

US\$100m set aside for infrastructure projects



been treated since the outbreak of the disease this month.

He further set aside some funds to support various critical sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture.

“US\$20 million will go towards complementing the previously announced agricultural support. US\$30 million will be for lines of credit to the productive sectors of the economy currently operating at low capacity,” said Hon. Biti.

“This is part of government’s contribution under the Distressed and Marginalised Areas Fund (DiMAF) where Old Mutual has already contributed its US\$20 million obligation,” he said.

He said concerns have been raised by stakeholders over some of the measures that government had implemented this year as part of the 2012 Budget in order to support increased domestic production and level the playing field vis-à-vis some of the imported commodities.

“This was also against the background of unsustainable over-dependence on

consumption of imports at the expense of domestic production. Clearly, this level of reliance on external savings is unsustainable, making the institution of measures supportive of growth in domestic production unavoidable,” said Hon. Biti.

He said the critical importance of the economy and macro-economic stability in Zimbabwe predicated for regular monitoring of all macro-economic indicators to allow government, business, labour and other stakeholders to plan.

“Given this imperator, Treasury will, therefore, be providing periodic communication on major developments within the economy. I am pleased to announce that each month, I will be providing a Monthly Budget Dashboard that will outline monthly budgetary developments, tracking in particular, Budget performance in key areas of public sector investment and social delivery.

“In addition, the Monthly Budget Dashboard will also capture and outline important developmental challenges and issues affecting our economy,” said Hon. Biti.

Hon. Tendai Biti, the Finance Minister and MDC Secretary-General has set aside over US\$100 million to finance priority infrastructure projects which could not be accommodated in the 2012 national budget.

Addressing his first Treasury media briefing this year at his government offices in Harare today, Hon. Biti said most of the funds would be used to improve on service delivery such as water reticulation and energy.

Hon. Biti said it was urgent to assist local councils such as Harare which is facing an outbreak of the typhoid disease with over a 1 000 people having

Chombo instructs Zanu PF thugs to forcefully eject Mutare Mayor

Mutare City Mayor and Ward 12 Councillor, Brian James was on Friday suspended by Ignatius Chombo, Minister of Local Government and Urban Development for alleged misconduct.

The Mayor was quickly and forcefully ejected from his office by municipal police and a number of Zanu PF youths. The Mayor received the suspension letter dated 19 January on Friday 27 January 2012.

In his letter, referenced “Suspension of Cllr Brian James from being councillor (Ward 12) Mutare City” Chombo wrote: “Having cautioned you in a letter of Remedial Intervention, dated 3 March 2010 and referenced X/21/36, reports of misconduct continue to come to my office implying that you are unrepentant.

“This leaves me with no option other than to invoke Section 114 of the Urban Councils Act {Chapter 29:15}, to suspend you from being a Councillor (Ward 12) for Mutare City, with immediate effect.

“During this period of suspension, you shall not conduct any council business, for and on behalf of council, within or outside council premises and you shall not be eligible to receive any form of remuneration.

“Please note that this suspension is in the interest of ensuring sound local governance for effective service delivery in Mutare City.”

The suspension was based on hear-say and not facts as the letter does not explain explicitly the kind of misconduct Cllr James committed. Neither does it mention the

names of the people who supplied him with the said reports, making the letter void in many respects.

The MDC is greatly worried and condemns the continued persecution of its members and officials.

It is on record that Chombo is the lead culprit in gross mismanagement, corruption and fraud. He has failed to come out clean on the massive properties he has acquired during his tenure as Minister of Local Government.

Among the property are 20 stands in the upmarket Crow Hill area in Borrowdale, 10 in Glen Lorne, four in Victoria Falls, four in Chitungwiza and another four in Beitbridge. As if this is not enough, Chombo has four commercial stands in Kariba, four in Banket, four in Norton and three in Bulawayo. The list also included more than 15 top-of-the-range vehicles, most likely purchased from proceeds of his illegal property deals.

Meanwhile, analysts say Chombo has shown how confused he is after he appointed a committee to investigate Chitungwiza Municipality for corruption. This follows reports of rampant corruption and misuse of resources in the town. The accusations against Chombo resulted from his earlier resistance to have corrupt councillors fired.

“Maybe at that time Chombo feared that if the councillors were fired, they would spill the beans on the minister’s interference and involvement in the running of Zimbabwe’s third largest urban settlement. Remember, Chombo himself owns properties in Chitungwiza and who knows, perhaps these were fraudulently acquired,” a source said.

‘We all gave something, but others gave all’

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

Most on this list were murdered, while other members passed away due to various reasons. We recognise that we all did something for democracy’s sake, but others gave all.

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*.

They are our heroes and heroines. We remember them. We salute them.

Isaac Matongo 2 May 2007
Getrude Mtombeni June 2008
Susan Nyaradzo Tsvangirai 6 March 2009
Patrick Kombayi 20 June 2010
Mfandaidza Hove 20 June 2011
Eliphas Mukonoweshuro 5 August 2011
Gladys Dube Gombami 26 December 2011

Alphonso Plaxedes of Dzivarasekwa, Harare was killed on 10 June 2003.

Andoche Julius, a farm foreman was shot and killed on 20 April 2000 by Zanu PF militia.

Bakari Besta was beaten to death by Zanu PF youths at Stodart Farm in Shamva on 16 May 2008.

Bakacheza Joshua, an MDC driver was abducted by State security agents in Msasa, Harare on 25 June 2008. His decomposing body was on 5 July 2008 in Beatrice.

Banda (Mr.) of Shamva was killed on 24 April 2008.

Bashitiwayo Moses died after he was assaulted by Zanu PF youths in April 2008.

Botha William was murdered by purported war veterans on 23 July 2000 in Marondera.

Newman Bhebhe was murdered in February 2002 in Nkayi, Matebeleland North.

Solomon Bote was beaten to death



Mr Mfandaidza Hove

by Zanu PF youths at Musikavanhu Village in Makoni on 17 April 2008.

Butao Peter Tom died after he was severely assaulted by Zanu PF militia in Mudzi North constituency on 28 April 2008.

Bvekera Kennias of Ward 7 Clearwater area, Chipinge was killed by Zanu PF militia led by one Chikumba on 13 June 2008.

Bvumburai Paul of Shamva was murdered by Zanu PF youths in 2002.

Chabuka Method was beaten to death by Zanu PF youths in Makoni on 6 July 2008.

Chacha Augustus, an MDC activist, was found dead in a dam in Shurugwi on 10 December 2001 after he had been abducted by Zanu PF youths.

Chakwenya Tinashe was murdered in Marondera on 4 April 2000.

Chakwenya John was beaten to death by Zanu PF supporters on 2 July 2001 in Epworth, Harare.

Chaitama Nicholas an MDC supporter and farm worker was murdered in Kariba on 25 April 2000.

He was abducted with eight other MDC members by a Zanu PF mob led by Rex Chikwana which took them to Charara Estate. The ZANU (PF) militia base. His body was later found dumped in Nyamhunga Township.

Chambati Milton, an MDC member, was murdered on 23 December 2001 in Magunje.

Chaparira Abia died after being tortured by Zanu PF youths and purported war veterans.

Chapuranga Lemani an MDC activist was shot dead on 19 November 2001 in Marondera West, Mashonaland East. Chatunga Richard an MDC activist, died on Sunday 27 January 2002 in Buhera from injuries sustained after being attacked by Zanu PF thugs.

Chibika Tatenda, an MDC supporter died on 17 April 2008 after a purported war veteran, Richard Makoni shot him at Chibeta Business Centre in Mutoko.

Chipiro Dadirayi an MDC activist from Chikowore Village in Mhondoro-Ngezi, died on 5 June 2008 after being attacked by Zanu PF youths. They cut off her hands and feet before burning her alive inside her house. A vehicle owned by Bright Matonga, a Zanu PF MP in the constituency was used in the brutal attack.

Chemvura Lameck, a University of Zimbabwe student, died on 24 November 2001 in Manicaland.

Cheu Shepherd a headmaster in Mutoko was abducted on 3 June 2008 by a Zanu PF and later found dead with one eye and genitals missing.

Chibyamudeve Nikoniari an MDC activist was murdered on 21 September 2002 in Mashonaland West.

Chidzidzi Nancy was shot dead by CIO operatives on 31 May 2008 in Rusape.

Chigaga Chrispen Chimusoro died on 5 July 2008 after being brutally attacked



Getrude Mtombeni



Hon Gladys Gombami

by Zanu PF members in Mhondoro. Chigagura Zeke was fatally assaulted by people chanting Zanu PF slogans at the Kahobo Business Centre and dumped his dead body in front of the house of the MDC candidate’s campaign manager.

Chihuri Taurai was shot by CIO operatives on 31 May 2008 in Mutoko. Chiyeke Chrispen an MDC supporter died on 20 July 2000 in Gokwe after being assaulted by a Zanu PF mob.

Chiutsi Chrispen an MDC activist was murdered at his home by armed Zanu PF thugs in Mutoko North on 27 June 2008.

Chitsa Crispin was assaulted by known Zanu PF youths in Gokwe on 27 April 2000.

Chikomba Simbarashe – a high school teacher – at Zuka Secondary, Masvingo was abducted by Zanu PF youths on 14 June 2008 and later found dead on 19 June 2008.

Chikova Simba a teacher was abducted from his school in Zaka by Zanu PF youths and beaten to death on 13 June 2008.

Chimbarara Shemmy a farm worker died on 8 February 2004 in Chimanimani, Manicaland after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths.

Chikwenya Richard Dzokurasa an MDC activist died after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths on 1 May 2001 in Buhera, Manicaland province.

Chiminya Tichaona died on 14 April

2000 near Murambinda Growth Point in Buhera North. The vehicle he was travelling in was petrol bombed by a Zanu PF mob led by a CIO operative Joseph Mwale.

Chiwara Laban an MDC activist was killed by Zanu PF militia on 7 May 2000 in Harare.

Chingombe Darlington was beaten to death by Zanu PF militia in Chirumanzu, Midlands South province on 27 June 2008.

Chingozho Sophia died on 8 June 2008 after she was beaten to death at a funeral by a Zanu PF mob in Buhera North.

Chipiyo Archford was abducted by State security agents from his father’s house in Chitungwiza on 19 June 2008. He was found dead the following morning. His father is the Mayor of Chitungwiza.

Chishamba Morgan, died after he was attacked by Zanu PF youths in Waterfalls, Harare on 19 June 2008.

Chinyere (Mr) was pulled out of a bus and beaten to death by Zanu PF militia on 11 June 2000.

Chipungu Benson Karome was beaten to death by Zanu PF youths at Manyika Village in Uzumba on 10 May 2008.

Chipunza Takundwa Patrick an MDC activist died on 16 May 2000 in Budiriro, Harare after being attacked by Zanu PF supporters.



Prof. Eliphas Mkonoweshuro

'We all gave something, but others gave all'



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Chiradzwa Mark was beaten to death in Mukumbura, Mashonaland Central province on 5 July 2008 by a Zanu PF mob.

Chirima Robson Tinarwo an MDC supporter died in March 2000 in Muzarabani, Mashonaland Central province after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths.

Chiriseri Alex was assaulted by Zanu PF militia and soldiers and died on 5 May 2008 in Centenary, Mashonaland Central province.

Francis Chinozvina, an MDC activist of Zengeza in Chitungwiza is shot and killed by Zanu PF's Elliot Manyika

on 28 March 2004 on the second day of Parliament polling. Chironga Gibbs an MDC activist was killed by Zanu PF thugs on 20 June 2008 in Chiweshe.

Chironga Hama was killed by Zanu PF thugs on 20 June 2008 in Chiweshe.

Chiroto Abigail the wife of Harare Deputy Mayor was abducted and killed by known Zanu PF youths on 19 June 2008 in Hatcliffe, Harare.

Chirozva Phineas was killed in Buhera on 20 June 2008 by a gang of Zanu PF militia led by one army Col. Mzilikazi. Chitemere Mhondiwa an MDC activist was killed in Murehwa South on 30 October 2000.

Chitsungo – a village headman – was abducted by Zanu PF youths and later found dead in Uzumba on 20 May 2008.

Chihumbiri Eswat was murdered on 23 March 2001 in Muzarabani, Mashonaland Central.

Chiwara Laban died on 7 May 2000, Harare after being attacked by Zanu PF militia.

Chiwaura Moffat Soka an MDC activist was murdered in Bindura in January 2002.

Chisasa Alex a Zimbabwe Republic Police member was murdered in Chipinge South after being accused of being an MDC supporter.

Chiyoka Jabulani an MDC councillor was killed in September 2007 in Marondera.

Chokururama Better an MDC activist was abducted on 13 May 2008 in Murehwa by CIO agents and was found dead with gun and stab wounds on 14 May 2008.

Cobbert Robert Fenwick was murdered on 6 August 2001, Kwekwe.



Tonderai Ndira

Danda Isaac was stabbed to death by Zanu PF youths led by army Major Moyo at Nembudziya, Gokwe on 8 May 2008.

Dofu Fushirayi was assaulted to death by Zanu PF youths on 10 May 2008.

Dube Clemence an MDC polling agent was beaten to death by Zanu PF youths at Poshayi Village in Shurugwi on 28 April 2008.

Dube John was beaten to death by Zanu PF thugs on 23 June 2008.

Dube Kenias was abducted and found dead in Masvingo on 19 June 2008.

Dube Michael died after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths on 1 May 2008 in Shurugwi.

Dube Nqobizitha an MDC activist died on 1 March 2002 in Nkulamane, Bulawayo.

Dumukani Zondani died on 9 June 2001 in Mbare, Harare.

Dube Kennedy was found dead after he had been abducted by Zanu PF youths in Mwenezi on 14 June 2008.

Dunn Allan Stewart died on 7 May 2000 in Marondera West, Mashonaland



Amai Susan Tsvangirai

East after being assaulted by Zanu PF agents.

Dzenga Livingstone of Uzumba died after being assaulted by Zanu PF militia in July 2008. Dzenga Ratidzai who was pregnant was assaulted and bled to death after Zanu PF militia denied her a chance to seek medical assistance in Muzarabani on 1 April 2008.

Dzokurasa Richard an MDC activist was murdered on 30 April 2001 in Buhera North.

Elsworth Henry Swan died on 12 December 2000 in Kwekwe.

Our record in leadership



...as we move together with the people



Hon. Heneri Dzinotiwei

A total amount of US\$48 761.12 was used to embark on well-considered developmental projects in Budiriro, Harare from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Hon. Heneri Dzinotiwei said with the CDF, they sought to address the educational needs in the constituency to help pupils and provide clean drinking water to the residents.

"The projects we embarked on with the CDF, are just but part of a consented effort to make Budiriro work again. As you know this is a high density suburb, we were hit by the cholera outbreak in 2009 and there has been a general run down of our infrastructure and facilities due to years of misgovernance by the then Zanu PF government," said Hon. Dzinotiwei.

Hon. Dzinotiwei who is a professor and the Minister of Science and Technology said the students and residents used to cross a river that links Budiriro 2 and Budiriro 4 to attend schools in Budiriro 2, which was a challenge during the rainy season. Under the CDF programme, they managed to build a bridge at the river to links Budiriro 2 and 4 making the lives of students a lot easier.

One resident who was crossing the bridge said it was now a shorter route into Budiriro 4 and the bridge had come at a time when it was really needed

to ensure that students are able to get to school on time.

"Before the bridge was constructed, pupils would have to travel a longer distance, and those who took the shortcut, risked getting to school wet or drown, which was very often because the stream never gets dry," said Memory Sandichoka of Budiriro 4.

Project: Public Toilet Construction; Location: Budiriro 4 Shopping Centre Cost: US\$ 17 950.00

Budiriro 4 shops had no public toilet facilities and as a result the vendors and residents asked the MP if he could assist to that end.

With the CDF programme, it became a major priority that a public toilet be constructed at the busy shopping centre in one of Harare's biggest high density suburbs.

"We heard the concerns of our residents and we helped by ensuring the toilet block was built," said Hon. Dzinotiwei.

Vendors who sell their wares close to the toilets said they were happy with what the MP had done, as it was helping them as they went about their business.

"The toilets are cleaned regularly, and there is someone from the council who ensures that they are used wisely. I heard that our MP did this, and it's a great development for us. We are grateful," said one of the vendors whose wares are spread out just a few metres from the toilets.

Project: Sinking of boreholes; Location: Budiriro 5 Primary School US\$7 540.00; Budiriro 3 Primary School US\$7 150.00; Project: Bush pump installation; Location: Budiriro 2 Primary School; Cost: US\$2 350.00

Mrs R. Gombera a teacher at Budiriro 2 Primary School said the borehole was a good investment at the school because the school garden is now flourishing. Showing off a garage filled with harvested onions, Mrs Gombera said it was the availability of water that enabled them to raise funds for the school through market gardening.

"We harvested those onions recently and we are finding the benefit of having this bush pump here. We have another borehole, but as you know water challenges here is the talk of the day, so parents would get access into the school and use the tank, but it was becoming unsustainable. So, the bush pump now serves the community and the school without problems," she said.

Water challenges and a cholera outbreak that took thousands of lives in 2009 contributed to the MP prioritising clean water facilities especially in schools.

"We have had very positive feedback from the parents as we have been able to provide their children with clean drinking water in the schools. We held wide consultations with community leaders, parents and other stakeholders in our community just to have an appreciation of those things we needed to prioritise with the US\$50 000.00," said Hon. Dzinotiwei.

Projects: Computer purchase; Location: Budiriro 3 Primary School; Cost: US\$1 000.00; Project: Text Books purchasing; Location: Budiriro 1- 5 Primary Schools; Cost: 703.20

On future developments, Hon. Dzinotiwei said priority will be placed on construction of a science laboratory at Budiriro High 1, a public toilet at Budiriro 3 shopping centre, building a clinic in Budiriro 5 and furnishing of the community hall and centres.

"The projects we have done will go a long way to alleviate the major challenges we have. With typhoid raising its ugly head in Harare, our objective is to ensure that any such future outbreaks are avoided as facilities for clean water are made available. They may look like small projects on the outset, but the contribution they make is immense. One step at a time, and we will build the Budiriro we want.

"I urge all residents to take a keen interest on the public consultations we hold, because it is these that inform which areas to prioritise. I want to thank all who participated and continue to participate in community development in Budiriro," said Hon. Dzinotiwei.



A harvest by Budiriro 1 Primary shows how they are making use of the borehole constructed under the CDF. Middle: The footbridge that links Budiriro 2 and 4. Below: The toilets at Budiriro 4 Shopping Centre

Copac drafters complete work



Hon Douglas Mwonozora

The drafters of the country's Constitution have completed a preliminary proposed draft of 18 chapters based on the issues that were agreed upon, the Constitution Select Committee (Copac) said last week.

"Before this, the drafters completed four chapters based on information given to them by the Select Committee," said Copac in statement.

Copac said in doing their work, the drafters were guided by the drafting instructions given to them the Select Committee.

"The used the constitutional issues

distilled from the national report which contains submissions for the new draft that came from the people during the outreach phase.

"These chapters have now been submitted to the Select Committee for review with the support of the Technical Committee.

"Discussions on the first four chapters are nearly complete, and the following two weeks will be characterised by intense work where the Select Committee shall discuss the rest of the chapters submitted by the drafters on the 23rd of January," said the Copac statement.

It said decisions on issues for which consensus has not been reached are also expected to be taken during this time.

"The final product of the on-going Constitution making process is now taking place.

"After this, all stakeholders will be afforded an opportunity to comment upon it through their representatives at the Second All-Stakeholders'

Conference before submission to Parliament and to a referendum.

"Copac takes this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to take the important people-driven exercise to its logical conclusion."

The MDC national spokesperson and the Copac chairperson, Hon. Douglas Mwonozora has said the referendum is expected in either June or July.

He said demands by some stakeholders for the release of the National Report were ill-advised as the report should contain all the data from the outreach to the final constitutional draft.

He also said Copac would not be moved by the actions of some politicians in Zanu PF who tried to disrupt the process and calls by the National Constitutional Assembly and the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions for the process to be stopped.

"We are not going to do anything more because of what they said, we are simply going to write what the people of Zimbabwe said," said Hon. Mwonozora.

Another MDC activist arrested over Glen View policeman death

Paul Rukanda, the MDC Organising Secretary for Glen View South who was arrested last week Wednesday was on Friday remanded in custody to 10 February.

He is facing false charges of murdering a police officer in Glen View in May last year. Lawyers representing Rukanda will this week apply for bail at the High Court.

The arrest brings to 29 the number of MDC activists who have been arrested over the murder of the Glen View policeman.

Among those arrested over the false murder charges are; the MDC Youth Assembly chairperson, Solomon Madzore and the MDC National Executive member, Last Maengahama.

Madzore and seven other MDC members are in remand prison, while the rest have been granted bail. Two weeks ago, a Harare magistrate ordered the State to investigate complaints by those in remand prison that some of them had been assaulted by prison guards, denied medical attention and that the two ladies in custody are being held in solitary confinement in the male section of Chikurubi Prison.

The cells have raw sewage passing through.

Meanwhile, the bail appeal by the 10 MDC members who are facing flimsy public violence charges was postponed for the second time at the High Court on Friday after the State prosecutor, M. Manhamo failed to sign the response papers from the defence lawyers.

Those denied bail are; Barnabas Mwanaka, Taurai Nherera, Simbarashe Makaha, Jefias Moyo, Leonard Dendera, Muchineripi Muzengeza, Patson Murimoga, Samson Nerwande, Murambiwa Dzwenge and Kudakwashe Usai. They were denied bail after the State said they were facing serious charges and would interfere with State witnesses.

Mwanaka is under prison guard at a Harare hospital after he was heavily assaulted by the police who broke his right leg during the arrest.

The 10 were arrested three weeks ago when armed anti-riot police stormed Harvest House, the MDC headquarters and arrested them. Party regalia including DVDs and music CDs were looted during the process.

Redcliff secures a US\$550 000 loan for service delivery

The MDC led Redcliff Town Council has managed to secure a loan of US\$550 000 from the Minister of Finance, Hon. Tendai Biti to improve on service delivery.

Redcliff Town Council Cletus Masiyatva said most of the funds will go towards building toilets for families in Torwood suburb.

Most of the families who are to benefit under the Council Taskforce Programme live in communal houses which have no functional toilets.

"The project has already started with tunnels being laid underground.

"The council once to ensure that every household has a toilet, water tapes without sharing as was the situation in the past" said Councillor Masiyatva.

"One of the key council's priorities

for 2012 is to deliver good public health to the residents so as to curb diseases such as typhoid, cholera, which are a threat in some parts of the country," he said.

He said councillors Gwahirisa Nzveda and Flora Mlambo were heading the Council Task force team.

Council Nzveda said that the council had also received de-worming drugs from the Minister of Health and Senator for Kweke, Dr. Henry Madzorera who intervened fearing the lives and health of the residents.

Families who live in Torwood had been facing a number of challenges such lack of running water, no functional toilets and electricity.

The council is working tirelessly to make sure by the end of March, clean water is provided, and every family now has a toilet working.

Hon. Matibenga speaks on civil servants salaries

Hon. Lucia Matibenga, the Minister of Public Service is only a facilitator not a negotiator in the current discussion for the civil servants salaries and Zanu PF is using some rogue trade unionists to scuttle the on-going process.

Responding to reports from the media and some trade union representatives that she was not willing to engage them in the negotiations,

Hon. Matibenga (pictured) said the whole issue of the civil servants salaries and improved working conditions had been turned political by Zanu PF and some of trade unionists who had no interests in the civil servants but were only using the strike issue for personal gain.

"I am a former trade unionist who was a shrewd negotiator but I have since changed hats and I am now a facilitator. As a former trade unionist, I understand the plight and grievances of the workers and I feel I should be fighting from their corner. I can recite their problems in my dreams. But since I am now a Cabinet minister, I am facilitating that the workers' representatives have access to the relevant authorities and this I

have done. But unfortunately I can't negotiate for the workers," she said.

She said the government employees had approached her and she honestly advised them to contact her after making the necessary consultations despite false claims from some quarters that she was avoiding the workers.

"The arena for the negotiations is the National Joint Negotiating Council," said Hon. Matibenga adding that the relationship of the civil servants was between them and the Public Service Commission, which is the employer.

"People should not think that I have bags or trunks of money in my office. An inter-ministerial committee is working flat out to solve the issue," she said.

The inter-ministerial committee comprises of the ministries of Public Service, Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Industry and Commerce, Finance, Media, Information and Publicity and the Public Service Commission.

"This shows that government is not one ministry but more. The inter-ministerial



committee has no power to expand the civil service budget but to work inside the Cabinet and Parliamentary approved budget. However, the committee is hoping that something will be done soon to resolve this issue," she said.

She urged workers' representatives and the media not to deceive civil servants into believing that the Minister of Public Service was not willing to engage them over the issue of their salaries.

"I want to salute the workers who are working under very difficult conditions. Most of them have refused to be used by false negotiators," she said.

Let's lead differently: leaders urged

The Party has grown and is geared to fight for the final victory come the next elections, Hon Nelson Chamisa has said.

Speaking to the Midlands South Provincial Council in Gweru on Sunday, Hon Chamisa, the National Organising Secretary said the party had to win the next election outrightly.

"We have to think and act differently. We have to lead differently and act together if real change is to come. The next election is for us to win, because there is no opposition. We need to sing one song.

"We have been going round and round over the last 13 years, but now, we need God's intervention to see the change we seek.

"We have key priorities in the party, we have key focus areas that we are instituting as a party to ensure the election victory and ultimately true democracy in Zimbabwe," said Hon Chamisa.

Also addressing the council before elections for the national representative

of the province, the deputy Organising Secretary, Hon Abednico Bhebhe said the MDC had to fight against one common enemy – Zanu PF.

"Zanu PF is the reason why Zimbabwe has degenerated into such chaos and confusion, that's why we have decided to lead differently as MDC," Hon Bhebhe, said.

"I am tired of campaigning and not winning the power. We have won elections before, but Zanu PF has stolen our vote.

"We want to do things differently this time. We want to go to the elections knowing that we have won," said Hon Bhebhe.

Mr Timothy Mkahlera was voted the Midlands South National Representative in a tightly contested election.

Hon Chamisa commended the contestants for a peaceful campaign and a peaceful voting process that saw members electing their representative. He said democracy was a process where individuals are free to stand

for any post and choose whoever they wanted to represent them without fear. He encouraged the branches to meet regularly in order to debate policies and issues affecting the people, thereby pouring their ideas into the broader national debate.

"We want the branches to debate issues not personalities. Do not be disciples of personalities," he said.

The election held amid high spirits was commended for being peaceful and democratic.



Part of the provincial members at the Midlands South provincial Council meeting on Sunday



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