
MESSAGES FOR JOMIC

TO BE SUBMITTED TO PROFESSOR WELSHMAN NCUBE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE JOINT-MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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THE ABDUCTION, TORTURE AND IMPRISONMENT OF NUMBERS OF PERSONS KNOWN TO BE MEMBERS OF THE MDC OR TO BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS HAS BEEN CONDONED BY THE SILENCE OF MANY POLITICIANS, NOT ONLY OF THE FORMER GOVERNING PARTY

Dear Professor Ncube

Like many people who wish the people of Zimbabwe well and who have watched with hope the slow process towards national reconciliation, I write to express my very deep concern about the failure of the police and legal authorities to comply with the terms and the spirit of the GPA. There appears to be a continuing extra-legal occupation of properties for the personal aggrandisement of individual members of the former governing party but, even more worryingly, there is a failure to apply the rule of law.

The abduction, torture and imprisonment of numbers of persons known to be members of the MDC or to be active members of Human Rights organisations has been condoned by the silence of many politicians, not only of the former governing party. The police and the prosecution appear to have carte blanche to ignore court orders, to impose painful physical constraints on those in hospital and to play delaying games to keep persons incarcerated even when the, plainly contrived, "crimes" of which they are accused are not of a nature where bail should be denied.

The most worrying part of this, however, is that the former Government admitted that the majority of those imprisoned were abducted unlawfully and held without being presented to the Courts within the timescales laid down by law. The consequence of this should be that any Court should order their release forthwith - and without conditions - as otherwise the State will be encouraged to take extra-legal steps whenever it feels like it. The GNU is now the government of Zimbabwe and it has taken no, or no proper steps, to encourage the Courts to apply the law as it is written nor to control the police and prosecution authorities. The rule of law must be maintained in any society, as the alternative is a free-for-all which will benefit no-one but the selfish, the vicious, the greedy and the malicious. Is this the society which you and JOMIC wish to build or will someone, somewhere, make a stand? A clear, concise and absolute statement that no-one who has been abducted or held beyond the legal limits can or should be held together with an equally clear statement that anyone refusing to adhere to the law will themselves be held accountable.

This is not just a matter for the discredited President Mugabe, but for the whole of Parliament whose authority through the laws it makes under its mandate from the people has been flouted by judges and the police.

Yours sincerely

[name provided]

No 5 Chambers

Birmingham-London-Bristol

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THE TORTURE OF PRISONERS IS UNACCEPTABLE, BARBARIC, SAVAGE, AND
MERCILESS AND SHOWS A LACK OF EMPATHY WHILE THE WORLD IS WATCHING
ZIMBABWE WITH A VIEW TO SENDING AID AND ASSISTING MONETARILY.

Dear Professor Ncube

With regard to the above Clause in the annals of Zimbabwe Law, I wish to express my utter disgust and dismay at the treatment of political prisoners in Zimbabwe, their treatment (torture) and bail being accepted without one of them being released.

The torture of prisoners is unacceptable, barbaric, savage, merciless and shows a lack of empathy while the world is watching Zimbabwe with a view to sending aid and assisting monetarily. There is no way that any world body that exercises Human Rights will entertain the idea of assisting Zimbabwe if they continue to show their savagery.

We demand the UNCONDITIONAL and IMMEDIATE release of all political prisoners and detainees. The terms of the GPA MUST be adhered to by ALL PARTIES!!!! Release each and every one of them is what we demand and those mothers who have left breastfed babies behind!!! (How appalling!). Zimbabwe must not think they can keep their diabolical deeds hidden from the world, because they cannot.

Please help Zimbabwe by addressing these concerns and asking the powers that be to stop behaving like despots but like adult gentlemen or this country will have no future - and the dire situation it is at present will no doubt look like a picnic when no foreign or worldwide assistance or investment comes pouring in.

Please share the concerns which I have with the JOMIC Committee (especially and including Minister Patrick Chinamasa) and with President Motlanthe of South Africa.

Yours faithfully

[name provided]

Knysna, South Africa

(Copied to my friends all over the world, including the United States of America, United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Island, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand).

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PLIZ GO TO THAT CABINET MEETING AND PLEAD WITH MUGABE TO ASK THE
ARMY GENERALS TO LET ZIMBABWEANS REBUILD THEIR COUNTRY.

Dear Baba Ncube labanye bonke

Siyalincenga njalo siyalicela ma politicians ase Zimbabwe. Pliz go to that cabinet meeting and plead with Mugabe to ask the ARMY GENERALS to let Zimbabweans rebuild their country. Surely we can't work together for the country's sake when innocent people are held in prisons and hospitals under de humanising conditions.

This is not the Zimbabwe we want. FREE all political prisoners and allow for the process of national healing. Sesitshaye kwazwela bo! Surely Tsvangirai and co cannot be walking with their heads high saying they are in an inclusive Govt when people are held hostage. Nxa kusehlula, you can just walk out of the deal and we go back to the trenches.

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THE MAIN THING THAT PEOPLE WILL USE AS AN INDICATOR OF THE BALANCE IN ZIMBABWE TIPPING FROM REPRESSION TO FREEDOM IS: THE RELEASE OF THE ABDUCTEES AND POLITICAL PRISONERS.

Dear Professor Ncube,

The whole world is watching for change in Zimbabwe. (Those with money to invest, as well as the diaspora and interested others.)

The main thing that people will use as an indicator of the balance in Zimbabwe tipping from repression to freedom is: the release of the abductees and political prisoners.

If this is not done immediately and unconditionally, it will be obvious that the terms of the GPA are being deliberately snubbed. Not by all, but by those with power. We are all watching for who has power.

That would mean the Unity agreement for the future has certainly failed before much can be done - other than swearing in heaps of Ministers and buying heaps of Mercedes (at which the world laughs and cries simultaneously, and closes their own wallets!)

Those people need to be set free!

Legal arrests and prosecutions can follow in time to come, when Zimbabwe is no longer a failed state - the illegal detentions are what we see and deplore right now.

Please share my concerns with the JOMIC committee (including Minister Patrick Chinamasa) and with President Motlanthe of South Africa in his capacity as the current Chair of SADC.

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PLEASE RELEASE UNCONDITIONALLY ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AS REQUIRED BY THE UNITY AGREEMENT.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a Zimbabwean man living in UK, please accept this e-mail as my backing for the cause - VIVA ZIMBABWE

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THE COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE TO SURVIVE AND THE ONLY WAY THAT
WILL HAPPEN IF EDUCATION IS OPEN TO ALL, THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIME ARE
DEALT WITH WITHIN THE LEGAL SYSTEM, AND COMMUNITIES PULL TOGETHER.

To whom it may concern

Please release all political prisoners and all those persons you have incarcerated just because they disagree with mugabe. The country and its people have to survive and the only way that will happen if education is open to all, those who commit crime are dealt with within the legal system, and communities pull together.

Depose Robert Mugabe, investigate all of the politicians who have acquired properties, goods etc out of the country and make small changes first.

Good Luck

[name provided]

England.

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THIS MUST BE DONE TO KEEP ALIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE GPA!

I must ask that all the 32 political detainees missing/detained since late October 2008, be released immediately and unconditionally, according to the law and the constitution of Zimbabwe. This MUST be done to keep alive the spirit of the GPA! Please share our concerns amongst you, and with President Motlanthe of South Africa, who is chairman of SADC.

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IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL THE RULE OF LAW THE WAY THESE GUYS ARE BEING
TREATED - IT'S NOT FAIR AT ALL.

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THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH FAIRNESS AND
JUSTICE.

To whom it may concern:

It is simply outrageous that the regime in Zimbabwe continues to violate basic human rights with such impunity. It is time for all people who want to live decent lives under the rule of law to rise up and insist that right prevails over might. The people of Zimbabwe deserve to be treated with fairness and justice. Those who violate their rights are going to find themselves in big trouble one day, but in the meantime they are causing untold suffering for millions of people. The rest of the world will help rebuild Zimbabwe under the right rulers: they are just waiting for the people of Zimbabwe to say "enough is enough."

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WOULD IT ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO EXPRESS MY VIEW, A VIEW SHARED BY 100'S AND 1000'S OF FELLOW ZIMBABWEANS WITHOUT ACCESS TO EMAIL AND THE INTERNET, TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOMIC PARTICULARLY PATRICK CHINAMASA, AND PRESIDENT MOTLANTHE OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND REMIND THEM THAT ALL THE PARTIES SIGNED THE GPA AND THEREBY AGREED TO UPHOLD IT.

Dear Professor Ncube,

In your role as head of JOMIC, I ask that the rule of law be respected and upheld in Zimbabwe and therefore ask for the immediate and unconditional release of all the political detainees. In view of the recently signed GPA clause 18.5 is being blatantly contravened and this failure is not giving due regard to the Constitution of Zimbabwe.

Would it also be possible to express my view, a view shared by 100's and 1000's of fellow Zimbabweans without access to email and the internet, to other members of the JOMIC particularly Patrick Chinamasa, and President Motlanthe of South Africa, and remind them that all the parties signed the GPA and thereby agreed to uphold it. Failure to do so and abuses of said agreement by Ministers should result in firm sanctioning within and ongoing international pressure and scrutiny and full future due process of the law to come.

The world is watching!

Yours sincerely,

[name provided]

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PLEASE COULD YOU PUT THE SITUATION OF ZIMBABWE'S POLITICAL DETAINEES AS THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT JOMIC MEETING.

Prof. Welshman Ncube, chairman JOMIC.

Please could you put the situation of Zimbabwe's political detainees as the first and most important item on the agenda at the next JOMIC meeting.

It is vital that they - and indeed all the others we don't know about - are immediately and unconditionally released.

It is beyond belief that as we learn of President Mugabe's bolt holes, Mrs Mujuru's gold dealings etc.etc. totally innocent people remain incarcerated and in shocking conditions.

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I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN "THE POWER OF ONE", THE POWER OF AN UNWAVERING INDIVIDUAL WHO TAKES A STAND ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE AND WHO REFUSES TO BUCKLE UNDER PRESSURE TO COMPROMISE ON THOSE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH HE OR SHE STANDS.

Dear Professor Ncube

I've always believed in "the Power of One", the power of an unwavering individual who takes a stand on matters of principle and who refuses to buckle under pressure to compromise on those principles for which he or she stands. Nelson Mandela was one such person, more recently it seems that Vusi Pikoli, our embattled and now ex head of Public Prosecutions makes the cut as he refused a substantial golden handshake from the ANC government to play along & disappear quietly, and now Roy Bennett (MDC Deputy Minister of Agriculture Designate), a man of principle and a true African, languishes in a Zimbabwe prison, there on trumped up charges, with little hope of justice being served in a totally corrupt judicial system in the quagmire, we currently know as Zimbabwe.

Roy Bennett is a friend of mine, and from the first day I met him I was struck by his strength and humility. I was also deeply impressed by his faith in God and unswerving hope for a Zimbabwe with a bright future, free of oppression and corruption for all. You just know that Roy can't be bought and he walks his talk. I remember speaking to Roy the day before his departure for Zimbabwe, the day before Morgan Tsvangirai was to be sworn in as Prime Minister in the SADC and South Africa government pressured Government of National Unity (GNU). I asked him if he didn't think it was a bit premature going back now, what if he was arrested. He looked at me and said, "Ryan, this is a litmus test for the way forward, to test the sincerity of Zanu PF, and SADC's commitment to make this union work. Besides, I've been given an assurance on my safety from the South African Government".

The manner in which Roy was abducted, then hastily driven at high speed by extremely nervous lower level inspectors 300km east to obscure Mutare, the delay in charging him, then the charging & subsequent withdrawal & changing of charges. Then a second round of withdrawal of charges & then recharging again... and the obvious fact that there is no way that he will get a free and fair trial under a constitution that has been changed so many times it may as well be the Zanu PF party manifesto. On top of this Zim has a judiciary that is so corrupted that it would be akin to the fairness of a Nazi Judge presiding over a Jewish claim to injustice during World War II.

Please prove that Justice still prevails in Zimbabwe, Free Roy Bennett and the other detainees today.

Kind Regards

[name provided]

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PLEASE RELEASE THOSE DETAINED ON POLITICAL REASONS. [NAME PROVIDED]

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I AM APPALLED TO READ IN PEACE WATCH THAT JESTINA MUKOKO AND FOUR OTHER DETAINEES WHO ARE BEING TREATED IN HOSPITAL - AFTER INEXCUSABLE DELAYS - HAVE NOW BEEN PUT INTO LEG-IRONS AND SHACKLED TO THEIR BEDS.

To JOMIC Zimbabwe

Today's Zimbabwe Situation news round-up of 24 February once again carries alarming articles concerning the detainees, notably the Peace Watch update (23 February) and the Sokwanele report - "Deliberately Delaying the Release of all Political Prisoners Violates the GPA".

I am appalled to read in Peace Watch that Jestina Mukoko and four other detainees who are being treated in hospital - after inexcusable delays - have now been put into leg-irons and shackled to their beds.

Ms Mukoko is the executive director of the Zimbabwe Peace Project and is highly respected internationally in her field. This is a total disgrace and an infringement of her rights – and those of her fellow detainees. Moreover, these people are ill and weak after being tortured and maltreated in jail for a prolonged period.

According to the Global Political Agreement, JOMIC’s role includes receiving reports and complaints in respect of any issue related to implementation, enforcement and execution of this Agreement.

The treatment of the detainees not only violates articles within the agreement but is an ongoing and totally unacceptable infringement of their human rights. JOMIC must act immediately to protect the detainees and to expedite their release, as United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has insisted.

I have forwarded this information to human rights organisations in South Africa and have asked that they take this up with the South African government.

Yours faithfully

Juliet Smith (South Africa)

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THE CHAIRPERSON JOMIC

WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL THE POLITICAL DETAINEES IN ZIMBABWE AND LOOK UP TO JOMIC TO ENSURE THE NON-VIOLATION OF THE GPA.

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IN THIS CASE, THE POINT HAS BEEN MADE THAT CRIMES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST THE ABDUCTED PRISONERS. YET THE RESPONSE FROM THE AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN “LET THE COURTS WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS.” THAT IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

Dear Prof. Ncube,

I have been reading in the Press lately about the continued detention of the abductees. I am sure by now that you have received many comments – and pleas – to take whatever action you can to facilitate their release as soon as possible. I wish to add my voice to those before me.

As a lawyer, I trust you are concerned about justice. In this case, the point has been made that crimes have been committed against the abducted prisoners. Yet the response from the authorities has been “let the courts work through the process.” That is completely unacceptable. Especially coming from those who have diligently ignored court orders (and are doing so yet again in these very cases); it is hypocrisy and pretence of the highest order!

As the current chairman of JOMIC, I would like to add my “drop of water to the ocean” of concern, outrage, disappointment, frustration and gall. Apart from the injustice and hypocrisy, it is unconscionable that undertakings by the (now) Prime Minister that the MDC would not join the Government if the prisoners were not released immediately are hollow, and cast doubt on the integrity of both formations of the party and, by extension, the new Government and the Nation.

I realise you are involved in political games of human chess, but the fact remains that JOMIC should be acting with the authority it claims to have. Otherwise, that too is hollow hypocrisy. I appreciate further that you are

in an awkward position given Mr Chinamasa's role in all this. Nevertheless, I urge you to take whatever measures you are able to end this charade as soon as possible.

Thank you.

[name supplied]

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RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IMMEDIATELY AND UPHOLD THE RULE OF LAW IN ZIMBABWE. SALAAM SHALOM UKUTHULA, [NAME PROVIDED].

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THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS VIOLATION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IS IN VIOLATION OF THE JOINT POWER SHARING AGREEMENT AS SIGNED.

Dear Professor Welshman Ncube

I am appalled to read about the illegal abductions of the people listed below, in particular Jestina Mukoko who has worked courageously in the area of human rights for some time. These people were not even arrested - they were illegally abducted. After being abducted they have been tortured. This is outrageous violation of their human rights, and is in violation of the joint power sharing agreement as signed.

Please ensure these abductees are immediately and unconditionally released, through working with the JOMIC committee (including Minister Patrick Chinamasa) and with President Motlanthe of South Africa in his capacity as the current Chair of SADC.

Elaine Baker

Dar es Salaam

Tanzania

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AS ZIMBABWEANS WE ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND WE EXPECT YOU AS CHAIRPERSON OF JOMIC TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Since the unity government was formed two weeks ago we expect all parties to respect GPA, its very disturbing to hear about political detainees. This is very disturbing

As Zimbabweans we are very much concerned about this and we expect you as Chairperson of JOMIC to bring this to the attention of the Committee. We demand the immediate and unconditional release of all detainees.

GOOD DAY,

[name provided]

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IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL HEALING AND DESIRE TO RESTORE THE
CONFIDENCE IN OUR GPA TO THE ZIMBABWEANS AND OUTSIDE WORLD AT
LARGE I DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL THE PRISONERS.

It appears as if these so called political detainees are now political hostages being used as ransom to settle political maneuvers by some circles especially those who have the intention of using them as bargaining chip for their personal survival.

In the spirit of national healing and desire to restore the confidence in our GPA to the the Zimbabweans and outside world at large I demand the immediate release of them, and may all forward thinking Zimbabweans stand up and release them unconditionally and be counted.

Let's forgive and forget for an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.

[name provided]

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POLITICAL ARRESTS - THIS GOVERNMENT FOR SURE IS NOT SERIOUS. I AM AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY THOSE PPLE ARE STILL BEING HELD. ZANU PF IS NOT SINCERE.

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I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW A PERSON WHO COMMITTED A DOUBLE MURDER IS ALLOWED TO REMAIN FREE WHILST MESSRS MUKOKO, MANYERE, MUDZINGWA, CHIRAMBA, ZULU, CHINOTO, DHLAMINI, MUJAYI, GARUTSA, BENNETT AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN LANGUISHING IN JAIL, SOME FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS.

ATTENTION: MR WELSHMAN NCUBE

I worked with a lady who was married to an abusive man whose behaviour was aggravated by alcohol. Two years ago he killed her and her sister after a day of drinking. He threw petrol on the sister and set her on fire, when the wife tried to leave with the child, he grabbed her and threw her on top of her burning sister. Amazingly, she managed to get herself off her sister, grab her child and run to a bottle store where the police and an ambulance was called. This lady was admitted to Mpilo Hospital where she remained lucid enough to tell the unbelievable horror story of that night.

After handing himself in and spending probably a week in jail, he was released on bail on a Sunday afternoon. His family had arrived from South Africa and amazingly the courts ordered his release. About 5 weeks after this night, the wife passed away. This man's sister arrived from Australia, took custody of the child, and somehow managed to silence the wife's family about the incident. His sister left Zimbabwe with the child and this man now sits in Coronation Cottages whilst his family supports him.

I would like to know how a person who committed a double murder is allowed to remain free whilst Messrs Mukoko, Manyere, Mudzingwa, Chiramba, Zulu, Chinoto, Dhlamini, Mujayi, Garutsa, Bennett and others have been languishing in jail, some for more than two months. What kind of justice system is being practiced in Zimbabwe? Does the law only apply to certain members of society, and those who belong to the right party or have family who can pay off police and judges have a different set of rules? Is there any other country in the world where people who commit crimes don't go to jail but innocent people do?

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AS ZIMBABWEANS, WE FEEL THAT THE RULE OF LAW SHOULD PREVAIL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THERE IS GNU OR NOT. THOSE PEOPLE ABDUCTED ARE NOW SUFFERING JUST BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT A POLITICAL PARTY OF THEIR CHOICE. PLEASE ALL THOSE ABDUCTED SHOULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CORRECT PERSON TO FIGHT FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, SECURITY AND THE RULE OF LAW IN ZIMBABWE.

Dear Professor Ncube,

I was pleased when I heard that you had been nominated to head JOMIC as I believe that you are the correct person to fight for peace, justice, security and the rule of law in Zimbabwe.

I am a Zimbabwean that has been in exile with my family for over twenty years. I am now retired with an pension external to Zimbabwe and my last wish is that my wife and I can return to Zimbabwe to enjoy our retirement there with family members there and to make ourselves available for volunteer work in the rebuilding of Zimbabwe.

Please keep fighting to circumvent the lawlessness and cruelty of the Government that was led by Robert Mugabe. He is a wicked man who destroyed the peace and safety that Zimbabweans deserved.

God bless you and your Committee in your work.

[name supplied]

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INSIST THAT THE RULE OF LAW IS ENFORCED OR ADMIT THE UNITY GOVERNMENT IS A SHAME AND ABANDON IT. NO INTERNATIONAL DONOR OR INVESTOR WILL HELP ZIM UNTIL THE RULE OF LAW PREVAILS

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NO MONEY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE UNITY GOVERNMENT UNTIL THERE IS RULE OF LAW, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OF ASSEMBLY AND ALL PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE ARE BROUGHT TO BOOK

Please let it be known that zanu pf intentions are known they want sanctions lifted and then regroup and rebrand their fortunes. However let it be known that no money will be given to the unity govt until there is rule of law, freedom of speech, of assembly and all perpetrators of violence are brought to book otherwise this unity govt will just go in circles with no movement.

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THE PROCESS OF [THE DETAINEES] CASES ARE BEING ILLEGALLY AND INHUMANELY DELAYED BY SUCCESSIVE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN ZIMBABWEAN LAWYERS, PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES.

To Professor Welshman Ncube, current Chairperson of the Joint-Monitoring Implementation Committee (JOMIC).

23 February 2009

It is against the Constitution, against the Law of Zimbabwe, and specifically against Article XVIII, clause 18.5 (j) of the agreement for the Inclusive Government that political prisoners, unlawfully abducted by police and army, in some cases more than 100 days ago, are still being held in detention. The process of their cases are being illegally and inhumanely delayed by successive actions of certain Zimbabwean lawyers, prosecutors and judges. Court orders are ignored. Police are not producing reports of their torturing actions as ordered by the court.

JOMIC is responsible for ensuring that parties to the Inclusive government abide by all articles of the agreement, in this case specifically Article XVIII, clause 18.5 (j).

I call on you, Professor Ncube, a lawyer who belongs to and practices within the Zimbabwe Legal System, to act immediately to bring order and justice to the situation. There must be an unequivocal return to the rule of law. All political prisoners must be released immediately, unconditionally and unharmed.

Furthermore, the use of extra-judicial means to intimidate, harass and coerce should be condemned by the Inclusive government. And, in addition, any continued failure to charge, arrest and prosecute in court the perpetrators of these unlawful, despicable acts undermines the existence of the Inclusive Government and indeed the nation of Zimbabwe.

It is JOMIC's mandate to see that the law prevails. The world is watching you as Chair of JOMIC. The people will not forget your action or inaction regarding this appalling state of affairs which contravenes all notions of humanity, justice and human rights.

[name provided]

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IT IS TIME THAT SERVANTS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING THE SECURITY CHIEFS,
BECAME ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE AND TO PARLIAMENT.

Dear Professor Ncube

Please be so kind as to convey to your fellow delegates in JOMIC, my deep concern and that of many others, for the safety of the political detainees currently held in Zimbabwean prisons, under guard in hospital, or whose whereabouts remain unknown.

President Mugabe wonders why the whole world is concerned about high profile detainees such as Roy Bennett and Jestina Mukoko - a question whose answer should be obvious. It is because the world knows that they were not arrested according to the law and the Constitution of Zimbabwe, but were extra-legally abducted. It is also clear that the most basic remedies of justice - normally available even to hardened criminals - have been withheld from them due to direct political interference. President Mugabe cannot allow public servants within the Police, the Judiciary, the Prisons Service and the Military to intervene personally at the highest level (even using personal vehicles to facilitate an abduction) and then suggest that the law should take its normal course in these cases.

The harassment, abduction and post facto arrest of perceived political enemies of the (former) Government has to stop, right now. While these people remain in custody under inhumane conditions, the world can see that for those who only hold power by consistently violating human rights, it is still "business as usual". It is time that servants of the State, including the Security chiefs, became accountable to the people and to Parliament.

The conditions laid down internationally for the release of inter-Governmental aid and lines of credit are fair, just and consistent with democratic norms. Every effort should be made to comply with these conditions and with the provisions of the GPA, so that the full restoration of Zimbabwe to the family of free nations, can proceed. Release of the detainees is the first step. Without that, everyone is sharing a prison cell with a corpse - the lifeless body of Zimbabwean democracy.

Yours sincerely

[name provided]

South Africa

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WE INSIST THAT THE RULE OF LAW AND ZIMBABWE'S CONSTITUTION IS RESPECTED AND THAT THE TERMS OF THE GPA ARE ADHERED TO BY ALL PARTIES.

Dear Professor Ncube

We would like you to pass on to the JOMIC Committee and President Motlanthe of South Africa in his capacity as the current Chair of SADC, that we demand the immediate and unconditional release of all the political detainees. We insist that the rule of law and Zimbabwe's constitution is respected and that the terms of the GPA are adhered to by ALL parties.

Many thanks

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INCLUDE MY NAME PLEASE, PEACE MUST RETURN AND SOONEST. EDWARD TAFIRENYIKA

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SIR, I BEG YOU TO TAKE ACTION. FOR THE SAKE OF INTEGRITY AND ALL THAT IS RIGHT, I BEG YOU TO MAKE A STAND.

Dear Sir

My heart breaks afresh every time I read the news of Zimbabwe, and how a nation of beautiful is slowing dying. Some of them quietly at home and others with a muffled voice provided by concerned individuals who try to bring attention to the plight of the people who have been arrested or abducted and are being held illegally on trumped-up charges.

I am horrified to read of the abysmal conditions in which Roy Bennett is being held, and can only imagine how awful the conditions those who are slightly less high-profile than Roy must be enduring.

Sir, I beg you to take action. For the sake of integrity and all that is right, I beg you to make a stand. How awful does the situation in Zimbabwe have to become before our consciences move us to do what is right?

Sincerely

[name supplied]

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WE, ZIMBABWEANS WHO WERE ONCE OUR OWN LIBERATORS ARE OUR OWN PERSECUTORS TODAY

Please release without delay and unconditionally all the people cited in this petition - Messrs Mukoko, Manyere, Mudzingwa, Chiramba, Zulu, Chinoto, Dhlamini, Mujayi, Garutsa, Bennet and others who have been languishing in jail.

Is it not strange logic that you continue to imprison these people in such deplorable conditions and yet the people who waged a murderous campaign in the run to, during and after the 2008 elections are not only free but are calling for their own amnesty.

What type of rule of law is that? What type of justice is that? How can one still talk of respect for human rights in Zimbabwe against a background of such cowardly brutality worse than in Smith's Rhodesia?

We, Zimbabweans who were once our own liberators are our own persecutors today. What a shame?

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WHY IS THE LAW BEING APPLIED IN REVERSE ORDER, THAT THE ZANU PF THUGS WHO HAVE PERPETRATED DAY LIGHT ROBBERY AND MURDER ARE ALLOWED TO ROAM THE STREETS AND THOSE THAT HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN AND PEACEFULLY CHALLENGED MUGABE ARE LANGUISHING BEHIND BARS.

I am so appalled by the flagrant human rights violation that the ZANU PF regime is perpetrating against MDC political prisoners. SADC is to blame for all this blatant abuse of power by Mugabe and his cronies. On behalf of all peace loving Zimbabweans I am demanding the immediate release of all MDC political activists. Why is the law being applied in reverse order, that the ZANU PF thugs who have perpetrated day light robbery and murder are allowed to roam the streets and those that have voiced their concern and peacefully challenged Mugabe are languishing behind bars. Mugabe is trying to derail this unity government and has clearly lost all respect and wisdom as an elderly statesman.

Surely SADC leaders must be embarrassed to waste African resources in countless workshops on Zimbabwean crisis when in fact that money could be put to good use fighting the deadly scourges of Africa such as hunger, malaria and HIV/AIDS. These supposedly liberators of Africa from colonialism have clearly demonstrated their inner selfishness that far from liberating Africa from colonialism, they were indeed fighting for their personal greed for power and money which they were denied by colonialists because they couldn't see anything apart from white supremacy.

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IT HAS BECOME A PRIORITY FOR US TO BRING THE ENTIRE WORLD'S ATTENTION TO THE CURRENT INJUSTICE THAT PREVAILS IN ZIMBABWE.

To the Honorable Welshman Ncube, Chair

Joint Monitoring Implementation Committee

Dear Professor Ncube

I am an ordinary South African from Cape Town who daily comes into contact with hapless Zimbabweans struggling for survival in our country. The hardship they face is heartbreaking. They're in a strange country fighting for survival, but somehow they prefer it here. One can only imagine how bad it must be for them at home.

It has become a priority for us to bring the entire world's attention to the current injustice that prevails in Zimbabwe. Activists are being detained in circumstances that are too shocking to describe. People are

disappearing without a trace, and those that are found, have been starved and half beaten to death. They're only being allowed medical attention once intense pressure has been applied. This has got to stop!

The arrest and detention of Roy Bennett last week was uncalled for, and in violation of the spirit of reconciliation we are hoping to achieve with the new Unity Government. The subsequent appeal lodged by the Prosecution against his bail is nothing more than a tactic to keep him in prison, and to break his spirit.

We are appealing to you to urgently facilitate his release along with all other political detainees.

Yours Sincerely

Concerned Citizen

Cape Town, South Africa

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DO THE NOBLE THING AND SET THEM FREE YOU WILL HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE NEW ZIMBABWE AND FOR HOW YOU WANT ZIMBABWEANS AND
YOURSELF TO BE TREATED.

Please sir release these people if they is to be justice in our country again. Do the noble thing and set them free you will have set an example for the new zimbabwe and for how you want zimbabweans and yourself to be treated.

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The following people asked Sokwanele to send their names, in support of the call for JOMIC to ensure that Clause 18.5(j) in the Global Political Agreement is adhered to.

Wayne Ingram - Australia.

Liz Ingram - Australia.

Mike Georgiou - Australia.

Doug Wilson - Australia.

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SELECTIVE JUSTICE HAS NO ROOM IN A NEW ZIMBABWE.

The Chairperson

The continuous detention of political prisoners in Zimbabwe is a concern to us and the world at large. Selective justice has no room in a new Zimbabwe. Kindly consider their plight.

May I take this opportunity to open a hotline or a hot email People want to complain about the corrupt activities of public servants in state institutions like RBZ in particular.

Thanks

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I HOPE TO HEAR OF THEIR RELEASE TODAY

Dear Professor Ncube,

In your capacity as chairman of the JOMIC committee, I am asking you as a matter of extreme urgency to effect the immediate, unconditional release of all the political detainees, some of whom are in custody since October 2007. One does not need to be a lawyer to know that their legal rights have been totally ignored. The torture that had been so cruelly inflicted on them has left their health severely compromised and the condition of Mr. Chiramba and Ms Mukoko is of particular concern.

I hope to hear of their release today and thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

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ENSURE BY ALL MEANS POSSIBLE THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL
RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES IN ZIMBABWE.

To:

Professor Welshman Ncube

Chairperson of the Joint-Monitoring Implementation Committee (JOMIC)

I wish to add my voice to the call of your fellow countrymen, and to specifically ask you and President Motlanthe of South Africa as Chair of SADC, to ensure by all means possible the immediate and unconditional release of political detainees in Zimbabwe, and the respect of the rule of law in that country.

Adv. D Donnelly

Durban, South Africa

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IF YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO HELP RELEASE THESE PATRIOTIC
ZIMBABWEANS, THEN I AM AFRAID THIS IS A FAKE UNITY GOVERNMENT.

Dear JOMIC Members

Please use your authority to release Jestina Mukoko, Roy Bennett and all other political activist incarcerated by the regime. Their arrest and continued incarceration is inhuman. If you have no authority to help release these patriotic Zimbabweans, then I am afraid this is a fake Unity Government. How can this Government continue to function as if things are normal when the basic tenants of freedom are violated with impunity? The release of these people should be your top priority.

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SHAME ON YOU GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE.

I am very shocked that you are still torturing people in beastly ways. Shame on you government of Zimbabwe.

[name supplied] from the Netherlands

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I DO NOT EVEN DEMAND PUNISHMENT I DEMAND ONLY THE STOPPING OF THE CRIMES, THE COMPENSATION OF THE VICTIMS AND UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AS IT IS NORMAL IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

I am friend of a recently abducted man who did nothing wrong than utter his views at the internet. This man was so terribly tortured that he can hardly survive. He had to stand before the court two times and the challenges were dropped. Now there is a man a father of a family destroyed for live just for nothing and I am horrified that government is asking to forgive the perpetrators while those people act as before. There is no change, there is no turn in attitudes.

This cannot and will not lead to reconciliation. Forgiving is only possible when the perpetrator is rueful and stops the criminal action. I expect you to take care that you get the means to secure all the previous and new victims of state baked or even incited violence and ask for repentance of the perpetrators before it is widely asked for forgiveness. I do not even demand punishment I demand only the stopping of the crimes, the compensation of the victims and upholding the rule of law as it is normal in a civilized society.

I know that you are not a powerful institution in reality only on paper. This is why I ask you to work hard to enhance your power by recurring enough and efficient means to fulfill your tasks as your people expects from you. If you don't and allow the government just to use you as a front behind which all the atrocities can go on unchanged you miss out the best challenge of your lifetime.

[name supplied]

Germany

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WE ARE SICK OF ALL THE TRICKS. WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO ANSWER FOR.

Release all political detainees.

We are sick of all the tricks. We know that they have nothing to answer for.

We in the diaspora will work hard so that you won't be recognised until the detainees are released.

I am very angry with blacks who treat their own people like animals and cry foul at white racists! I won't be prepared to come a build a rotten country like Zim which does not respect the rule of law. Mugabe keep your Zim we are happier to wipe the bottoms of whites than come back and be arrested.

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THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE IS DEPLORABLE. IT IS ALSO INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

Dear Sir,

It is imperative that you, as Chairperson of the Joint-Monitoring Implementation Committee (JOMIC), demand the release of the political detainees.

How can Zimbabwe possibly continue as a nation without massive monetary intervention from international donors. How can these donors possibly donate if draconian laws still exist.

The humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe is deplorable. It is also incomprehensible. No ordinary citizen in Zimbabwe should be subjected to these kinds of criminal acts in today's society. Ordinary people from all over the world are appalled by the lack of action from the Zimbabwe government.

Please demand the immediate and unconditional release of all the political detainees. You must insist that the rule of law and Zimbabwe's constitution is respected. You must insist that the terms of the GPA are adhered to by all parties.

I urge you to share your concerns and feelings with the JOMIC committee (including Minister Patrick Chinamasa) and with President Motlanthe of South Africa in his capacity as the current Chair of SADC.

From a very concerned citizen,

Sydney, Australia