



PLSO MOZAMBIQUE

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PLSO Daily Updates (11/7/24)



Mozambique Election Protests: Venancio Mondlane's "Victory Day" and PODEMOS Marches Test Maputo's Security Forces

The extensive marches through Maputo and other cities, led by an **absent** opposition figure Venancio Mondlane and PODEMOS supporters, placed intense pressure on the country's security forces. While the day-long demonstrations fell short of the transformative outcome anticipated by the opposition, they effectively brought the city to a standstill and stretched law enforcement nearly to their limits.

Fatalities (gunshots): 3

Serious Injuries: 32

Arrests: 102

IP WhatsApp Group – Roundup:

A roundup of the most interesting posts, curated from the three geographic IP safety WhatsApp groups. Usernames omitted



- 08:48 - [Facebook link](#) showing footage related to the protests.
- 09:15 - Reports of tear gas fired on Ave Ed Mondlane and near the tollgate to prevent groups from forming.
- 09:18 - [YouTube link](#) regarding protests in the city.
- 10:07 - [Facebook live stream](#) showing current events.
- 11:44 - [Amnesty International article](#) discussing the violent crackdown.
- 11:52 - Gunshots reported in the Escola Portuguesa neighborhood.
- 12:16 - Reports of protesters near a gate of an IP, with one person reportedly shot.
- 13:05 - LinkedIn post: updates on military movements in Nampula ([Link](#))
- 13:46 - [News link](#) reporting that Vladimir Lenine Avenue is closed near Saul.
- 13:46 - [News link](#) on protesters marching along Eduardo Mondlane Avenue.
- 13:57 - Presidential guard blocks Julius Nyerere Avenue near the intersection with Mao Tsé Tung.
- 14:00 - [SABC News article](#) on measures to protect cargo drivers at the Lebombo border.
- 14:17 - [MZ News article](#) discussing potential unrest in Mozambique.
- 14:40 - [CartaMoz article](#) on election validation process by the Constitutional Council.
- 14:59 - [News link](#) reporting lootings at Shoprite in central Maputo.
- 16:12 - [News link](#) on police actions to prevent disturbances in Maxixe.
- 16:53 - [Facebook video link](#) showing recent events.
- 16:55 - Facebook video shared ([Link](#))
- 17:02 - [CartaMoz article](#) reporting several arrests following looting in central Maputo.
- 17:12 - [Facebook video link](#) showing events related to the protests.
- 17:18 - [Facebook video link](#) showing footage of the day's events.
- 18:52 - [Instagram reel](#) with footage from Maputo.

POLL

Niassa-Nampula-Cabo Delgado: How have the protests affected your NGOs' work?

OPTION: Severely (3 votes) OPTION: Moderately (7 votes) OPTION: Minimally (3 votes)

Maputo-Gaza-Inhambane: How have the protests affected your NGOs' work?


OPTION: Severely (1 vote) OPTION: Moderately (16 votes) OPTION: Minimally (1 vote)

Sofala-Tete-Zambezia-Manica: How have the protests affected your NGOs' work?


OPTION: Severely (1 vote) OPTION: Moderately (2 votes) OPTION: Minimally (1 vote)

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



Wilker Dias 
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The noise of the pots and pans in Maputo goes on and on, most notably in the red towers near the presidential residence, in protest at the electoral context in Mozambique and today the right to make noise as the president's escort passed by. [#MozambiqueProtests](#)



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23:26 · 06 Nov 24 · **2,839** Views

State of play of the demonstrations in Mozambique:
The demonstrators follow the railway line near the Maputo tollbooth but the police tried to repel the peaceful march with gunfire...but the population reacted with stones



9:23 · 07 Nov 24 · **1,027** Views

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⚠️ Update: Traffic data show [#Mozambique](#) has emerged from a fourth day of curfew-style mobile internet blackouts. Social media platforms remain restricted as the political opposition calls for renewed protests over disputed election results

Internet Traffic Data - Mozambique: 2024-11-02 to 2024-11-07 UTC

15:40 · 07 Nov 24 · 2,388 Views

While in the city of Quelimane, the population is marching in an orderly fashion, in Marracuene, Mrs LEONILDE FUMO, the police commander, has detained 4 people who were cutting hair and others doing moto-taxis. Mr Prosecutor, we ask for your attention.

Another young man shot dead by the police in the Polana Caniço neighbourhood. According to locals, he wasn't at the demonstration.
[#MozambiqueElections](#)
[#MozambiqueProtests](#)

We have 20 people shot and admitted to Mavalane hospital in Maputo. The police used real bullets and here's the proof.
[#MozambiqueElections](#)
[#MozambiqueProtests](#)

Wilker Dias @wilkerDias13 · 1h
 Real bullets being fired from a vehicle that resembles the one used for protocol escorts at the Ministry of Defence or the Presidency.
[#MozambiqueProtests](#)

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Subiu para 34 o Número de Vítimas Mortais pelas Balas da PRM na Repressão às Manifestações

- A Polícia, para além de impedir o exercício do direito à manifestação, continua a usar os meios que deviam estar ao serviço da segurança do povo para violentar e matar o mesmo povo que jurou proteger



Subiu para 34 o número de vítimas mortais em resultado da violência policial durante as manifestações populares em reivindicação da justiça e verdade eleitoral. Os dados resultam de informações que o Centro para Democracia e Direitos Humanos (CDD) vem colhendo por via de denúncias e de um trabalho de campo em todas as províncias do país, desde o dia 21 de Outubro, quando foi convocada a primeira fase dos protestos pelo candidato presidencial Venâncio Mondlane, que reclama vitória nas eleições de 9 de Outubro. A Polícia já deteve mais mil pessoas, parte das quais já em liberdade, e feriu centenas. Nem sempre as vítimas da Polícia são manifestantes. Temos casos de

The use of real bullets by the police is a reality...there are already reports of deaths and injuries.

Images in the videos: Alto Mae
[#MozambiqueProtests](#)



11:51 · 07 Nov 24 · 17K Views

News Media Reports: News updates that could affect security or are interesting to our Implementing Partners.



Mozambique's Ruling Party Says Protest Calls Are Inciting Coup: The ongoing call for protest against the outcome of last month's elections are inciting an attempted coup.

Mozambique Faces Worst Post-Election Violence on Record: Mozambique's capital, Maputo, has been in a state of terror since this Thursday morning, with thousands of young people protesting in various suburbs and the city centre. The police responded with great violence, including firing live bullets and tear gas bombs at demonstrators and at residences.

Insurgent movements cause panic in Nangade district: Sightings of insurgents have prompted the population to flee in search of safety

Protestors unsuccessfully force entry into the city of Maputo: Hundreds of protesters tried to force entry into the city of Maputo, through the neighborhoods of Alto-maé, Coop, Malanga and Chamanculo, but encountered a strong barrier from the Defense and Security Forces (FDS), who were forced to fire tear gas to disperse protesters. [Link](#)

A smell of burning and teargas as darkness falls over Maputo: During a tour of the city of Maputo at nightfall, Lusa found dozens of burning or ash-covered tyres and other objects on the streets, although traffic has almost completely returned to normal on avenues such as Eduardo Mondlane and 24 de Julho, in the heart of the Mozambican capital, following the intervention of the fire brigade.

Venâncio Mondlane scraps plan to return for protest – Bloomberg: Venâncio Mondlane, the fiery former lawmaker and pastor, had earlier pledged to lead a protest in the capital, Maputo. e'd planned to return to the city this week — after last month fleeing abroad in fear of his life — and didn't immediately respond to a question about why he's cancelled his trip.

Protesters March on Eduardo Mondlane Avenue: A group of protesters and supporters of PO-DEMOS and presidential candidate Venâncio Mondlane are marching along Eduardo Mondlane Avenue toward Julius Nyerere Avenue. The protesters carry signs, bottles of water, bags, masks, and supplies. The young people are positioned in front of a barrier formed by the Defense and Security Forces on Amílcar Cabral Avenue, marking the boundary between the Central and Polana neighborhoods.

CC to assess appeals against general recount requests submitted by Podemos and RENAMO (20241107 - MZNEWS/ ClubofMozambique). The Constitutional Council (CC) has decided that it will examine appeals by the PODEMOS, RENAMO and PAHUMO (Humanitarian Party of Mozambique) parties against requests for a general recount of votes, announced by the National Electoral Commission (CNE) on October 24. In separate appeals, the parties informed the CC of several electoral irregularities that may have culminated in electoral fraud.

Lawyers free 2,700 people detained at political protests (20241106 - ClubofMozambique). The president of the Mozambican Bar Association (OAM) said on Wednesday (6) that the contribution of the institution's professionals has led to the release of 2,700 people detained throughout the country as part of the post-election demonstrations. "There were 2,700 detainees who are now free as a result of the selfless work of Bar Association member lawyers, who often put their own lives at risk," Carlos Martins.

Protesters set fire to FRELIMO committee headquarters in Nampula (20241107 - MZNEWS). A group of individuals, allegedly members of the PODEMOS party, set fire on Thursday afternoon (07) to the headquarters of the 25 September zone committee in the Muhala Expansão neighborhood, on the outskirts of the city of Nampula.

Below are VM's statements in a live broadcast on 07-Nov-2024.

1. VM encouraged the protesters that showed up. All the avenues are occupied by the population.
2. Two individuals shot dead in Maxaquene. Shoprite has been vandalised and looted by police. Footages are flying around social media.
3. It has been observed that the police perpetrated acts of vandalism, killing unarmed citizens.
4. VM challenged the authorities to bring to justice the perpetrators of crime-related incidents.
5. VM encouraged the population not to accept the electoral results.
6. VM showed appreciation to the military and police elements that supported the marches.
7. Military elements are being used to attack the population.
8. VM stated that Mozambique senior leadership is taking advantage of the conflict in Cabo Delgado for self benefit.
9. VM encouraged the protesters to continue with protests.
10. VMs supporters requested him remain hidden. The appeal from the population has been attended by the presidential candidate.
11. Cases have been opened at International Criminal Court
12. American Senate is following up on the Mozambique turmoil following the fraud.
13. Mozambique is at war for the truth. It is likely that part of the warriors will fall down.
14. Strikes to continue until the electoral truth prevails.
15. May God comfort the families of the deceased role-model citizens.

Mozambique Protest Incident Summary

The following is a list of protest-related incidents for November 7, 2024. PLSO has made every effort to document the most significant events. Please note that many smaller protests were not reported by the media, lacked verified sources, or were otherwise challenging to confirm. **Times are an approximation of when they were reported.**

- 8:00:** Marches began to occur in Matola neighborhoods and Patrice Lumumba
- 10:11 AM:** Over +500 protesters at Praça dos Combatentes.
- 10:15 AM:** Shootout between Military and police at KM4 in Ressano Garcia, one person was shot.
- 10:16 AM:** Maquinag was marching since 8:00, with tear gas already shot by police. Military and police escorted people through Xikelene and made them stop at Praca OMM.
- 10:17:** A multitude of people gathered around the statue at Avenida Eduardo Mondlane.
- 10:30:** Tear gas launched at gatherers around the neighborhood of the Matola tollgate.
- 10:31:** Gas launched at a young group of protesters around COOP.
- 11:07:** Gunshots reported at Alto Maé.
- 11:08:** An innocent woman was shot at Luís Cabral neighborhood.
- 11:17:** Military reportedly in conflict with UIR agents over allowing a march to occur.
- 11:34:** Protestors scattered from Avenida Joaquim Chissano and COOP. They enter Kenneth Kaunda and Avenida Zimbabwe. Many shots from residents are heard. Protestors scatter into small groups and flee into residential neighborhoods.
- 11:36:** Military is seen handing out masks to people on Joaquim Chissano.
- 11:41:** Protestors reached close to EDM building, escorted by military.
- 12:00:** Large civil unrest in Casa Branca area. Police firing shots on 24 of July. Crowds dispersing into Amilcar Cabral and Ahmed Sekou Toure.
- 12:15:** OK Mobiliias store in Malhangalene broken into. Items also stolen from ShopRite. Some reports claim police were the ones stealing, however it was confirmed that police had returned many stolen items back to ShopRite.
- 12:38:** A helicopter is seen shooting teargas into the residential areas of Maxaquene. Teargas was also shot into residential buildings in Alto Mae A.
- 13:15:** A man shot dead by police in the Polana Canico neighborhood.
- 13:34:** Presidential guard seen blocking Julius Nyerere from Avenida Mao Tse Tung until Destacamento Feminino.
- 14:46:** Gas launched against people on Vladimir Lenine in front of KFC.
- 14:50:** Airport neighborhood and Malhangalene, lots of shots being fired by police.
- 15:25:** Police launch teargas at protesting students in UEM.
- 15:51:** Reported fire at the Frelimo Comite in Maxaquene.
- 16:09:** Lots of live ammunition and teargas shot in the Malhangalene B area.

17:20: Protestors re-formed at Alto Mae on Eduardo Mondlane, police shooting to break up the crowd. Ave Vladimir Lenine, Maxaquene and Polana Canico still seeing large groups of protestors.

17:30: A supermarket in Malhampsene was vandalized.

20:00: Pots and pans protests can be heard along Julius Nyerere.

NAMPULA

Nampula remained relatively calm on Nov 7. Majority opinion is that the police have shot protestors with live bullets, making people wary to march on the streets. A gathering starting to occur around the rotunda that heads to the airport, and police dispersed the crowd with shots into the air. The FRELIMO party headquarters was set on fire sometime in the afternoon.

BEIRA

A massive protest in Beira occurred, protestors blocked streets. However, there are not reports of injuries or major confrontations with police.

PEMBA

A large march began at 10:00. Police used restraint and escorted the protest from CBD to the area around the airport. The march occurred passively and no major incidents were recorded.

ZAMBEZIA

Quelimane saw small protests, and the situation remains tense between the police and population of Mocuba.

Rumors and Unsubstantiated Claims

- **No Rwandan troops** spotted anywhere in Maputo despite the claims from various social media accounts and Venancio Mondlane.
- **Police, military, UIR infighting.** There is some legitimate claims to show that the military and UIR units engaged in some tense verbal moments, but these appear to be normal “chain-of-command” disagreements.
- **Police stole and looted ShopRite and OK Mobiliias.** Video footage shows a police vehicle unloading goods at the 6th Esquadra. However, PLSO verified these items were being recovered, a police case was registered and the items were returned.

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