



PLSO MOZAMBIQUE

PLSO Daily Updates (11/5/24)

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IP WhatsApp Group – Roundup:

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



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 on the situation in Mozambique:



At this critical moment, we call on all entities to show restraint while respecting the rule of law and human life. We reiterate our support for the Mozambican people in exercising their rights under the UN Declaration of Human Rights to peaceful assembly and association, to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to information.

We share the expectation that the Constitutional Council will deliver on the final stages of the electoral process transparently and in line with its mandate.

5 November 2024



Doctors' March Blocked

11:59: Police blocked doctors from holding a scheduled protest at the medical association in Maputo.



Vodacom Store Incident in Machava

13:32: Reports indicate a Vodacom store was impacted in the Machava neighborhood. Vandalism has plagued and given a foul name for the pacivist election protests.

Crisis at Ressano Garcia Border (information collected from Overseas Security Advisory Council).



13:30: A protest erupted at Ressano Garcia which resulted in a complete roadblock on the N1. Protestors either made truck drivers block the road, or the driver's themselves did so.



13:45: Mozambique informs SARS to suspend processing for export due to increased challenges on the Mozambican side.

17:00: Protestors briefly entered the Kilometro 4 customs area but did not vandalize it. Police and immigration left the scene, causing the site to close down.

Unknown time: At some point in the afternoon, an immigrations officer allegedly shot a young man, which escalated the protest and led to residents burning down his home.

By the late afternoon protestors entered the border area and started to vandalize the immigrations offices. The border station was forced to shut down.



A container office of the commercial Mozambican immigration vandalized and set on fire.

Recommendation: Even if the border re-opens, it remains a volatile area, with protestors able to organize and block the road in less time it takes to drive from Maputo to Ressano Garcia.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LEBOMBO PORT OF ENTRY DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS ON THE MOZAMBIKAN SIDE

The Commissioner of the Border Management Authority (BMA), Dr Michael Masiapato has received reports of vehicles being torched on the Mozambican side of the Lebombo Port of Entry. Due to these security incidents and in the interest of public safety, the port has been temporarily closed until further notice.

This decision was made to ensure the safety of all cross-border transporters, travellers, traders and officials operating at the port. The BMA is coordinating closely with Mozambican authorities and South African law enforcement agencies to monitor the situation and work towards reopening the port as soon as it is safe to do so. “We advise all stakeholders to suspend travel through Lebombo Port until further notice. Alternative routes to Mozambique must be used where feasible, at the moment until the situation has stabilised”, Commissioner Dr Masiapato said.

“All South African officials are on the ground providing assistance with seven officials from the Mozambican side having requested refuge on the South African side for safety and protection. The BMA and its counterparts are working urgently to address the situation, and we are appreciating the cooperation we are receiving at the moment”, he added.

The BMA and SARS will continue to provide real-time updates through official channels and notify stakeholders as soon as the port is deemed safe for reopening.

Further updates from Partners via WhatsApp Group:

14:53: Local media reports state that sixteen people have died during recent protests. [Link to article](#)

15:50: Additional coverage on violent protests in Tete. [Link to article](#)

20:59: Please find below an outline of VM's statements in a live broadcast today. Again, this is a raw summary of his wording.

1. VM showed appreciation to the supporters across the world, including NGOs, ambassadors, national and international journalists, etc
2. Important message: 5 November is a day to finalise the preparations looking forward to the freedom day. FRELIMO has been disconnected from the interest to stand up for the people.

3. Uncovered police elements are infiltrated among the protesters armed with assault rifles. The country must be reborn from where it lays (Terrorism, kidnappings, abductions, extortions, led up by the ruling party).
4. Mozambique citizens must enjoy the common wealth (natural resources: LNG, timber, etc).
5. VM was adamant about the plan aiming to see the population marching across the main streets and avenues around Maputo city centre.
6. Security forces are not receiving enough support from the government insofar equipment, food supplies, and moral support.
7. VM encouraged female protesters to carry roses and other types of flowers to exchange with the operatives carrying firearms.
8. Invitation has been extended to unemployed people, informal traders, and businessmen under threats.
9. On November 7, the country will be baptised, and the perpetrators of evil should be forgiven as long as they join the marches (military operatives, police officers, corrupted state officers, etc).
10. An equivalent of 16 million MZN has been placed as bounty/reward on VM's head.
11. Amnesty law is being considered by VM to ensure a new life to the corrupted state officials.
12. VM invited all the party leaders to join hands and create a new country. A government where religions and different parties join hands and respect the new agenda.
13. Protesters are encouraged to stand marching and refraining from destruction of public and private facilities regardless of the owner's colour of skin, religion, political orientation, gender, etc.
14. MoD's statement was a disaster. Cabo Delgado is wrestling with armed conflict, but such strength from FADM is not displayed in a war zone in the north.
15. VM opened a criminal case against GoM (ICC). An investigation is ongoing, and evidence is being collected.
16. VM displayed a fearless attitude ahead the upcoming events - "No one will stop a revolution " "chose the right side."
17. In case of attacks perpetrated by security forces, self-defence should be considered by the population.
18. Tomorrow, 06 November, will be difficult but the population needs to be concentrated

19. 1 million + protesters are ready to strike in Maputo.

20. Protesters invited to fast and pray on Wednesday, 06 November. Prayers to be extended to the criminals, army, etc.

21. 950 K subscribed to bulk SMS notification services launched by Venancio Mondlane. 5 million users expected to subscribe.

22. VM will join the marches in person motivated by a dream of a better tomorrow.

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



NetBlocks @netblocks

Update: Traffic data indicate #Mozambique is now in the second day of curfew-style mobile internet blackouts. The shutdown follows protests over disputed election results, and is the latest in a series of mass-censorship measures imposed by the government

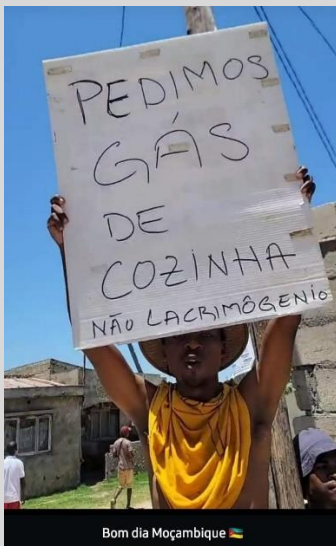
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CDD - Centro para Democracia e... · 21m

Subiu para 24 o número de vítimas mortais em resultado da violência policial durante as manifestações populares em reivindicação da justiça e verdade eleitoral.

Subiu para 24 o Número de Vítimas Mortais pelas Balas da PRM na Repressão às Manifestações





Residents of Julius Nyerere and Eduardo Mondlane bang pots, play vuvuzelas and sing the national anthem for two evenings in a row in support of the protests.

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

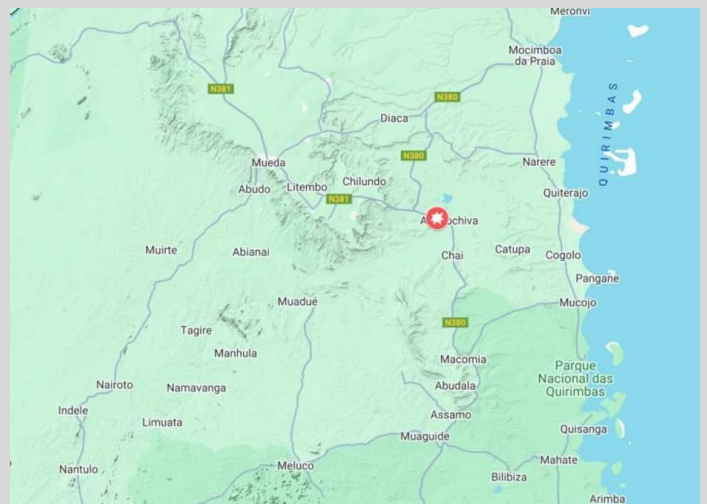


Terrorist Attack in Cabo Delgado (Nangade District)

At around 12:30, armed insurgents attacked Lunengue village, Nangade District, setting homes and local shops on fire. Civilians were seen fleeing towards Nangade and Litingina, moving further towards Ngangolo, Chibabede, and Ntoli. FDS forces are on high alert with military vehicles positioned strategically in the area. Civilians are advised to avoid Nangade until further notice. [Link to article](#)

Islamic State-Linked Insurgency in Muidumbe

Islamic State-backed insurgents attacked Miangalewa village in Cabo Delgado's Muidumbe District on the night of 04-Nov. Muidumbe town remained on lockdown the next day, although no casualties have been reported at this time.



Additional Articles

1. Prime Minister Calls for End to Demonstrations

Prime Minister Adriano Maleiane has called for calm and urged citizens to resume normal activities following widespread protests across Mozambique over contested election results. [Link to article](#)

2. Political Persecution Claims by PODEMOS Party

The PODEMOS party alleges political violence in Nampula, citing the recent abduction and murder of a party member, allegedly part of an effort to suppress dissent. [Link to article](#)

3. Consumer Protection Concerns Over Internet Restrictions

Consumer defense groups condemn mobile operators for limiting internet access

amid ongoing protests, suggesting they could be held accountable for restricting information. [Link to article](#)

4. [Defense minister](#) threatened to send in the military to halt weeks of deadly post-electoral protests he said were aimed at overthrowing the government. “Violent demonstrations are sowing hatred between brothers, destroying infrastructure and showing how divided we are,” Minister Cristovao Chume said at a press conference. “There is an intention to change the democratically established power,” he said. “If the escalation of violence continues, the armed forces will have to protect the interests of the state.”
5. Mozambique’s Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Verónica Macamo on Monday (04) accused [Venâncio Mondlane](#) of making speeches that turned demonstrations into “acts of vandalism, violence and theft, death and the destruction of public infrastructure”, asking the international community for “help” to restore “stability”. In a message to the diplomatic corps accredited in Mozambique regarding the electoral process, Verónica Macamo also added that the demonstrations called by Venâncio Mondlane “discourage investors” with consequences for the “greater impoverishment” of people considered to be on low incomes.
6. [\(20241104 - ClubofMozambique\)](#). Mozambique’s Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications Amilton Alissone says that normal operation of internet services will only be resumed when the necessary conditions are brought about, without giving precise details about such “conditions”. “I don’t know. I don’t have the exact data, but I know that, based on the use that has been made of these applications, some decisions have been made, but I think the regulator must have already issued some information,” said Amilton Alissone, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications.

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