



PLSO MOZAMBIQUE

PLSO Daily Updates for 25 Nov 2024

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Joint Statement by the Embassy of Norway, the High Commission of Canada, the Embassy of Switzerland, the British High Commission and the Embassy of the United States of America



We strongly condemn the escalating violence against civilians during the post-electoral period in Mozambique. This has included an incident on November 27 in which a vehicle of the Mozambican security forces accelerated toward a gathering of people and brutally struck a person. We call on the Government of Mozambique to uphold the role of security forces to protect the people of Mozambique and to conduct an investigation into this incident and the other reports of disproportionate use of force in order to ensure accountability, in accordance with the law.

27 November 2024



Protest Summary —November 27, 2024

- **Widespread Traffic Disruptions:** Motorists in Maputo City stopped vehicles along major roads, causing significant congestion, particularly on Avenida 25 de Setembro, Avenida Julius Nyerere, Avenida Eduardo Mondlane, and others. Public transport disruptions were also reported, including a bus blocking Avenida 25 de Setembro for hours despite security forces' intervention.
- **Military Vehicle Incident:** An FADM armored vehicle struck a protester on Avenida Eduardo Mondlane, prompting protesters to burn tires and throw stones. The Armed Forces later acknowledged the incident, citing the vehicle was on an emergency mission to safeguard economic assets. [Source: Lusa](#)
- **Push for Accountability:** Following incidents of violence, civil society groups demand international accountability for alleged crimes by authorities, expressing frustration over national mechanisms. [Source: DW](#)
- **Shooting Incident Involving Chinese National:** A Chinese man was arrested for attempting to shoot at protesters blocking his vehicle near Avenida 25 de Setembro and Avenida Filipe Samuel Magaia.
- **Protests in Xiquelene Neighborhood:** Drivers displayed posters demanding election transparency while blocking roads, causing severe traffic disruptions.
- **Blocked Presidential Avenue:** Avenida Julius Nyerere near the Presidential Office was closed early to prevent demonstrators from parking in protest.
- **Zimpeto Neighborhood Congestion:** Protesters parked along Avenida de Moçambique, leading to extensive delays and roadblocks.
- **Protests Escalate Amid Election Tensions:** Demonstrators waved placards and Mozambican flags while blocking roads to contest the disputed October election results. [Source: AIM News](#)
- **Injuries Reported:** Police gunfire injured at least three protesters. Tear gas was also used against stone-throwing demonstrators on Avenida Eduardo Mondlane, reportedly affecting some residences.
- **National Anthem Protest:** Protesters temporarily blocked Avenida Marginal around 4 PM to sing the national anthem, briefly halting traffic.
- **Hospital Admits Injured Protesters:** Maputo Central Hospital reported treating five individuals with injuries sustained during the protests, ranging from minor to severe.
- **Police Fire at Protesters:** Reports indicated police firing at both protesters and vehicles on Avenida do Trabalho to deter parking and demonstrations.
- **Low Public Activity Amid Protests:** Despite institutions remaining open, demonstrations severely limited attendance at schools and services. [Source: O País](#)
- **School Disruptions:** Demonstrations significantly disrupted education in Maputo, with some schools closing or advising students and staff to return home.
- **National Anthem Protest:** Protesters blocked Avenida Marginal to sing the national anthem, temporarily halting traffic.
- **Unconventional Protest Actions:** Protesters played soccer on Avenida 25 de Setembro, where a bus parked across the road blocked traffic in both directions.
- **Nighttime Noise Protests:** In neighborhoods like Avenida Joaquim Chissano, demonstrators burned tires, set up barricades, and created noise with pots and whistles from 9 PM onward.
- **Matola Gare Rail Blockade:** Protesters in Matola placed barricades on the railway line, halting train operations.

Boane district: In the Matola Rio area in the morning, protesters placed barricades on the main road that connects the municipalities of Boane and Matola, preventing the passage of vehicles in both directions.

Nampula Province Demonstrations

- **Transport Disruption in Sibal:** Roads in Sibal, Nampula City, were blocked by protesters, restricting access for taxis and public transport.
- **Fatal Police Intervention:** At least three protesters were shot and killed by police during demonstrations in Nampula City.
- **Widespread Barricades:** Protesters erected barricades on major access roads in Nampula, causing significant traffic interruptions.
- **Chimoio:** Demonstrations in Chimoio saw police firing shots to disperse protesters as they attempted to block main roads in the city.



Restoring Peace: How Mozambique Can Improve De-escalation in Policing

On November 26, Venâncio Mondlane advocated for a non-violent resistance protest, urging citizens to block roads using vehicles as a form of civil disobedience. However, the Mozambican security forces' response escalated the already fragile and tense situation. Effective crowd control relies on adherence to international best practices, which emphasize non-violent strategies and proportional use of force. These include:

Communication and Engagement:

- Training in negotiation and conflict resolution to engage with the crowd directly.
- Using clear, calm, and respectful language to communicate instructions, explain boundaries, and warn of potential consequences if those boundaries are crossed.
- Employ public address systems to address protesters as a whole, providing clarity and reducing misunderstandings, (loudspeakers for instance).
- One police spokesperson with the same message is far superior to security forces of different agencies with their own agenda.
- Appoint one commander to oversee the protest policing for all agencies. This will ensure cooperation and a unified goal in policing methods.

Show of Restraint:

- Avoid overtly aggressive postures, such as excessive deployment of riot gear or armored vehicles, which can intimidate and provoke crowds.
- Allow space for peaceful demonstration while setting clear limits on areas that must remain off-limits for security or safety reasons.

Visible Presence of Humanitarian Resources:

- Include visible medical or crisis support teams on the scene to signal that authorities prioritize safety over force.

Dispersal Orders:

- If dispersal becomes necessary, issue repeated, clear warnings with adequate time for people to comply before taking any action.
- Offer specific instructions for safe exit routes to avoid creating panic.

Accountability in Policing:

- A justice system that investigates and punishes excessive force ensures police operate within legal and ethical boundaries. Officers should be aware that any breach of protocol will result in impartial investigations and appropriate penalties. This deters abuse of power and reassures the public that their rights are protected. Mozambique must integrate these mechanisms into its law enforcement reforms to rebuild trust. Better accountability would also reduce for vigilante justice on off-duty police officers.

Misuse of Tear Gas

- **Deployment in Residential Areas:** Reports suggest that tear gas was indiscriminately deployed in neighborhoods like Luís Cabral and Maxaquene, even firing canisters into buildings on Avenida Eduardo Mondlane affecting residents far removed from the protests. This action violated the principle of limiting the impact to the immediate protest area, causing unnecessary distress to innocent bystanders, including children and elderly individuals.
- **Failure to Provide Safe Exit Routes:** Protesters exposed to tear gas were reportedly left with no clear avenues for escape. Best practices dictate that law enforcement must ensure affected individuals can safely leave the area, preventing panic and injuries. In Mozambique's security forces failed in this regard, creating stampedes and heightened chaos. Example: Warest Market, Nampula.

- **Excessive and Premature Use:** Tear gas should only be employed as a last resort after other de-escalation methods have failed. However, Mozambican police used tear gas in situations where protests were reportedly peaceful, turning otherwise manageable gatherings into violent confrontations.
- **Targeting Individuals:** Tear gas is intended to disperse crowds, not to target specific individuals. Reports from Mozambique indicate instances where tear gas canisters were fired directly at protesters, violating international crowd control standards and causing severe injuries.

Dangers of Expired Tear Gas

Unpredictable Chemical Reactions:

- Expired tear gas canisters may contain degraded chemicals, altering their intended effects. These changes can produce more toxic compounds, leading to severe respiratory issues, skin burns, and long-term health consequences for those exposed.
- The breakdown of chemical components increases the likelihood of malfunction, such as canisters failing to disperse or releasing irregular concentrations of gas.
- **Increased Risk of Injury:**
- Expired canisters are structurally less reliable and prone to explosion, posing a significant safety hazard to both protesters and officers. Malfunctioning canisters can cause shrapnel injuries or uncontrolled fire hazards. This is a common reason for the “booming sound” of Mozambican tear gas canisters as they pop open.

Violation of International Standards:

Using expired riot control agents violates international norms and best practices, which require all crowd control equipment to be regularly inspected and safely disposed of once past its expiration date. This failure reflects poor oversight and disregard for safety protocols.



Footage 1: appears to show members of Mozambican security forces throwing tear gas canisters into residential areas, without a clear target. Footage 2: bullet fired indiscriminately from an armored vehicle hits a man who is hiding.



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Prof. Adriano Nuvunga @adriano_n... · 10h

Breaking: Shocking Crime in Maputo – Clearer Video Shows Military Vehicle Intentionally Running Over Peaceful Protesters





Human Rights Under Scrutiny in Mozambique

The Center for Democracy and Human Rights, represented by Professor Adriano Nuvunga, has brought forward a report to Mozambique's Attorney General's Office. The 86-page report sheds light on **alleged abuses of power by law enforcement agencies**, particularly during peaceful protests that escalated into violence. The incidents outlined in the report reflect significant humanitarian and legal concerns, including forced displacements and violations of democratic freedoms and fundamental human rights.

Key findings include:

- **Police Intervention and Escalation:** Protests in neighborhoods like Luís Cabral and Chamanculo, originally peaceful and meant to honor individuals such as Elvino Dias and Paulo Guambe, turned violent due to police actions involving tear gas and firearms. This led to panic, forced displacement of families, and injuries to uninvolved citizens.
- **Legal Violations:** Mozambique's law requires law enforcement to act with honor and dignity, using force only when necessary. However, police actions reportedly violated these principles, prompting calls for accountability.

Criminal Investigations Oversight: The Serviço Nacional de Investigação Criminal (SERNIC) is tasked with upholding constitutional limits during investigations, ensuring public order while respecting citizens' rights. The report claims these standards were not upheld.

Age of Victims: The document also lists all victims of police shootings with documented evidence. Of the fatalities, EIGHT of the victims are aged 18 years old or younger. The majority of the victims are under the age of 25.



Venâncio Mondlane was live.



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Venâncio Mondlane delivered a live address on Facebook yesterday at 9:40 PM, during which he voiced strong criticism of the police's actions and behavior. He called for patience and resilience among citizens while addressing the current socio-political climate.

Mondlane alleged that the Constitutional Council (CC) plans to release the election results near the Christmas and New Year holidays to divert attention from the country's pressing issues and perceived injustices. He further claimed that the government intends to exploit the festive season by distributing food and beverages, particularly alcohol, as a means of distraction, pointing out that the state has a financial stake in breweries.

He encouraged citizens to prepare mentally for the upcoming holidays, which, he suggested, would be marked by a lack of celebration if electoral integrity is not restored. He urged unemployed youth and recent graduates to peacefully demonstrate their grievances by taking to the streets wearing their graduation robes. Mondlane emphasized that demonstrations should not prevent others from going to work and called for participants to remain peaceful and uphold respectful interactions.

In his closing remarks, Mondlane reiterated that the demonstrations will persist in a peaceful manner, ensuring they do not disrupt the lives of others while striving to highlight the people's concerns.

In Social Media: Snapshot of popular and interesting social media posts.

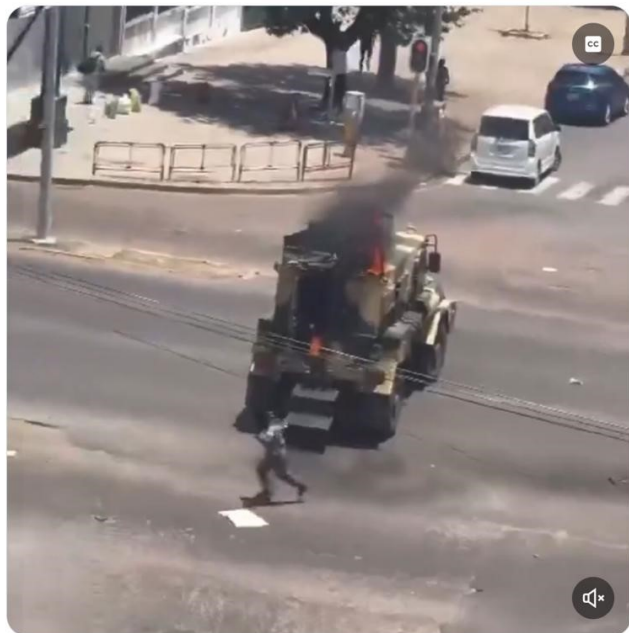


César Chiyaya @cesarchiyaya · 7h

URGENTE: agentes da UIR tentam escapar do fogo ardente.

Os agentes da Unidade de Intervenção Rápida atropelaram manifestantes e a população reagiu com a raiva necessária. Moçambique está um caos, parece que a Constituição foi suspensa.

“E até lá, estou-me nas tintas”.



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CDD - Centro para Democracia e Direi... · 5h

O Centro para Democracia e Direitos Humanos (CDD) apresentou, ontem, terça- -feira, 26 de Novembro, uma denúncia à Procuradoria-Geral da República (PGR), contra o Comando-Geral da Polícia da República de Moçambique (PRM), representado por Bernardino Rafael e o



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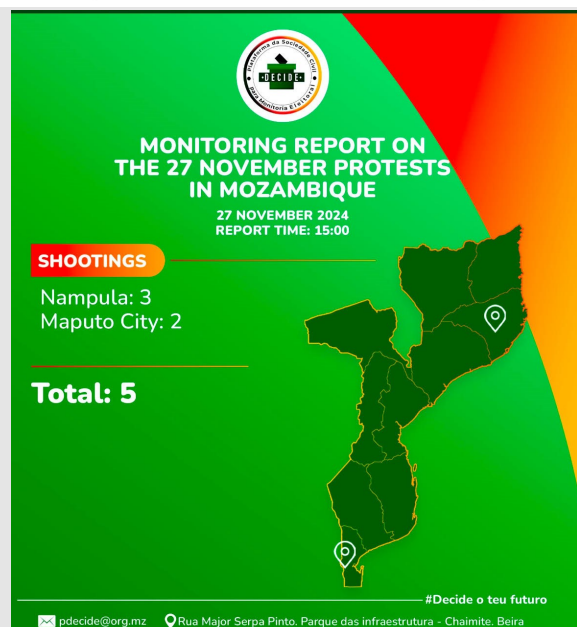
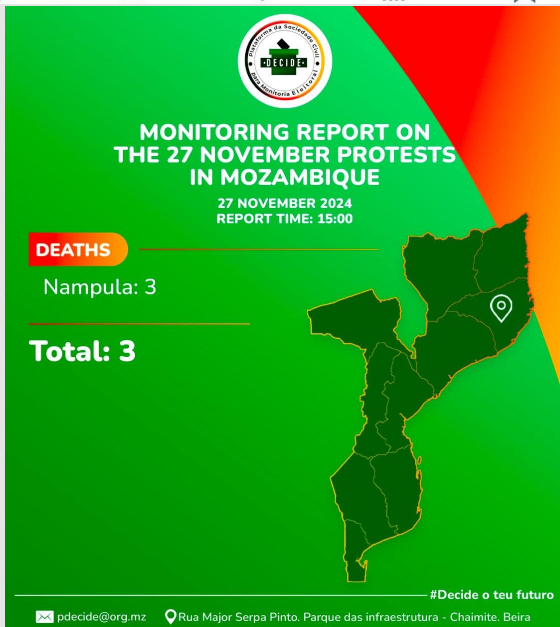
À PROCURADORIA-GERAL DA REPÚBLICA

Apresentada denúncia contra o comando-geral da PRM e SERNIC pela morte de 65 cidadãos e ferimento de mais de mil no âmbito das manifestações pela justiça eleitoral

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Estou profundamente alarmada com os relatos de mortes e ferimentos – incluindo uma pessoa atropelada por um veículo blindado – relacionados a protestos em Moçambique. As autoridades devem investigar esses incidentes e responsabilizar os perpetradores.

Reitero o apelo do Secretário-Geral António Guterres por calma e para que as autoridades tenham a contenção necessária para garantir que os desafios de Moçambique sejam resolvidos em paz e com respeito ao funcionamento de suas instituições



Dra. Catherine Sozi
Coordenadora Residente das Nações Unidas e
Coordenadora Humanitária para Moçambique, 27 de Novembro de 2024



360 Mozambique
@360_mozambique

French oil major @TotalEnergies SE was not informed of a U.S. investigation into possible bribery and corruption at Adani Green Energy Limited.

#africa #mozambique #news #economy



TotalEnergies Pauses Business With Adani, Says It Was Not Awar...

From 360mozambique.com



César Chiyaya ✓
@cesarchiyaya

🇸🇵 VEM VER: Assim fica Moçambique quando chega a hora de entoar o hino nacional, toda a gente esconta os carros, são ordens supremas.

“E até lá, estou-me nas tintas”.

Translate post



Borges Nhamirre @BorgesNhamirre · 21h

In fact, it was a joke to invite the opposition leader to a dialogue when he is wanted for crimes against state security.

THE MOZAMBIQUE TIMES (MOZ... · 23h
DIALOGUE TO SOLVE POST-ELECTION
CRISIS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Read more:
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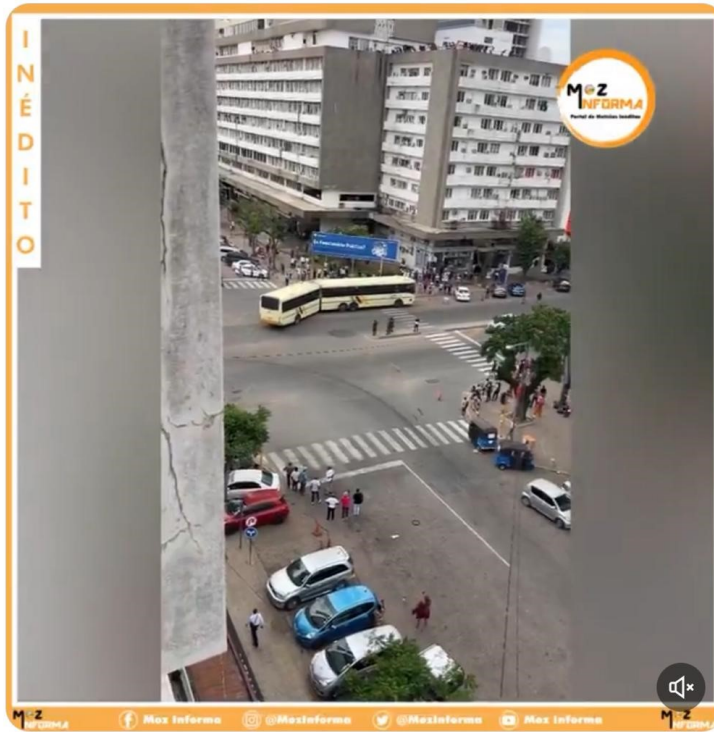


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Moz Informa 🇸🇩 @mozinforma · 11h

!! Militar das FADM conseguiu ligar e remover o transporte público articulado que estava estacionado no meio da Av. 25 de Setembro.



Moz Informa 🇸🇩 @mozinforma · 8h

!! Manifestantes bloqueiam principais acessos da Cidade de Nampula



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POVO OPTIMISTA PARA O DESENVOLVIMENTO DE MOÇAMBIQUE

SECRETARIADO DO CONSELHO CENTRAL

Estas manifestações, com recurso a marchas e acções pacíficas e ordeiras, estão ancoradas nos artigos Primeiro, Segundo, Terceiro, Quarto, Quinquagésimo Primeiro e Octogésimo da Constituição da República que, de forma resumida, defendem o Estado de direito, de reunião e manifestação, de justiça social, da soberania que reside no povo e do não acatamento a ordens ilegais que ofendem os direitos, liberdades e garantias do povo.

Neste interim reiteramos total apoio às vítimas destas macabras acções deste Estado controlado pela Frelimo que mata todos que não concordam com os seus modus operandi de manutenção no poder.

P.S.: O Partido PODEMOS considera estes crimes graves que já acionou, mais uma vez, o Tribunal Penal Internacional (TPI) sobre estas figuras e outras.

O Secretário-geral



Sebastião Mussanhane

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News Media Reports: Important news updates that could affect security or are of a need to know for USAID IPs.



Cabo Delgado (Nov 25-26)

• **Nov 25** - The Islamic State in Mozambique claimed that its fighters captured and killed a “Christian” individual near the village of Nakululu, likely referring to Nacololo, in Ancuabe district on Monday, 25 November.

Nov 26 - The population of the villages of Nampipi and Muiriti in the district of Metuge in the province of Cabo Delgado on alert following the movement of suspected insurgents. [lusa](#)

Nov 26 - Terrorist actions affect final assessments in at least 19 schools in the districts of Chiure and Ancuabe in the province of Cabo Delgado. [lusa](#)

November 25

- A group of women demonstrated outside the Constitutional Council offices in the city of Maputo, demanding electoral justice and an end to post-election violence. (Source: [CanalMz](#))
- TotalEnergies pauses business with Adani, saying it was not related to a US investigation into possible bribery and corruption at Adani Green Energy Limited. (Source: *360 Mozambique*)

November 26

- **The Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CDD)** filed a complaint with the Attorney General's Office against the General Commander of the Police and the Director of the National Criminal Investigation Service (SERNIC) due to crimes committed by police officers during the demonstrations. (Source: *CDD*)
- **The dialogue to resolve the post-election crisis** is indefinitely postponed due to the lack of a clear agenda and requirements for the presence of all presidential candidates. (Source: *Moztimes*)
- **The residents' committee of building 794** on Avenida Julius Nyerere denounces damage caused by construction work on a building allegedly belonging to the family of former president Armando Guebuza. (Source: [CanalMz](#))
- **The Center for Public Integrity (CIP)** denounces the lack of equal treatment of all citizens and favoritism towards the Frelimo party in criminal cases processed by the Public Ministry. (Source: [DW](#))
- **The Centre for Public Integrity (CIP)**, believes that the management of the country's sovereign wealth fund is not transparent, and the government reports lack information. (Source: [aimnews](#))
- **Zitamar denounced** the existence of “pirate” NGOs and journalists producing fake news in favor of Frelimo. [mznews](#)
- **Mozambican teachers** keep students' grades frozen until the full overtime debt is paid. [lusa](#)
- **A group of 34 private security agents demonstrated**, in front of the provincial delegation of the National Institute of Social Action (INAS), in Xai-Xai, Gaza to demand the payment of two years of outstanding salaries. [mznews](#)

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