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Mozambique in flames after election results announced

- Sixteen people were murdered. Banks, toll booths, courts, police stations, Frelimo party headquarters, and other public and private infrastructure were set on fire. Several roads are impassable. In short, Mozambique experienced an afternoon and night of terror following the announcement of the results.



The post-electoral crisis in which Mozambique finds itself immersed following the elections of 9 October 2024, marked by allegations of fraud, is taking on alarming proportions. Yesterday, Monday, 23 December, after the proclamation by the Constitutional Council (CC) of the electoral results giving victory to the Fre-

limo party and its presidential candidate Daniel Chapo, the country began to burn. Public and private infrastructures were burned by the population that does not agree with the electoral results and continues to call for electoral justice. At least sixteen people were murdered in the context of the protests.

Cloud of smoke in the air as a result of burning tyres and public and private infrastructure

Even before the results were announced, some access roads in Maputo and Matola, for example, were blocked. When the president of the CC finished reading ruling number 24/CC/2024, of December 22, chaos began.

In Maputo, at least three banks were set on fire, two belonging to Millennium Bim and one to BCI. Three toll booths, namely Cumbeza, Matola-Gare and Maputo-Matola (on National Road Number 4-EN4) were

destroyed. Banks, toll booths, courts, Frelimo party headquarters, police stations and fuel stations were destroyed throughout the country. In the town of Manhiça, in Maputo province, the building housing the Municipality was reduced to ashes. Buses from that municipality were set on fire. In Nampula, the center of the protests was the populous neighbourhood of Namicopo, where a police station was destroyed and a commander was assaulted.



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Sixteen dead and dozens injured.

During the afternoon and evening of yesterday, the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD) recorded sixteen fatalities, six in Nampula, five in Maputo, one in the city of Beira (Sofala), one in Niassa and three in Mocuba, in Zambézia. There are dozens of people injured, both seriously and slightly. The fatalities include civilians and police officers. An army officer was also shot by a UIR officer. These are the figures obtained so far. Given the scale of the tension, the figures may be higher than those presented here. During the night and early morning, the police fired shots in the neighbourhoods and threw tear gas grenades in a manhunt.





Mozambique in chaos: genuine dialogue needed with help from the international community

The climate that has been experienced since October 21st and showed signs of worsening yesterday needs an urgent genuine dialogue to search for equally urgent solutions, taking into account the concrete problems that gave rise to the current crisis, such as electoral issues, but also social, political and social issues. The international community is called, once again, to pay particular attention to Mozambique to help in the search for solutions that return peace and social stability.



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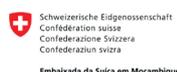
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