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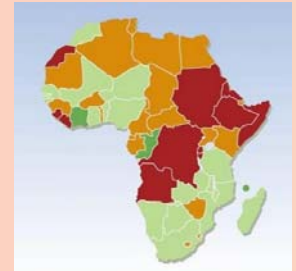
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In a note distributed to the press, the Presidency of the Portuguese Republic informs that Aníbal Cavaco Silva was on Monday in contact with his Angolan counterpart, José Eduardo dos Santos, to whom he conveyed his satisfaction at the extremely important step towards the consolidation of democratic institutions in Angola.

"The President of the Republic, Cavaco Silva, underlined the exemplary tranquillity and civic attitude shown during electoral campaign and the massive participation in the legislative elections, a clear sign of the Angolan people's confidence in democracy and their belief in the country's future", refers the document.

This step, added the Portuguese Head of State, happened in a "framework of political pluralism, and for a future of peace, prosperity and economic and social development of Angolans to which Portugal and Portuguese citizens feel connected in a very particular manner". **Source: ANGOP**

Portuguese Premier Congratulates Ruling Party On Poll Victory

The Portuguese prime-minister, José Sócrates, Tuesday in Lisbon, Portugal, congratulated the ruling MPLA party on the victory achieved in the second legislative elections held in Angola.

The Portuguese premier recommended, on the other hand, that these elections should contribute to democratic stabilisation of Portugal's former colony.

According to José Sócrates, his country learnt from the chairperson of the Portuguese-speaking Countries Community (CPLP) election observer mission, presided over by Portugal, that the elections in Angola were free, fair and some organisational problems were reported, but they can be corrected in the coming electoral process.

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Vitaly Egorov, stated that the elections will mark the country's history, and showed that it (Angola) is on a good track, heading towards development, which will enable the population's wellbeing.

"Angola is becoming a better country", stated the official, who added that the recently held elections were well

"We are human beings and, for such, susceptible to making mistakes, and those (mistakes) ade did not embarrass the will and the right of the people", concluded Vitaly Egorov.

Source: ANGOP



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She said the electoral campaign was conducted in a calm and orderly way, despite some incidents that were settled in a prompt and impartial way by the National Police.

The European Parliament official said as well the legislative election went peacefully, thanks to the appeals made to each other by contesting political parties, during the electoral campaign.

However, the European Union observer mission chief said her organisation's report on the issue will only be submitted to Angolan Government, the National Assembly (Parliament) and to CNE in November this year.

She instead released a preliminary declaration stating that the data gathered will still be analysed at the European Parliament.

Meanwhile, the observer mission of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Saturday in Luanda released a communique considering that the election was credible, peaceful and transparent.

The Economic Community of Central Africa States (ECCAS) also considered the election as having been free, regular and transparent.

The election was also considered as having been free and transparent by the observer mission of the Portuguese Speaking Community (CPLP).

The ruling MPLA party continues at the head of the count of the provisional results of the legislative election held on September 5, with 3.9 million votes (81,62 percent), according to a CNE release.

Source: ANGOP

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According to the National Electoral Commission, in its seventh update of the polls temporary results, MPLA leads with a great advantage, with 4.12 million (81,73 percent) of votes.

In accordance to data published on Monday at 07pm, UNITA is placed second with 523,772 (10,38%) of votes, followed by the Social Renewal Party (PRS), with 156,179 (3,10%) of votes. **Source: ANGOP**



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Ambassador Dan Mozena who was conducting an assessment of the US observer mission to the elections, expressed satisfaction over the way the electoral process was held countrywide, considering peaceful and without intimidation of voters during the campaign and the voting exercise.

Speaking to press, in Luanda, the US diplomat affirmed that

the Angolan citizens overcame the feeling of fear and uncertainty, resulted in 1992 elections, but participated actively in these legislative polls, both as voters, electoral staff and as observers.

The US observer team was made up of 37 members who followed up the electoral process in the provinces of Benguela, Bie, Luanda, Huambo and Uíge.

Source: ANGOP

CNE Closes Provisional Ballot Count

The Angolan National Electoral Commission (CNE), in the early hours of Wednesday released the last provisional results of the September 05 parliamentary elections, which continue to place the ruling MPLA party in the lead with 4.520,453 million

votes, corresponding to 81.76 per cent.

These last provisional data were collected at 11:40 pm on Tuesday, by the National Votes Count Centre, and show that the main opposition UNITA party comes second with 572,523 votes, which corresponds to 10.36 per cent.

The Social Renewal Party (PRS) comes third with 173,546 votes, which represents 3.14 per cent.

Six days after Angolans went to the ballot to choose the MPs for the coming legislature and the party that will form the new government, the CNE closed the divulging of provisional polls results, in the initial hours of Wednesday, in an activity that gathered national and foreign journalists in Luanda's Aníbal de Mello Press Centre.

Still according to the released provisional results, the MPLA is also leading in every provincial constituency.

At the moment, before the release of the final results, the CNE is counting the votes in the Special Ballot Boxes and also studying mechanisms to sort out



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the situation with what has been termed as "Votes Under Complaint".

Source: ANGOP

Prelate Says Angola Gave Example Of Political Maturity

The Catholic bishop of Diocese of the northern Malanje province, Don Luís Maria Perez de Onraitas, here stated that Angola has given an example of political maturity, related to the holding of 05 September legislative polls.

The church leader told ANGOP that the political parties and the foreign entities recognised that the elections ran with planned success.

"Some say elections were credible, others admit to be transparent, but for me the most important is the fact that all have

recognised the success", emphasised the Catholic bishop.

Don Luís Maria de Onraitas noted that the important is not who is going to win, but the citizenship example of the Angolan citizens, the maturity demonstrated, transparency and the recognition of the results. **Source: ANGOP**



African Observers Consider Parliamentary Election Free, Fair

The International Observer Mission of the African Civil Society in Luanda said the Angolan parliamentary election of September 5 were free and fair.

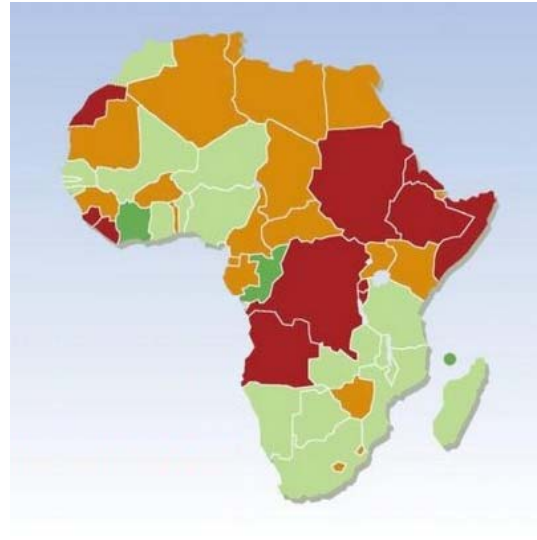
According to the head of the mission, Toure Dagbana Innocent, the process went in a satisfactory way and in line with internationally established rules.

The team highlighted the civism, serenity and discipline showed by the Angolan people in the process.

The observers also hailed the prompt reaction of the authorities concerned to settled down the small problems that emerged in the process, particularly logistic insufficiencies noted in the capital, Luanda.

The national police and the political parties contesting the election were also praised for their attitude during the campaign and the voting.

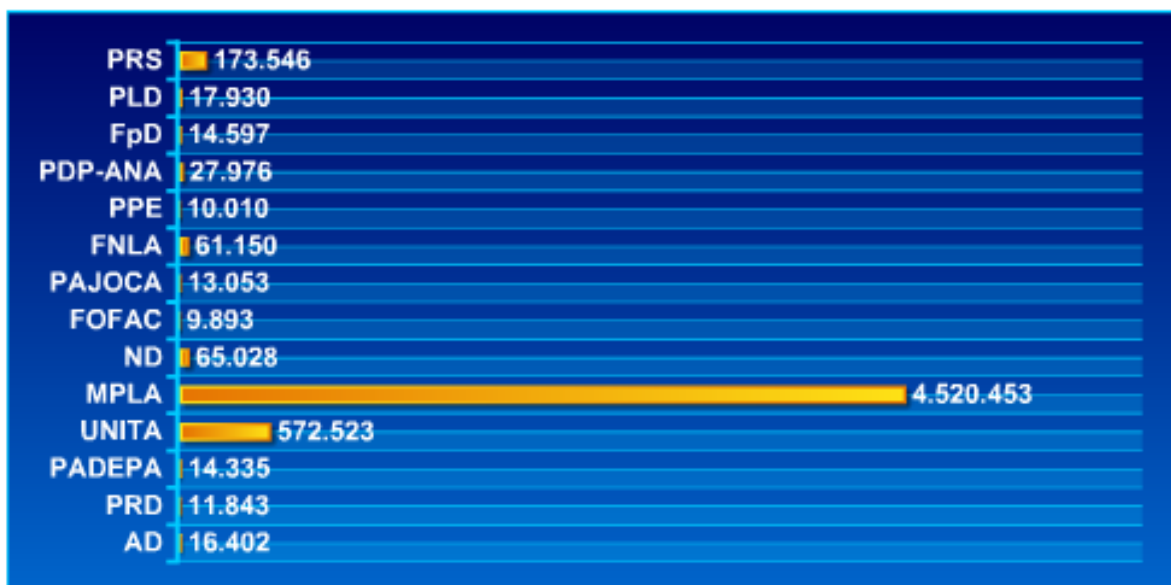
According to the latest results released by the National Electoral Commission (CNE), the ruling MPLA party leads the provisional count with 4.4 million votes, that is 81,6 percent of the ballot.



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Government Micro-Credit Programme Worth USD 45 Million



programme of credit for consumption and micro-credit, ANGOP learnt.

This was announced by the chairperson of Sol Bank, Coutinho Nobre Miguel, who added that the initiative was launched in September 2005.

Speaking to ANGOP, he considered the government's initiative as important, having stressed that it is being jointly managed by Sol Bank and the Savings and Credit Bank (BPC), since this process is enabling the implementation of economic activities meant to combat poverty in the communities.

Farmers, teachers, nurses and other health technicians have so far benefited from loans worth USD 45 million, granted by Sol Bank, under the implementation of government's

According to the official, the project has already benefited 25,200 teachers, nurses and other health technicians from rural areas and, the agricultural sector covered 40,000 farmers and peasants organised into cooperatives. **Source: ANGOP**

Angola Attends International Business Fair In Lisbon



An Angolan delegation led by the chairperson of the Unaca-Confederation, Paulo Uime, will

participate on 23-25 October in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first International Cooperative Business Trade Fair.

In an interview to Angop, Paulo Uime, stated that the event is organized by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and aims at promoting the generation and increase of cooperative business, as well as the enlargement and practice of inter-cooperativism through strategic alliance.

Paulo Uime added that the trade fair aims also at developing commercial development through promotion of economic policies, professional training, business opportunities, access to new technologies and strengthening of contacts.

Source: ANGOP

Lobito Port Modernisation to Cost over USD One Billion

The expansion and modernisation of the Lobito Commercial Port (PCL), whose works are underway, will cost USD 1.8 billion, said the Transports minister, Augusto Tomás.

The government official, who was speaking to the press at the end of the visit he carried out Monday to that institution,

said that the investment aims at meeting the future challenges of the country.

The investment will enable the construction of new infrastructures and the modernisation of the existing ones, which will give the port greater capacity to receive any kind of cargo.

The plan also includes the construction of a dry Port, the building of two piers, one for the unloading of minerals and another one that will serve for works related to the Lobito refinery, among other novelties.

The Lobito Port exists since 1928.

Source: ANGOP



Sonangol to Build Fuel Stations Along Angola/ Namibia Border



The State-owned oil company (SONANGOL) intends to build in 2009 two fuel stations along the border between Angola and Namibia, with view to supply the product to the region.

Addressing ANGOP, the southern regional director of SONANGOL, Alexandre da Natividade, said that the

project, whose works are set to kick-off next year, will be implemented in border locality of Calueque and the border mark number 25, in order to reduce the shortage of fuel.

The official, who would not make reference to the amount to be spent on the project, said that the construction of those infrastructures is a strategy of the oil department, taking into account the geographic situation, as the province is considered an entering door for the southern Africa region countries.

The projects also comprise construction of a fuel station to fill the vehicles, at Xangongo locality, Ombadja district, and the creation of one more distributor of butane gas.

The delegate also mentioned as being in the conclusion phase, for improving the quality of services throughout the region, the construction of new fuel sites in the capital city, a mini-station to cater for aircraft, at "11 de Novembro" airport, and the building of a fuel tanks park. **Source: ANGOP**

Total Spends USD 4 Million On Bridges Rebuilding

An investment estimated at USD 4 million was earmarked for the rehabilitation of four bridges in northern Zaire, Uíge, Malanje and eastern Moxico provinces whose works started in 2006, funded by the oil company Total E&P.

According to the institution's communiqué, the project is being carried out in collaboration with oil firm Sonangol and the Road Institute of Angola (INEA), aimed at contributing to the rehabilitation of road infrastructures.

Worth USD 1 million, each, these undertakings will connect various communities, previously inaccessible, due to their rundown conditions.

Benefiting from rehabilitation are bridges over rivers Luculo, (Zaire province), Fiche, (Uíge), Mufuma, (Malanje), and Lumege, (Moxico).

The two-lane bridges vary between 20 and 40 metres long as well as six to eight metres wide, with a capacity to bear as much as 40 tonnes.

The conclusion of the works, being developed by the Angolan technicians, is scheduled for the end of the year.

Two bridges, over the rivers Luculo and Mufuma, have already been concluded, with the remaining ones in conclusion phase.

Apart from operating in oil field, Total E&P and its partners also conduct various social activities in the health, education and agriculture domains. **Source: ANGOP**





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