/en/

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