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Peace - the way to go



Part of the people at the peace prayer in Chitungwiza

The MDC is committed to sustainable peace, President Tsvangirai and Zimbabwe's Prime Minister has said.

He made the call before thousands of people at the 2012 Peace Prayer Day held at Chitungwiza Aquatic Complex at the weekend.

President Tsvangirai's remarks at the weekend set the record straight on the MDC position regarding violence. As

a party, the MDC opposes any form of violence.

However, the State media have always blamed violent campaigns on the MDC when it is a fact that Zanu PF is behind this violence.

"An eye for an eye makes Zimbabwe blind," is the official MDC position, said the President.

President Tsvangirai lambasted those who engage in violent activities as 'mabharanzi' (people who do not think) adding that Zimbabweans should "pray for the demon of violence".

The President quoted the Biblical verses of Joshua and Corinthians which teach about love and peace. He also implored people to pray for their leaders.

With reference to the Biblical verse which is normally quoted in support of Mugabe's cling to power, President Tsvangirai said, "Kana neniwo ndakasaruudza naMwari," (I am also from God) amid cheers from the capacity crowd.

Several men and women of the cloth took turns to pray for peace, Zimbabwe's leaders and the general populace with Reverend Madawo declaring that; "we are the peace-makers".

Present at the prayer were the MDC Deputy National Chairperson, Senator Morgen Komichi, Hon. Nelson Chamisa, the National Organising Secretary, Hon. Theresa Makone, the National Women's Assembly, Hon. Murisi Zwizwai, Harare Central MP, Ian Makone, the Chief Secretary in the

Prime Minister's Office and several senior party officials.

A group of Zanu PF supporters wearing their party regalia, however attempted to gain entry and disrupt the meeting but alert security details did not entertain them.

According to analysts, this is an indication of how desperate the 'sunset party' has become - even trying to disrupt a peace prayer meeting. The action by the hooligans vindicates the position that, unlike MDC, Zanu PF thrives on violence and intimidation of the electorate. Perhaps, this explains the non-attendance of their political leaders even though they were invited for the meeting, observed the analyst.

Several MDC supporters have been subjected to extreme violence at the hands of Zanu PF militia. A number of the supporters have lost their lives and the police have been reluctant to take action.

In Harare, the Zanu PF-sponsored Chipangano has been unleashing a reign of terror ever since the former ruling party started campaigning for the forthcoming elections.

Only on Friday, a day before the Peace Prayer celebrations in Chitungwiza, an MDC branch treasurer in Mbare, Shepherd Bandau, was brutally murdered by 10 Chipangano thugs.

The Peace Prayer Day is an annual national event held in order to commit the people of Zimbabwe and the nation at large to God so that peace prevails in the country.

The event is organised by the Zimbabwe Pastors Fellowship comprising all religious leaders, including those from various apostolic sects.

During the meeting, popular musicians, The Charamba Family, Blessing Shumba and several gospel musicians provided entertainment.

The theme for this year's Peace Prayer Day was derived from the book of Jeremiah.

The success of the event is testimony that more and more people are now willing to embrace peace which guarantees human sanctity.



MDC congratulates Zambia for lifting the AFCON Cup

The MDC joins President Michael Sata, the people of Zambia, SADC community and the rest of Africa in celebrating the clinching of the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) trophy by the Zambian national soccer team on Sunday.

The MDC also congratulates the Confederation of African Football (CAF) for hosting a successful AFCON soccer tournament.

"The MDC joins the people of Zambia and the rest of Africa in celebrating the unity and the positive spirit imbued by this tournament," says MDC spokesperson, Hon. Douglas Mwonzora.

The win by the team, affectionately known as Chipolopolo on Sunday, was Zambia's first. Therefore, the SADC community and the African continent feel proud that their brothers and sisters in Zambia have won such a prestigious tournament.

Zambia and SADC stand tall with the rest of the continent after emerging as the Kings of Africa at an event that drew hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world.

The AFCON tournament showcased Africa as a united continent that is able to break geographical, political, social, religious and racial barriers

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MDC member murdered by Chipangano shock-troopers

Shepherd Bandau, an MDC branch treasurer in Mbare, Harare was on Friday murdered by known Zanu PF youths operating under the notorious Chipangano wing.

Bandau was the branch treasurer for Jo'burg Lines branch in Mbare. Three of the 10 Zanu PF youths have been arrested and are detained at Mbare Police Station.

On the fateful day, Bandau was on his way home from Jo'burg Lines shops when 10 Chipangano thugs approached him and started assaulting him with booted feet and throwing him against the wall.

"The Chipangano team was coming from a meeting in National. They were toy - toying and when they saw Shepherd they started assaulting him," said one person who witnessed the assault. They challenged anyone who tried to intervene with the same fate and we became scared that no-one could even stop the assault," he said.

He said those that have been arrested had Chipangano operational names of Zesa, Paraffin and Isaac but did not know their real names. The police are said to be on the hunt for the other seven Chipangano thugs.

After the assault, Bandau's wife called the police from Mbare Musika

post who attended the scene and made a police report for Bandau to seek medical treatment at Harare Central Hospital.

"However, he could not make it as he passed on while on his way to the hospital. He was certified dead on arrival at the hospital," said one of Bandau's relatives.

A post-mortem was carried out on Monday but the relatives had not been informed of any result by late afternoon. The murder of Bandau comes after calls by the three principals namely President Tsvangirai, Robert Mugabe of Zanu PF and Welshman Ncube denouncing any form of violence in the country.

His murder came just a day before President Tsvangirai addressed thousands of people at a Peace Prayer meeting in Chitungwiza where he called for peace and again denounced political violence.

Mourners are gathered at Kaseke Village in Domboshava and burial arrangements are being finalised. Chipangano is a notorious Zanu PF outfit that is operating in Mbare. It is sponsored by two losing Zanu PF parliamentary candidates in the 2008 elections, Tendai Savanhu and Zanu PF Harare provincial chairperson, Amos Midzi.

The other sponsor is Hubert Nyanhongo

the MP for Harare South and the Deputy Minister for Energy and Power Development. He is a retired army colonel.

The three are paying and oiling the Zanu PF youths who operate under the rogue outfit Chipangano to unleash violence on suspected MDC supporters. The Zanu PF shock troops operate from Carter House, a booking house owned by the Harare City Council in Mbare.

The youths are not paying rent and any attempt by the city council to evict them has been met with violence.

In September 2010, an MDC activist, Chrispen Mandizvidza was murdered by the same Zanu PF youths after he had participated at a COPAC outreach meeting at Mai Musodzi Hall in Mbare.

After the attack, the COPAC outreach meetings were indefinitely suspended due to the violence. Mandizvidza's murderers were identified and police notified but up to now, no arrests have been made.

Nyanhongo and Midzi were in 2009 implicated in sponsoring a spate of violent activities in Harare as they fought for the Zanu PF chairperson position.



The people's struggle for real change: Let's finish it!!



God save us from Saviour!

By Anna Manyika

Saviour Kasukuwere Minister of Youth Development Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment must be applauded for the rabid manner with which he is executing his party's indigenisation policy.

MDC ministers must take a leaf from him and vigorously pursue their own party policies in the ministries they are responsible for.

The Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act that has empowered Kasukuwere to carry out this policy says all firms valued at \$500 000 and above are required over the next five years to sell a controlling 51% stake of their companies to black Zimbabweans. Companies, he says will be paid market not exploitative prices.

The noble aim is to empower the black majority, to right the wrongs of colonialism he says. Kasukuwere views this as a continuation in the struggle for freedom. He is said to be disheartened that 30 years after independence 70% of the population is still living in abject poverty. Who has been in power for the past 30 years?

Many senior Zanu PF members and securocrats will most likely buy the shares in the targeted companies. They are the ones who can afford them. Where are ordinary Zimbabweans who are the supposed beneficiaries going to get the money to buy the shares from. People are currently concerned with stomach issues and getting their children through school and avoiding contracting cholera or typhoid or whatever is in fashion at the time.

Don't think Kasukuwere doesn't know that people do not have the capacity nor means to participate in his indigenisation programme. He does, this is why his policy is good for him and his cronies. It is another chance for them to get richer. Kasukuwere who has significant business interests has not ruled out the possibility of him buying the shares in the foreign owned firms. Is this not a way of further amassing wealth after running down the farms he and his Zanu PF cronies took over.

Who exactly is supposed to benefit from indigenisation? Who is this indigenous Zimbabwean? Does one need to be amongst the over 500 000 registered Zanu PF members to qualify

as indigenous? Does this person need a Zanu PF card? These questions need to be answered if we are to ascertain if this indigenisation policy is for all. It is hoped that people don't have to register with Kasukuwere's ministry for them to benefit, for we know that such lists have been used and abused in the past. One hopes that the beneficiaries will somehow be transparently identified as far as that is possible in Zimbabwe.

Mining firms who have mineral rights are not allowed to include the minerals as part of their assets. Everything underground belongs to the people of Zimbabwe and their values must go to the people of Zimbabwe, Kasukuwere contends.

It is not and will not be made clear how the mines and subsequently banks will be compensated for their shares. This is for good reason of cause. Secrecy will ensure that Zanu PF sharks will grab all these shares. Kasukuwere instructed mining executives to set up community trusts whose beneficiaries are not clearly indicated.

Old Mutual the oldest life insurance company will not escape indigenisation as it has been targeted as well. Some senior Zanu PF officials are said to be positioning themselves to take over the listed company with the support of some foreigners who would in return get protection for their investments in the country.

The fact that Obert Mpfu at some point declined to cancel the mining license of Caledonia Mining, Gideon Gono said banking licenses would not be cancelled either and misgivings at a Zanu PF politburo meeting in 2010 must mean and shows that even some in Zanu PF doubt the wisdom of this indigenous law.

The logical conclusion is, now that they have totally run down the farms they took, they are now moving on to businesses and the question that begs an answer is what next after indigenisation? All this country will experience is a repeat of land reform where only those with political muscle benefitted.

Indigenisation has been and always will be a political gimmick. It was first mooted in 2008 an election year and Zanu PF is at it again at a time they

know elections are round the corner whether it be this year or 2013, it doesn't matter.

This is Zanu PF's desire to further enrich its elite never mind the devastating consequences for the majority of Zimbabweans. The majority of Zimbabweans have a culture of working for whatever they have. Kasukuwere and his buddies are trying to inculcate a culture that is foreign, that of reaping where you did not sow.

What is likely to happen with this indigenisation programme is that it will scare away the investors. Those who are already here will simply shut shop and those who were thinking of coming will simply not come and quite rightly so.

They will go where their money will be safe. In business a person or company invests in an area she deems safe for her investment. It would be foolhardy to invest any amount knowing full well that tomorrow you are expected to give away 51% of it. In the meantime other countries in the region are offering tax relief incentives.

The idea of empowering the black Zimbabwean is a noble one, it is the how that needs to be thought through very carefully. Mechanisms should be put in place to help people start their own businesses.

Here we are not talking about the money that Zanu PF is in the habit of splashing around before elections to buy votes but genuine loans to kick start those who are willing and have the capacity and capability to run businesses. It is no wonder that Gideon Gono was talking about reintroducing the Zimbabwe Dollar. Perhaps the idea was to enable him to print as much money as his ZPF needs to buy votes for his aging party.

Indigenise in this Zanu PF haphazard manner and risk investors pulling out throwing a lot more people out of employment and because the companies will be run down by those who will have taken them over and the country and black Zimbabwean Kasukuwere so much cares about, is back to where he started.

We know from history that those who benefit from these Zanu PF gimmicks know full well that when they take anything, they do so under the guise that

they will pay for whatever but know full well that they will not.

Zimbabweans need food security, a stable economy and jobs not chaotic policies meant to buy votes. Kasukuwere has written to the banks. I wonder what he proposes to pay the banks and with what will he pay them. Workers in the banking sector brace up for the hard times ahead, for you will soon be joining the ranks of the unemployed.

When all white owned farms were acquired and run down, Kasukuwere and his Zanu PF buddies turned to foreign owned businesses. When all the businesses have gone away, what will you target then? Thank goodness you will not still be in power to move on to the poor white men's houses.

Who is this rookie who wants to destroy our economy and ultimately our country with his experiments? This man started out as a low ranking officer within the Central Intelligence Organisation in the late 1980's. He is the owner of ComOil Pvt Ltd an oil procurement company, United Touring Company, Concorpia Farm and eight others and is a substantial shareholder in Genesis Bank as well as Interfresh Pvt Ltd.

He is the same man who in 2009 was accused of trying to block fresh investment in the energy sector to try and force BP and Shell to sell its assets to his ComOil. This is the very man who irregularly recruited thousands of Border Gezi graduates who were really Zanu PF youths into the civil service without seeking approval for the establishment of the posts thereby prejudicing the government of millions of dollars in salaries for these militia.

In Mashonaland Central he is feared as he has been linked to acts of violence perpetrated against MDC supporters, members and activists. He earned himself the nickname 'paraquat'.

This was because he is said to have encouraged his gangs to rub the herbicide on his victims wounds. This indigenous black Zimbabwean loving man is credited with setting up torture bases in Mashonaland Central in the run up to the parliamentary elections of 2000.

Violence was perpetrated in his name by



Saviour Kasukuwere


youths wearing his campaign t-shirts. To pick just a few of the incidents, March 25 2005, a 200 strong gang made up of Zanu PF youths and war veterans was organised from Madondo hotel. A list of known MDC supporters was given to them and they went door to door beating them up.

April of the same year, the same gang is said to have plotted to kill an MDC chairman of Nembire ward. The man's homestead was set on fire and in his bid to escape was hacked by an axe and left for dead. He was later saved by a neighbour who took him to the hospital.

May 5 2008 Kasukuwere's lorries are said to have ferried a group of over 300 Zanu PF youths to Chaona in Mazowe District where many MDC supporters were maimed and 6 activists beaten to death.

Those who were beaten to death are Tapiwa Meda, Alex Chiriseri, Joseph Madzuramhende, and Joseph Jemedze. The ZPF youths are said to have been wearing Kasukuwere's campaign t-shirts and were led by Major Kairo Mhandu.

May 13 2008 Kasukuwere is said to have sent the same group which then killed Fischer Chitese, Bright Mafuriro, Sairiro Kamufuto in Mount Darwin. May 19 2009 Phaniel Mubairo was killed, the list is endless, this according to a human rights report. So this is the man who has Zimbabweans at heart!

I rest my case. 

Lest we forget: our heroes of real change

The MDC roll of honour recognises the role played by all activists who passed away in the line of duty – fighting for democracy.

The Information Department will carry extracts of the roll of honour as we remember the contribution made by thousands of our activists in The Real Change Times.

Kanyemba Bloke was abducted by Zanu PF's Chipangano gang in Mbare and beaten to death on 5 June 2008.

Kayembe Remember, 23, was abducted and forced to drink poison leading to his death by Zanu PF supporters in Mazowe on 11 May 2008.

Kanomera John was murdered by Zanu PF youths on 3 July 2000 in Epworth, Harare.

Kanyurira Luckson was killed on 25 April 2000 in Kariba after being abducted by a Zanu PF mob which included Rex Chikwana. His body was found at the side of the road with severe injuries sustained during the assault.

Kapfudza Tafirenyika a headman in UMP was murdered by known Zanu PF thugs, Douglas Mutesa and Costan Musariri on 21 May 2008.

Kareza Howard an MDC activist was murdered on 13 December 2000, Shamva.

Kareza Peter an MDC activist was murdered on 23 April 2000 in Shamva.

Kasambarare Mariseni was murdered by Zanu PF youths on 13 May 2008 in UMP.

Katema Thomas died on 2 August 2001 in Harare.

Katsamudanga Tichaona was murdered on 4 April 2002 in Harare.

Katsande Clever was abducted and beaten to death by Zanu PF militia in Mudzi on 27 April 2008.

Kauzani Godfrey was abducted by State security agents in Murehwa and was later found dead on 14 May 2008 with gun shot and stab wounds.

Kazemba Alex died after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths at Dekeya Village in Makoni, Manicaland on 7 July 2008.

Khumalo Khape an MDC supporter was killed in Mhondoro on 6 February 2002.

Knight Ngoni was abducted by State security agents from the house of Chitungwiza's deputy Mayor and found dead 19 June 2008.

Kombo Samson an MDC activist was killed on 20 January 2003 in Makoni East, Manicaland.

Kundishora David died after being forced to drink poison in Mazowe by army Col. Muchanganya on 7 May 2008.

Kundishora Nyarai an MDC activist

bled to death on 5 May 2008 after being gang raped and vaginally mutilated by Zanu PF militia in Svosve, Marondera East.

Luke John was abducted and found dead in Gokwe on 19 June 2008.

Lunga Edna was abducted and later tortured with burnt with plastic by Zanu PF youths until she died on 11 April 2008 in Kwekwe.

Mavhangira Pepukai was killed by a Zanu PF gang led by army Col. Mzilikazi in Buhera on 20 June 2008.

Mabhoyi Norman was killed by Zanu PF youths on 28 May 2008 in Uzumba.

Mabika Talent an MDC activist was murdered in Buhera North on 15 April 2000 by CIO operative Joseph Mwale.

Mabwera Brighton, 4 years, was burnt to death while sleeping in his parents'



The charred body of Joshua Bakacheza, the Mashonaland West provincial driver murdered on 25 June 2008

Supreme Court ruling for the Glen View 7 reserved

Court Deputy Chief Judge, Justice Luke Malaba has reserved judgment in the bail appeal by seven MDC members who are facing false charges of murdering a police officer to later this week at the Supreme Court.


The defence and State lawyers on Monday finished making their submissions on the bail appeal with the State opposing bail.

The seven were denied bail at the High Court last year after the judges ruled that they were a flight risk.

The seven are part of 29 MDC members including the MDC Youth Assembly chairperson, Solomon Madzore who have been arrested on the false charges of murdering the Glen View policeman.

The seven are; Councillor Tungamirai Madzokere, brothers Lazarus and Stanford Maengahama, Phineas Nhatarikwa, Stanford Mangwiro, Yvonne Musarurwa and Rebecca Mafikeni.

Meanwhile, Madzore was on Friday granted the right to appeal and his case heard at the Supreme Court.

Madzore was arrested in October last year and has been incarcerated at the Chikurubi Maximum Prison. He has been denied bail twice at the High Court. 

MDC Ministers in action



Hon Sipepa Nkomo

Minister of Water Resources Management and Development, Hon. Samuel Sipepa Nkomo hopes to give Zimbabweans an Independence Day present in 2013.

The present will be in the form of the Tokwe-Mukosi dam that he rescued in 2010 after the project had been abandoned in 2006.

The dam which will be the largest inland dam with a potential to irrigate 20 000 hectares is likely to be completed by end of 2013, thanks to the Minister of Finance who has made money available for the resuscitation of this project.

Since he came into office, Minister Nkomo has somehow managed to crank political will where the provision of safe drinking water is concerned.

"Cabinet gave authority for the release of \$50 million to complete the construction of Kunzvi dam, Musami dam and Mazowe-Nyaguwe dams which will address Harare's water problems once and for all" he said.

The minister who is also MDC Member of Parliament for Lobengula says the 46 km pipeline from Mshabezi dam to Mzingwane is almost finished. What remains is for power connections and pumps and motors which should be in Zimbabwe by about mid March and after installation within a month water will flow to Bulawayo.

Other dams which are work in progress but should be completed within the first half of the year include Wenimbe dam in Marondera to be completed in March/April,

Bubi Lupane dam is finished and work on the treatment plant once completed should see the commissioning in April. Mutange dam which will supply Gokwe town will be completed by May.

When Hon. Nkomo took over the running of this ministry virtually all the supply stations in the 538 growth points had broken down.

His ministry plans to rehabilitate the boreholes and reservoirs as well as drill new ones.

This will be done by April 2012. The minister is a man on a mission to make sure that every person, household and community has safe drinking water.

Taking into account the recent outbreak of typhoid, minister Nkomo wants 1500 boreholes drilled in schools to make sure that children don't rely on the community boreholes but that they have their own.

Minister Tendai Biti has been very supportive of these projects with his ministry also making available money to rehabilitate all these boreholes and to sink new ones.

Hon. Nkomo's major worry had been rural areas but now these will be fine. When he is done, there will be 6000 boreholes countrywide. When Hon. Sipepa Nkomo was appointed Minister of Water Resources Management and Development in 2009, Harare and other towns had been running for 18 months without water. ZINWA had been given the responsibility of providing clean and safe water. The situation was the same in high density as well as low density suburbs.

The minister's first task was to do an assessment of the situation on the ground to ascertain the extent of the problem. Hon. Nkomo in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance has been

able to bring back water to virtually the whole country.

There may be challenges with capacity but water is available to most if not all the places around the country. Harare and Chitungwiza require 1200 megalitres of water a day. Harare is only able to produce 670 megalitres which clearly shows that there is a deficit.

Of the amount produced some 57% is lost because pipes have been broken through vandalism, so therefore only 300 megalitres are supplied.

Sewerage is now the major problem with raw effluent flowing into Lake Chivero. What this therefore entails is that a lot of chemicals have to be used

to purify the water for it to be fit for human consumption.

The minister said a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with a Chinese company for the completion of the Zambezi Water Project which is in its 100th year.

The total bill for the project is \$1.2 billion but not this whole amount has been secured. If the money is secured, it will take 36 months to complete the project and that will take care of the country's water worries for a very long time.

New Zimbabwe Lecture Series

All stakeholders are being advised of a Public Lecture

Date : Wednesday 15 February 2012

Time : 1730 Hours

Venue : Jameson Hotel

Topic : Global Financial Crisis and Implications for the Third World – Zimbabwe the Case Study

Speakers : Patrick Bond; Ibbo Mandaza

You are all invited

Our record in leadership



...as we move together with the people



Hon Theresa Makone

Hon Theresa Makone, the MP for Harare North and Minister of Home Affairs said her constituency is her priority when she speaks of developmental projects. She says, it will be her fulfilment if she is able to capacitate children to become the best they could be.

Speaking at various primary schools in her constituency, Hon Makone said it was her hope that the children will learn all they could and establish their names in future.

"I too did not come from a very fortunate background. We used to walk barefoot to school. I used to travel long distances to school, but my determination was to be a somebody in life, and today, I can not be any less proud of what I have turned out to be. That is my challenge to you," she said to the attentive students.

Project: 5 000 ltr water tank, 1 tank stand, 300 Students chairs, Laboratory furniture
Location: Hatcliffe High School
Cost: US\$ 11 236.00

The schools in her area became her first priority as she believed the education sector had suffered great injustice from the previous administration.

"There are five schools in my

constituency. Some are okay but the rest of them need resources. That's where we come in, to help and facilitate a process of transformation," she said.

Project: 50 ECD Desks, 50 ECD Chairs
Location: Hatcliffe 1 Primary school
Cost: US\$ 2 000.00

She not only donated furniture for the primary school, but donated text books for their library. The grade zero children were elated at receiving the furniture which eased the pressure from parents who had to pay more to secure not only their children's placement at the school but also a desk and chair to use while learning.

Project: 40 Teachers' chairs and 4 teachers' tables
Location: Hatcliffe 2 Primary School
Cost: US\$1 680.00

There was nothing in the staff room and the table and chairs were the greater need of the school.

Project: 5 000 ltr water tank, 1 tank stand, 45 bench and desk units
Location: Crowhill Primary School
Cost: US\$3 450.00

Crowhill Primary is situated within Harare North constituency and resembles nothing close to being a school in the city. It is like a small village school with a forgotten population trying to educate their children.

Support has come through for the school from local NGOs but more needs to be done.

"I want to thank Safmarine, a shipping company that operates from the area, for the contributions you have made to this school (Crowhill). The books, desks, and block that you have built for the school is a legacy that you have given to these children. Let us continue to look into the needs and we will be able to help," Hon Makone said.

She further promised to send cloth material for the school to sew school

uniforms for every child.

Project: 50 kg Chlorine, 25 ltrs Pool Acid, 100 student chairs, 50 junior pupils chairs, 6 dustbins, 6 shovels, 6 grass slashers, 4 mattocks, 4 picks
Location: Borrowdale Primary School
Cost: US\$ 3 640.00

Project: 3 500kgs Cement, 350 cubic meters quarry dust, concrete blocks, hired labour (19 labourers paid US\$50 per day. Location: Hatcliffe Market stalls construction

Hon Makone handed over school materials including textbooks, chairs, desks, water tank, shovels and sewing machines early last year.

Using the Community Development Fund to procure these materials for the schools in her constituency, Hon Makone said she had a passion for children and would work towards the realisation of a prospect for a bright future for every child regardless of background or social standing.

"Every child has the potential to turn the tables in your families as long as you have equal access to education. You have to work hard for yourself, your family, your community and even for the country because inside of you are the next MPs, the next Ministers, the next presidents, but you can only get to the top when you work very hard," said Hon Makone.

She said every child deserved to get an opportunity to learn and develop his or her skills in a conducive environment. She thanked organisations in her constituency who were ploughing back to society to improve the education standards of the schools saying, it was indeed an inspiring venture and a humbling experience to have schools in her constituencies being remembered.

Project: Borehole drilling, 2000 bricks, River sand, Brick force, 24 bags of cement, quarry stones, 5kva generator, borehole equipment, 5000ltrs water

tank, fencing material, hired labour for disc harrowing, building of generator house and fencing
Location: Hatcliffe garden
Cost: US\$ 11 240.00
The community garden seeks to assist the community by growing and selling their produce. However, this project

has not yielded anything as Zanu PF elements sought to stop its opening. Some parts of this constituency have not been assisted as Zanu PF activists were not welcoming of the development by an MDC MP in the area.



The pictures above portray projects initiated by the Harare North legislator, Hon Theresa Makone. All the projects seek to benefit the community and individuals alike. Schools were greatly overjoyed at receiving these tools as they were essential to them. Wide consultations took place before each project was undertaken.

Chihuri not substantive Police Commissioner



issues, Prof. Mutambara said there are procedures that need to be taken before a commissioner general is appointed.

“The Police Service Commission must be regularised so that it makes recommendations of potential candidates to the President. The Principals agreed that in line with the Constitution, the President would then consult and agree with the Prime Minister on the next Commissioner General of Police,” said Prof. Mutambara.

Contracts of some of the members of the police service commission expired in December 2011 and that needs to be regularised before the commission can recommend names for appointment to the post of Police Commissioner General. Chihuri is therefore acting Commissioner General.

Prof Mutambara said the three principals agreed that political statements made by service chiefs must be left to politicians and those within the security forces who make political statements must be dealt with as their statements undermine civilian authority.

“An officer in the security forces who makes political statements undermines the civilian government in place and should be reprimanded for making such statements,” he said.

Prof Mutambara said it was agreed that there was need for electoral reforms to take place if the next elections are to be free, fair and credible.

He said the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission needs to be resourced for it to produce results. “The objective is that the next election outcome is not challenged. So resources need to be put in place if we are going to get results, and we hope the issue of violence will be resolved once this bill is adopted,” said Prof Mutambara.

He said, the meeting earlier today, had deliberated on the need for a report on the status of the constitution making process from the management committee to ensure that the next elections are process driven.

“Though the ultimate deadline is March 2013, the Principals want a report on

the constitution making process from the Management Committee with estimated time frames of all the issues that require implementation,” he said.

Prof Mutambara said it was agreed that there be media reforms and that the Mass Media Trust Board, Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation Board and Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe Board be regularised. What it means is that the Minister of Information will have to regularise the illegally constituted boards. Responding to a question pertaining to this issue, President Tsvangirai said decisions made by these boards must therefore be reversed.

Prof Mutambara discouraged hate speech which he said had flooded both public and private media which he added is detrimental to the development of the society.

“There is hate speech in the public media, there is hate speech in the private media, there is irresponsible journalism but now we need to think about what is good for the people of Zimbabwe. We are going to hold a no-holds-barred media indaba with all the editors to

discuss how we can work together for the good of the people because media can influence society,” he said. He went on to say section 121 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act needed to be revisited as it has been grossly abused. Section 121, when invoked, allows for a person to be kept in prison for seven days after which, when the state makes no appeal, the person can be granted bail. Many MDC activists have had their stay in prison prolonged after the state invoked this section.

Other issues that were discussed included the issue of doing a land utilisation audit to ensure productivity on the land; the issue of restrictive measures and the need to call for their lifting; the need to expand from economic stability to job creation and investment upliftment.

The meeting further agreed on the need for the council of ministers to meet regularly to report back on areas of implementation so that Cabinet assumes its original role of debating national policy.

Harare – There is currently no substantive Police Commissioner General and rumours that Augustine Chihuri has been re-appointed are not true and are therefore misleading, President Tsvangirai has said.

At a press conference in Harare last week, President Tsvangirai said during his meeting with the other principals, wide ranging issues were discussed and agreed on with Robert Mugabe and Arthur Mutambara, and now await implementation.

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Manicaland party leadership calls for peace and unity

Mutare – Hon. Shua Mudiwa, the MDC Manicaland provincial deputy chairperson and Mutare West MP has called for peace and unity among the people, and to work together to fight the common enemy if they want to be guaranteed the final victory in the next elections.

Addressing thousands of people at an MDC Real Change Rally at Beit Hall in Mutare Central on Saturday, the first rally in the district after holding its election the previous week, Hon. Mudiwa reminded the people for the need to work together in order to resoundingly defeat Zanu PF in the next elections.

“We should work together as one, the MP, councillors, district, ward and branch members.

“We are children from the same house and so we cannot afford to fight amongst ourselves.

“We have to fight the common enemy, which is Zanu PF,” he said.

“Our position as the MDC is that we must deliver real change to the people.

“We want our economy to be well run; we want to create jobs for the people, for people to have better education and health. Therefore, we should not forget our purpose as MDC,” he added

Hon. Mudiwa said the MDC should not be like Zanu PF which only preaches of violence and offers nothing new.

“As MDC, we have already declared victory and we are only preparing for good governance,” he said.

He said the suspension of Mutare Mayor, Brian James by Ignatius Chombo two weeks ago did not come as a surprise but that it is not going to stop the MDC from delivering real change to the people.

Mutare Senator and provincial chairperson, Keresensia Chabuka echoed the same sentiments and said, election date is not yet certain but people should always be prepared.

“Election date is not a one man thing. The three principals have to agree on the date, terms and conditions,” she said.

Mutare Mayor, Councillor James who is also the provincial treasurer queried the delays by the Town Clerk in releasing the council’s audit and said the 2012 budget needs to be supported by previous year’s budgets.

“All budgets need to be supported by previous year’s budget. Council resolved to contract an external company to audit council outlets like Pungwe Breweries but they are reportedly not ready,” he said.

He queried Chombo’s interference and said this was a desperate attempt by Chombo to frustrate council operations.

The rally was well attended by several provincial members, councillors and party officials.

MDC congratulates Zambia AFCON Cup win

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thereby, making the event a truly African experience.

“The MDC hopes that after this successful event, Africa will remain united and will be able to tackle wars, diseases and interecine political conflicts that have for decades ravaged our great continent,” Hon. Mwonozora says, adding that the people of Africa deserve a return to normal and quiet lives.

“The African drum beat of success must sound louder and the flame of victory must glow. We are a continent of positives and with unity of purpose, Africa can compete with the rest of the world. It is only possible if we unite, not as followers but as leaders. All African nations must stand together, united and ready for real change,” says the spokesperson.

Africans can best learn from the just-ended tournament that true unity is possible as evidenced by the way countries rallied behind African teams.

Meanwhile, Hon. Morgan Tsvangirai, in his capacity as Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe, has congratulated the people of Zambia for winning AFCON 2012 in Libreville, Gabon on Sunday.



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Shot MDC official discharged from hospital

Masvingo – Zororai Mashuma Murega, a senior MDC official was shot and injured by unknown gunmen at the Renco Mine turn off in Masvingo last week was discharged from hospital on Saturday.

Murega, the MDC chairperson for Ward 30, Masvingo South district, was shot on the right arm at the Renco Mine turn off was hospitalised for five days before being discharge dat the weekend.

He is now recuperating from his home. According to Murega, he disembarked from a haulage truck at Renco Mine turn off in order to proceed to his rural home. While at the turn-off, he heard some rustling sounds and was shot on the right arm.

“I disembarked from a haulage truck at the turn off at around

9 pm last Tuesday. I was later attacked by unidentified assailants who shot me on my right arm. The police were called at the scene and did some investigations and a report was compiled but they are unwilling to show what they have discovered,” he said.

He said the timing of the shooting could have political implications.

“We would not rush into saying there are political connotations behind the attack but the timing of the attack leaves a lot of questions unanswered. The manner in which the attack was executed indicates the people behind the move could be experienced gunmen. If they were robbers, they could have stolen something from me,” said Murega.



Pastor Charamba and the Fishers of men on Saturday belted out their music on gospel lovers who had gathered at the Aquatic Complex for a peace prayer organised by the Pastors fellowship.

The day was held to pray for peace for the land. Thousands of people turned up including the MDC leadership to pray for peace in a country where strife and violence led by Zanu PF has wrecked havoc. The day is commemorated annually.