

Daniel Chapo's inauguration day marked by police violence with ten dead and dozens injured.

- The day of Daniel Chapo's inauguration (yesterday, January 15) as President of the Republic (PR) was marked by several episodes of police violence and human rights violations, with an emphasis on the right to life.



Ten citizens were murdered by the Rapid Intervention Unit (UIR), a subunit of the Police of the Republic of Mozambique (PRM), three in Machava Socimol, two in the area of the third roundabout, towards the Matola-Gare neighborhood, in the Municipality of Matola; three in Nampula; and two in

the Maquinag area, in the Luís Cabral neighborhood. There are reports of dozens of people injured as a result of police violence. The young people murdered in Machava Socimol were leaving a tent where they were having fun when they encountered a plain-clothes police officer.

After briefly joking with him, the agent called for reinforcements. Without any hesitation, the reinforcements arrived on the scene. They opened fire, executing three young men and wounding two,

one of whom was taken to the hospital in serious condition. The other victims were murdered in the context of the protests in repudiation of Chapo's inauguration ceremony.

Maputo city with police and military reinforcements

The main avenues leading to Independence Square, the venue for the inauguration ceremony, were blocked by the police. There was a strong police presence in the neighborhoods to prevent local demonstrations and marches toward the city center. A woman named Venilda Fernando Mondlane was attacked by UIR officers while walking along Avenida 25 de Setembro.

These incidents are part of a series of brutal actions carried out by the police this week, marked by violent repression in the outlying neighborhoods. The strategy includes sending plainclothes police officers to identify and attack young people who are in groups, under the suspicion that they may be organizing demonstrations against the inauguration of Daniel Chapo.

Since the start of the protests, 527 people have been killed by police across the country. This is yet another dark chapter in the country's history, highlighting the escalation of state violence against its youth.





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