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POST-ELECTION CRISIS IN MOZAMBIQUE:

## Violent police response following inmate escapes from Central and Mabalane prisons raises death toll to 268

- For the fifth consecutive day, the instability following the proclamation of election results by the Constitutional Council (CC) continues to cause deaths and injuries in Mozambique, with intense clashes between security forces and protesters across various regions of the country.



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The violent response, particularly from the Mozambique Republic Police (PRM), after inmate escapes from the Central Prison of Maputo in Maputo Province, Mabalane Prison in Gaza Province, and Morrumbala Prison in Zambezia Province, has

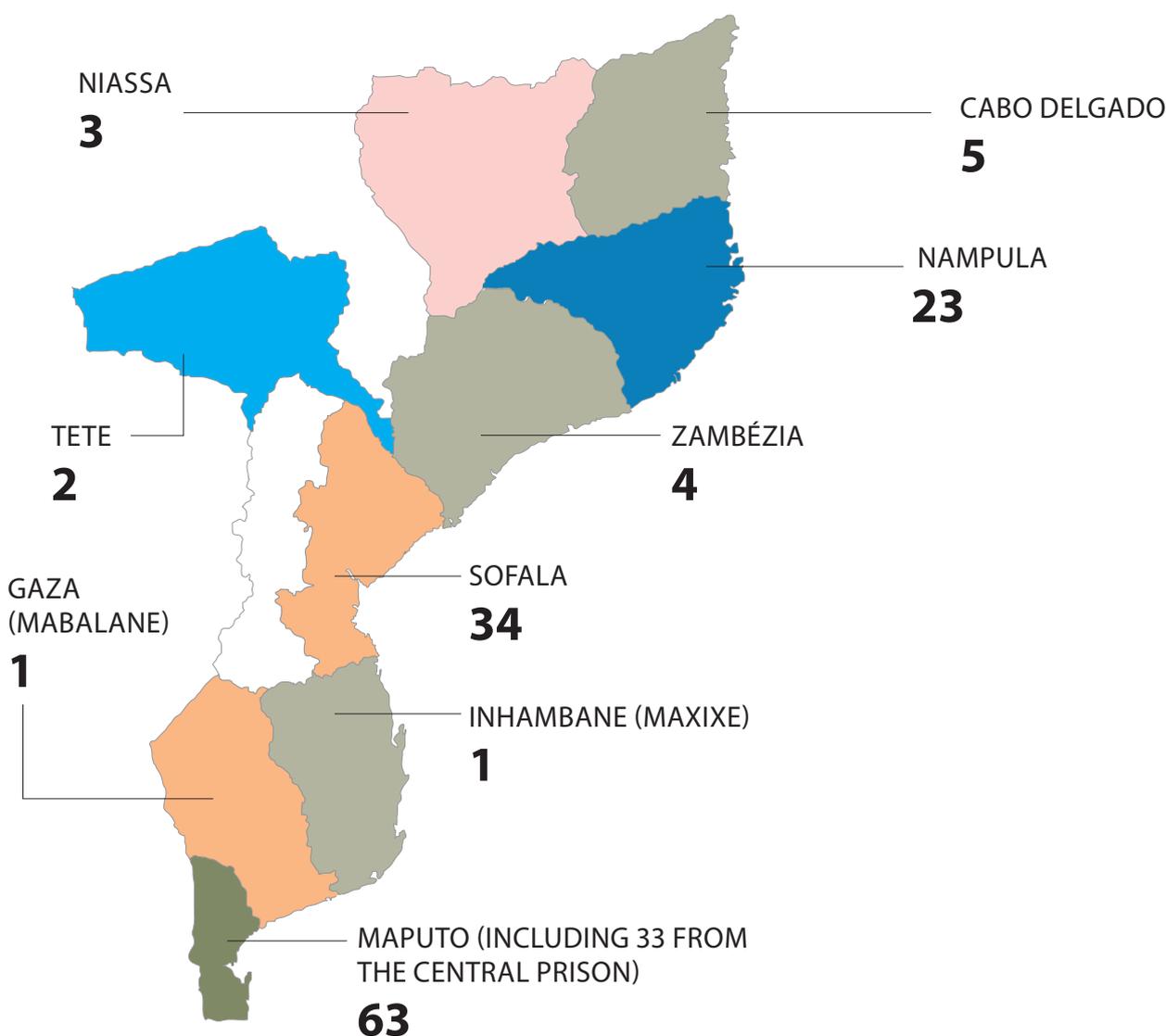
drastically raised the death toll to 268. At the Central Prison alone, 33 inmates were killed both inside and outside the facility. These numbers may not reflect the full extent of the security forces' actions, according to videos circulating on social media.

## Prison Escapes from Maputo Central, Mabalane, and Morrumbala Increase Death Toll

As of December 25, the Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD) had recorded 41 deaths resulting from the post-election crisis during the so-called "Turbo V8" period, most of them civilians killed by the PRM. Today, Friday, December 27, the death toll during the "Turbo V8" phase has risen to 137, bringing the total number of deaths to 268 between October 21 and 11:55 PM on December 26, 2024. The violent response, particularly by the

PRM, after the inmate escapes from Maputo Central, Mabalane, and Morrumbala Prisons, has significantly increased the number of deaths. The PRM killed 33 inmates in Maputo after the escape of 1,534 inmates from the Central Prison of Maputo. In Mabalane, one inmate was reported dead, while no information is yet available on Morrumbala.

Among the deaths recorded during the "Turbo V8" phase so far:



In addition to the fatalities, there are hundreds of injured individuals, ranging from severe to minor cases. These statistics, collected up to 11:55 PM on December 26, are likely to rise, given the scale and intensity of the confrontations.

Since December 23, the Police have intensified their operations, using live ammunition and tear gas grenades in neighborhoods in what appears to be a "manhunt." This repression has created more tensions and increased the number of victims.

Mozambique is on high alert, with a population caught between fear and the demand for justice. The proclamation of election results, marked by allegations of fraud, has triggered not only a political crisis but also a social collapse, with protests

reflecting widespread discontent and mistrust in state institutions.

The situation demands urgent and effective responses to prevent further loss of life and destruction of public and private property. Dialogue and respect for the people's will have become more crucial than ever, as the violence continues to leave deep scars on the country's history.

Videos circulating on social media, pointing to alleged extrajudicial executions of detainees who supposedly escaped from the Central Prison by the Police, suggest that the official death toll reported so far could be significantly underestimated. There is a strong possibility that the number will rise substantially in the coming days.





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