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Killing of three civilians in Mocímboa da Praia: villagers point fingers at UIR agents

- One of the victims was a teacher at a local primary school and a resident of the neighborhood where the UIR headquarters are located. The murder of a teacher has officials in Mocímboa da Praia worried about their safety. Most state employees and agents were forced to return to Mocímboa da Praia by orders of the district government, which threatened to take measures against anyone who did not show up at their workplaces on the previously established dates.

- In addition to state officials and agents, residents of the village of Mocímboa da Praia also expressed their concern about the murder of three civilians, including a teacher. Last Sunday afternoon, some local leaders went to present their concerns related to insecurity to the District Administrator of Mocímboa da Praia.

Once again, the Defense and Security Forces (FDS), specifically the Rapid Intervention Unit (UIR), are once again accused of serious violation of rights in Cabo Delgado. This time, the citizens of the town of Mocímboa da Praia accuse the UIR agents stationed at the Pamunda barracks of having executed three civilians last Friday.

According to local residents, the three victims were questioned by UIR agents in the Pamunda neighborhood, around 7 pm, who demanded their cell phones. But the victims refused to give up their cell phones, a situation that led the agents to shoot at close range. After shooting at the three civilians, the agents immediately withdrew from the scene, with the bodies remaining there until Saturday morning.

As told by a resident of Mocímboa da Praia, one of the victims is a primary school teacher who used to teach at the Milamba Primary School (located in the residential area of Nacala) and in recent days has been teaching at a school located outside the main town. But he was a resident of Pamunda, the neighborhood where he was shot dead. His body was transferred and buried in the village of Nacololo, in the district of Ancuabe, his birthplace.

The murder of this primary school teacher is already worrying other teachers and staff in Mocímboa da Praia, who are questioning security in the district. Most state employees and agents were forced to return to Mocímboa da Praia by orders of the district government, which threatened to take measures against anyone who did not show up at their workplaces on the previously established dates.

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Last week, residents of the municipal town of Mocímboa da Praia denounced yet another case of murder involving the FDS, specifically some soldiers stationed at the FADM barracks located in the Nanduadua neighborhood, close to a primary school. The military, in an unidentified number, would have beaten a young man to death. The group transported the body in a vehicle and abandoned it in a place far from the barracks, where it was later found by local residents. On several occasions, the population of Mocímboa da Praia complained about the actions of the FDS and never hid their sympathy for the Rwandan troops.

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