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MDC MP sentenced to seven years

The MP for Mutare West in Manicaland province, Hon. Shuah Mudiwa, was on Saturday sentenced seven years in prison on false charges of kidnapping.

Allegations against the MP are that he and two other MDC supporters kidnapped a 13 year-old girl his constituency during the run-up to the 27 June, 2008 presidential run-off.

Two and a half years of the sentence were suspended.

Hon. Mudiwa, today filed papers at the Mutare Magistrates' Courts appealing against his imprisonment.

The MDC views the sentencing of Hon. Mudiwa as an attempt by Zanu PF and other retrogressive forces in the inclusive government to whittle down the party's majority in parliament.

The MDC is the majority party in parliament after winning 100 seats in the House of Assembly in 2 March 2008 harmonised elections.

Several other MDC MPs are also facing trumped-up charges on various allegations.

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