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Death Toll Reaches 34: The PRM's Lethal Response to Peaceful Protests



Mozambique faces a deepening human rights crisis as police forces escalate their violent response to public protests. What began as a call for electoral justice has transformed into a brutal display of state repression, with the number of confirmed deaths now at 34. These figures, collected by the Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD) through reports and fieldwork across all provinces, underscore the severity of the situation since the first wave of protests initiated by presidential candidate Venâncio Mondlane on October 21.

The right to peaceful assembly, enshrined in na-

tional and international legal frameworks, has been met with a disproportionate and violent crackdown. The police, tasked with upholding public safety, have instead turned their resources against the people, using live ammunition and tear gas indiscriminately. Reports indicate not only the repression of demonstrators but also invasions of private homes where tear gas and bullets are unleashed.

The current phase of protests shows a determined populace, standing united against what is widely perceived as the most fraudulent election since the democratic process began in 1994. The National Election Commission (CNE) declared Frelimo and its



candidate, Daniel Chapo, as winners, a result challenged by the opposition and condemned by civil society for its blatant irregularities.

Despite the protests being led initially by a presidential candidate, what the world now sees is a nation asserting its fundamental right to truth, justice, and democracy. The police response, with over a thousand arrests and hundreds injured, paints a picture of sus-

pending freedoms and a state of unprecedented chaos.

This escalation is a call for immediate action. We urge all stakeholders, both national and international, to demand accountability and protect the rights enshrined in Mozambique's Constitution and international human rights conventions. Violence must not silence the voices of those fighting for democracy and justice.




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