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Nacala 2nd round to be 11 Feb

The second round of the mayoral election in Nacala will take place on Wednesday 11 February. The Council of Ministers, meeting in extraordinary session today, accepted the date suggested yesterday by the National Elections Commission (CNE). Voting must take place within 30 days of the verification of the results by the Constitutional Council, which took place Friday 16 January.

A second round is necessary because no candidate secured over 50% of the vote in Nacala in the first round. Nacala was the only one of Mozambique's 43 municipalities where there was no outright winner in local elections on 19 November. Prior to this, there has never been a second round in a Mozambican election.

Frelimo candidate Chale Ossufo won 22,736 votes (49.84%) followed by the Renamo candidate and incumbent mayor, Manuel dos Santos, with 21,812 votes (47.81%).

The other 2.35% of the votes were taken by the PDD (Party for Peace, Democracy and Development) and the independent citizens' group OCINA (Organisation of Independent Nacala Candidates).

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