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No details yet

Although official election results were formally announced Wednesday, detailed tables still have not been released. So all we can say for sure is that there is a mistake in the numbers released.

Deliberação n.º 75/2009 of 10 November gives these figures:

Valid votes: 3 942 178

Armando Guebuza	2 974 627	75,46%
Afonso Dhlakama	650 679	16,51%
Daviz Simango	340 579	8,64%

However, these numbers do not add up correctly. Adding the votes for the three candidates should be the same as the number of valid votes, but in fact gives 3 965 885, and adding up the percentages gives 100.61% -- that is, more than 100%, which is impossible.

It is an interesting note that no newspaper editor bothered to add up the percentages, and the impossible percentages were published in big headlines on various front pages.

Polling stations opened late in 4 districts

All polling stations opened on 28 October, according to the declaration of results Wednesday by the National Elections Commission. But in four districts some polling stations opened late:

- Macomia and Nangade, Cabo Delgado, due to torrential rain.
- Nipepe, Niassa, due to lack of fuel for the helicopter.
- Pebane, Zambézia, due to a mechanical problems with a helicopter.

No complaints from parties, says CNE

The National Elections Commission says that in the two days after the election allowed for complaints, it received no protests or complaints from any party. It says that no party made a formal complaint about party poll watchers (delegados) being excluded from polling stations, despite various reports by opposition parties in press conferences and the media (and reported here). The CNE stresses it cannot deal with press reports, and that parties must make formal protests.

The CNE notes that it did organise the release of the Renamo delegate at EP1 de Jembessa, Ilha de Moçambique (See election bulletins 32 and 33) even though it was never officially notified by Renamo.

Other numbers related to the elections

Various additional number relating to the election were given Wednesday by the National Elections Commission in its official declaration of results.

More than 5000 observers and journalists

5365 observers and journalists were accredited by various election commissions for the 28 October election. There were 3678 national observers, of whom a very large number (1435) were accredited in Nampula, and 502 foreign observers. A total of 1120 journalists were accredited for Mozambican publications and 65 for foreign publications.

90,000 polling station staff

Each polling station has 7 staff. STAE (Secretariado Técnico de Administração Eleitoral) recruited and trained 105,000 people, of whom 88,685 were actually selected to be polling station staff members.

Wide coverage by party poll watchers

Frelimo appointed party poll watchers (*delegados de candidaturas*) or delegates for nearly all polling stations, while Renamo covered four-fifths of polling stations. The new party, MDM, was able to cover two-thirds. Three smaller parties also had poll watchers in some polling stations. But 13 small parties did not name any party poll watchers. The table below was released yesterday by the National Elections Commission. Every party has the right to nominate two delegates for each polling station.

Delegados de candidaturas designados pelos concorrentes

Party poll watchers nominated by the candidates and parties

Concorrente	N.º de mesas previstas	n.º de delegados	Porcentagem de cobertura
Party	Polling stations to be covered	No of poll watchers nominated	%age coverage
Frelimo	12 699	24 862	97,8%
Renamo	12 699	20 398	81,8%
MDM	12 699	16 607	65,4%
PDD	5 498	2 107	19,2%
PLD	12 550	100	0,4%
Alimo	4 220	77	0,1%

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