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To the Newly Elected Government Fao; Sir Keir Starmer; PRIME MINISTER of the UK

The Ongoing Constitutional Injustice, Incarceration of Opposition & Abuse of Human Rights.

We, as the Zimbabwean diaspora, have written several petitions to the UK government {including the FCDO} and carried out various protests in the UK against the Zanu-PF regime in Zimbabwe. Which we feel has illegally and unconstitutionally declared itself as the elected government of Zimbabwe.

Indeed, the failure to respect the voting intentions of the Zimbabwean peoples in the {now highly disputed} elections carried out over 23-24th August 2023 – but the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission {ZEC} have never declared the voting numbers to this date, they simply claimed that Mnangagwa had “won” with 54% of the total vote.

Worldwide criticism of the procedures, processes and declarations by ZEC have been proclaimed, but the Zanu PF regime simply occupied their {false} parliament, claiming a ‘majority’.

The Zanu PF regime, cynically and unconstitutionally, simply carried out a process to remove all opposition (then Citizens Coalition for Change) elected MP’s from parliament. This process involved falsification of the opposition Secretary General’s identity, to remove the CCC MP’s. Aided and abetted by the “Leader of the House”.

The current situation in Zimbabwe is clearly a “ONE-PARTY STATE”, headed by the deranged E D Mnangagwa, and enforced by the total domination, by the Zanu PF regime, of all and every government Institution, the Military, Judiciary and Police.

We have raised the issue of the false election several times to the previous government {on 15th September and 13th December 2023}, eliciting a single response from the then Minister from Africa – which amounted to nothing. {see our previous comments below in italics}

International and Coordinated Diplomatic Action against Zimbabwe Politicians {Principally Zanu PF} MUST CONTINUE due to their implication in Murder, Torture, Abductions, Incarceration {without trial}, Gold smuggling, Election Rigging and ‘Jerrymandering’ 13th December 2023

THEREFORE WE PETITION THE UK GOVERNMENT AND ALL MINISTERS TO;

- *NOT recognise E D Mnangagwa as the President of Zimbabwe, as ‘illegally’ & erroneously’ proclaimed by the Corrupted ZEC without verified numerical evidence;*
- *NOT recognise the current ‘majority’ of Zanu PF MP’s etc in the Zimbabwe Parliament, for the same reasons as above – no verified numerical evidence;*



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- NOT recognise the recent illegal 'by elections' and their manufactured results as fabricated by ZEC.
- NOT to honour Mthuli with the award of "Best African Finance minister" as reported on BBC Africa

The Full diaspora petitions {which was also delivered to the South African Government in Pretoria} is available at these web links;

Petition 15th September 2023

<https://zexit.org/images/Campaigns/2023%20Election/Statements/Petition-15th-Sept-2023.pdf>

A write up of the day.

<https://zexit.org/zexit/petition-delivery-15th-sept-2023>

Petition 13th December 2023

<https://zexit.org/images/Campaigns/2023%20Election/Statements/Citizens-Petition-13th-Dec-2023.pdf>

A write up of the day, including the SA petition delivery and the UK delivery is at this link

<https://zexit.org/zexit/petitions-delivered>

A Change of Administration brings Hope

Perhaps now with the appointment of Lord Collins of Highbury as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords and Lord in Waiting (Government Whip) on 9 July 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/ministers/parliamentary-under-secretary-of-state--242>

His welcome views on the Zimbabwe election - 23-24th August 2023 {and before see 12th Jan 2023 Hansard/Lords debate on Zimbabwe }

“My Lords, I welcome what the Minister says about targeted sanctions. They are important, but what are we doing to investigate the electoral commission, particularly after the irregularities in the election last year? What are we doing about the security leaders, who have been targeting opposition activists? The other thing I will raise again—I know the Minister will expect me to raise it—is the importance of civil society, particularly representation of workers in Zimbabwe, because international trade unions have been concerned about that. If we work with them as well, instead of it being just a British Government voice, we will have a better response in Zimbabwe.” 7th March 2024



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<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2024-03-07/debates/82517644-23C4-452C-8B84-B641DFCD411C/ZimbabweSanctions#contribution-6FCB10FC-CD81-4744-9CBB-D9C70561B6AE>

Recommendations

Our Petition regarding the Zimbabwe Elections held over 23-24th August 2023 Mismanaged by the highly partisan Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC)

We are Seeking a new election supervised or directly controlled by SADC/AU or even the Commonwealth/UK/EU/USA

1. We are calling for a lasting solution to the Zimbabwean crisis through a re- run of the Zimbabwean harmonised elections under direct supervision by SADC , AU , the Commonwealth and the EU.
2. The Zimbabwean diaspora community is calling for no taxation without representation. This community is providing substantial liquidity to the Zimbabwean economy and must be allowed to vote. ***“The Diaspora Vote”***
3. ZEC has failed dismally and must be disbanded. Never ever to preside over any elections in Zimbabwe.
4. The International community must put pressure on the Military Junta in Harare to implement the reforms recommended by the Montelathe Commision.
5. The Military, Judiciary and Police must not be involved in the country's politics, cease and desist from being partisan.
6. The TV/Newspaper/Media must not be involved in the country's politics and desist from being partisan.

Basic Human Rights – Ignored by Zanu PF

However, there are plenty of other examples of unconstitutional, illegal actions and breaches of basic Human Rights happening regularly in Zimbabwe by the Zanu PF regime – right up to today.

Many other august bodies have highlighted these – many of which we have brought to the attention of the UK government.

Amnesty International Zimbabwe have posted many items, including

Amnesty International News 17th July 2024

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/07/zimbabwe-authorities-must-immediately-release-detained-opposition-members/>

Zimbabwe: Authorities must immediately release detained opposition members



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Zimbabwean authorities must immediately and unconditionally release over 70 opposition members detained solely for the peaceful exercise of their human rights, Amnesty International said today.

The members of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) party are awaiting an 18 July decision on their appeal for bail ***{NOW REFUSED AGAIN see @DavidColtart 17th July 2024 see Page 8 below}***. Authorities have denied bail to them since raiding the home of interim party leader Jameson Timba on 16 June 2024 and arresting dozens who had peacefully gathered there.

“Zimbabwean authorities must immediately and unconditionally release the CCC opposition party members and drop all the charges against them,” said Khanyo Farise, Amnesty International’s Deputy Regional Director for East and Southern Africa. “Their arbitrary, month-long detention is an outrage which must end now.”

“This lengthy, baseless detention plainly violates Zimbabwe’s Constitution and its international human rights obligations,” said Farise. “Authorities must end the crackdown on civic space and ensure everyone can freely speak and gather peacefully without fear of arrest or torture and other ill-treatment.”

Amnesty International 5 years Review

Amnesty International Published a Review of Mnangagwa’s Five Year “dictatorship” on 29th September 2023 Fully available on one of our websites at this link;

<https://zhro.org.uk/human-rights-uk/zim-updates/147-amnesty-international-zimbabwe-review-2018-2023>

We trust that the FCDO and Minister for Africa has Read this and formulated appropriate policy towards all the criminality recorded by the illustrious and respected *Amnesty International*;

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“Instead, five years on, Mnangagwa’s government has failed to break from the past and continued to crack down on human rights. The state authorities have employed various methods to suppress dissenting voices. Policing has increasingly been militarised and the excessive use of force by law enforcement during protests has become all too common. As a result, the space for civic engagement has continued to shrink rapidly, making it increasingly difficult for individuals and groups to freely express themselves peacefully, safely, and effectively.”

2023 Report on International Religious Freedom: Zimbabwe US Department of State

<https://www.state.gov/reports/2023-report-on-international-religious-freedom/zimbabwe/>

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The constitution prohibits religious discrimination and provides for freedom of religion, including the freedom to practice, propagate, and give expression to one’s religion, in public or in private and



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alone or with others. The criminal code prohibits statements that are “insulting” or “grossly provocative” and that cause offense to persons of a particular race, tribe, place of origin, color, creed, or religion, or intend to cause such offense. In September, the government enacted the Marriages Act that prohibits marriage under the age of 18. The act also explicitly recognizes the roles of faith leaders practicing Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and “any religion” to solemnize marriages according to the rites of their faiths.

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In meetings with the government, U.S. embassy officials raised concerns about the likely impacts of the draft amendments to the PVO bill on faith-based and other nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and their ability to provide essential services, if enacted in its current form. In December, officials from the U.S. Department of State’s Office of International Religious Freedom visited the country and met with a broad range of religious leaders to discuss issues of religious freedom and understand their priorities.

Then we have the injustice of the non-voting Zimbabwean Diaspora –

It seems very difficult to ascertain the actual numbers of those who have fled the Zanu PF regime to “safer” sanctuaries – but we must EXCLUDE those’ Lobbyists’ beholden to Zanu PF who do their best to obfuscate the regimes crimes, and {perhaps} assist laundering the looted money by Zanu PF officials and associates {some living here in the UK.

We cite the Al Jazeera #GOLDMafia expose of 23rd March 2023

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/3/23/gold-mafia-godmen-conmen-president-niece>

Without real answers or punishment of those involved.

We have also campaigned for a Diaspora Vote previously and have proposed a referendum to gauge the mood for such a vote.

<https://zexit.org/referendum>

Current Victimisation of Protest

Job Sikhala

We, as Zimbabweans, have lost a number of activists along the way, we have seen the arresting of Job Sikhala who is currently outside the country and now is being threatened by the state agents to use the Patriotic Bill on him because of his speech which he did on the 15th of May 2024 at Geneva Summit for Human Rights, he expressed his concern that upon returning to Zimbabwe after discussing the Zimbabwe’s human rights situation could land him back in prison using the Patriotic Act.



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Obert Masaraure

We also have Obert Masaraure on May 2024, he is human rights defender was convicted of “obstructing justice” for posting a solidarity message on X (formerly twitter) demanding the release of one of his colleagues, Robenson Chere from Amalgamated Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (ARTUZ), and many other activists who are victims of the Zanu-PF regime.

Senator Jameson Timba

On the 16th of June 2024 the police arrested more than 70 people who were celebrating Youth Day at Senator Jameson Timba’s Residence in Avondale, Harare. Many of the activists were brutalized by the Police which shows it is getting worse by the day. Mnangagwa is doing all he can to make sure he has achieved a one party state and to stop the 2028 elections making sure his term is extended to 2030, possibly a life president.

Plus many, many more over the years, some murdered, some tortured and some simply ‘disappeared’.

Falsification of Parliamentary Representation;

Hopewell Chin’ono Comment

“The whole world must now know that the current Zimbabwean parliament is now ILLEGITIMATE!”

“Its composition is derived from a criminal act of recalling legitimately elected members of parliament from the opposition CCC party by a crook claiming to be the interim Secretary-General of the opposition CCC when he is not!”

“His corrupt recalls were backed by an equally corrupt, disgraced and captured judiciary. We know that the weaknesses created by the opposition itself contributed to these criminal acts, but that is a story for another day.”

“Based on the facts I have stated, the world must know that when it interacts with the current Zimbabwean parliament, it is engaging with an illegitimate parliament which was put together partly through a rigged election and a criminal act of recalling members of parliament.”

“It doesn’t end there - the recalled members of parliament were then blocked by the corrupt judiciary from contesting the by-elections in order to facilitate the criminal entry into parliament by ZANUPF surrogates running on its ticket in a competition where the opposition candidates were blocked from participating.” **Source: ‘Hopewell Chin’ono**

<https://x.com/daddyhope/status/1754063185970139549?t=xnHn3hEyF5MObWnu3ipS7g&s=08>

David Coltart – Zimbabwean Senator and Mayor of Bulawayo

MP Timba and 78 others refused bail – yet again.



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*“This is utterly outrageous. Those in charge of #Zimbabwe have lost all sense of justice. There is in fact no justice left in Zimbabwe. We have the form of justice with no substance. I trust the @lawsocietyofzim Meeting this weekend in Durban will issue a statement condemning this very serious breach of our Constitution.” **Dated 17th July 2024***

<https://x.com/DavidColtart/status/1813531064784114063>

“On what possible basis can the High Court deny bail where no money has been looted, no one has been injured, there is no prospect of witnesses being interfered with and there is no prospect of any of the "accused" fleeing?”

Zanu PF and Torture:

Over the years torture victims in Zimbabwe have suffered physical pain, as well as psychological trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder despite the prohibition of torture under customary international law and in the constitution. Zimbabwe is yet to ratify the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment and is one of only three countries in Africa, including Sudan and Tanzania, that has not yet ratified this important international instrument calling on states to prevent the practice of torture

<https://x.com/protecthrds/status/1805963667277553930?s=46&t=j-WOhzO6EnhYFn5cRd5v>

Regarding Torture in Zimbabwe; Zimbabwe Human Rights Monitors Platform {Tweet}

“Today, 26 June 2024, we unite with pro-Human Rights forces around the world in commemorating the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. Zimbabwe needs to adopt a zero-tolerance policy to torture and other forms of ill-treatment.”

Economic Mismanagement

Other commentators have cited Zimbabwe as an economic disaster area. Poverty, Inflation, new Currencies, Corruption and Looting have dogged Zimbabwe since Independence 44 years ago.

The tired, and often stated claims of “it is the Sanctions” cannot be given any credence.

The self aggrandisement of the regime and their claimed “successes” all turn out to be shams and propaganda.

Steve Hanke – Economist @steve_hanke

*“By my measure, Zimbabwe's inflation continues to ROAR at **559.7%/yr.**”*

“Pres. Mnangagwa = BURN, BABY! BURN!”

In reference to the {shortly to be} ill fated ZiG new Currency

*“According to @TheEIU 's 2024 Global Livability Index, Harare, Zimbabwe is one of the world's LEAST LIVABLE cities, ranking 167 out of 173.” **15th July 2024***



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Pres. Mnangagwa plans to rid ZIM of the USD before 2030. Pres. Mnangagwa = A MASTERCLASS IN ECONOMIC INCOMPETENCE = DELUSIONAL. 14th July 2024

*#ZIMWatchzw: Thanks to Pres. **Mnangagwa & the Zanu-PF mafia**, ZIM remains the world's TOP INFLATOR on this week's 9th July 2024*

UK Diaspora speak of the Ongoing Injustices

Many in the UK diaspora feel that the previous administration did not instigate sufficient 'pressure' upon the Zanu PF regime {admittedly the Regime are utterly deaf to reason, and respect for even the most basic of Human Rights}

Petition 30th May 2024: The Death of Democracy in Zimbabwe

STOP THE CONSTITUTIONAL INJUSTICE IN ZIMBABWE

https://take2zimbabwe.com/images/PDFs/INJUSTICE_IN_ZIMBABWE.pdf

"We implore the British Government as represented by the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister for Africa, the FCDO's Southern Africa Desk and the FCDO's Zimbabwe desk, as subject to the Election on the 4th July 2024 to action this PETITION." 30th May 2024

<https://zexit.org/zexit/zim-democracy-finally-dead>

In the Chinese Built (!!) Parliament Building the (*false*) Leader of The House, appointed the (*Zanu PF stooge*) TSHABANGU as 'Leader of the Opposition'. Thus, now a 100% Zanu PF controlled Parliament. This despite millions of votes for CCC MP's on 23-24th August 2023 - which now count for nothing, zero, zilch! **The election was a pointless charade!** A slap in the face to all those who struggled (*and those that died*) trying to cast their Democratically and Constitutionally Mandated VOTE.

""How can UK, US, EU and SADC support this ONE PARTY STATE? Questions need to be posted by all these Ambassadors to this effective "political coup"" David Coltart 31st May 2024

Zimbabwe is a Country in Turmoil

IT IS A SAD CASE OF A DISINTEGRATING NATION. The corruption in Zimbabwe has reached a state of disorder, with its economy, social fabric, and governance in disarray. The looting is continuing, the plunder is continuing, the nepotism is continuing, the incompetence is continuing. This is an indicator of the prevailing political decay and economic crisis. The ZANU PF illegal government does not care about it's own citizens, the country is now on its bare bones. Zimbabwe is now treated as a private company which is pretending as a government.

It is surrounded by robbers, fraudsters, murderers, 'tricksters' and rapists. At the same time our judicial system is collapsing through capture, incompetence and corruption. The ZANU PF illegal government is showing how unsophisticated is except for rigging elections, stealing public funds and using violence against opposition and innocent citizens. Zimbabwe needs a political and democratic



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leadership change. As citizens we need to come to our senses and claim our dignity which we are being denied. **Written by Dickson Chikwizo, An activist for a Zimbabwe for us all**

Militarisation Still a Major Problem

The militarization of civil space in Zimbabwe represents a significant challenge to democratic governance and civil liberties. Addressing this issue requires comprehensive reforms to demilitarise civilian institutions, enhance the rule of law, and protect human rights. We hope the New Labour Government will engage domestic actors and the international community to support all efforts and promote a more open and democratic society in Zimbabwe. **Written by Marshall Mubaiwa : July 2024**

Land Reform {and Title}

Patience Sangana from ZHRO, who is an activist in the UK, expressed her concern about the land reform which was so controversial, which was initiated in the early 2000's, She raised concern about the property rights which the current government of Zimbabwe is failing to address and give the people of Zimbabwe title deeds and compensation to the white farmers who were forcefully removed from the farms. She also addressed the ongoing political repression, especially of opposition activists who have been the main target of the regime through arbitrary arrests, detentions and violence, raising concerns about political freedoms and the right to participate in the democratic space, not forgetting Job Sikhala, who has been arrested countless times.

Constitution Needs to be Honoured

Ssakhile Ncube comments, "we need citizens of Zimbabwe, political activists and everyone to be treated in a manner that is equitable, fairly, properly according to the Constitutional Justice."
#ZanuPFMustGo #WeNeedNewLeaders

No to SADC Chair for Mnangagwa

SADC knows very well that Mnangagwa rigged the elections. He rigged in front of them. The SADC themselves they produced a statement saying Zimbabwe elections were not free or fair because they did not meet the guidelines standard of SADC. How can they put him to be the chairman now? Mnangagwa is not fit for the position. How can a killer, a dictator, someone who has no heart for his own people run this position. There is no rule of law in Zimbabwe since, because of this man. It will be a big mistake if SADC put him as Chairman this year. **Xoliso Sithole: ZHRO and CCC**



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. we look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely, John C Burke {e-mail: john.b@zhro.org.uk }, Basil Kamombe, and Ronald Mutumbi

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