

FROM THE ZIMBABWE VIGIL

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Mugabe's Cholera Christmas



Zimbabwean exiles are to stage a demonstration outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London on Saturday 20th December to demand action to oust Mugabe.

The demonstration will feature Father Cholera handing out presents labelled cholera, anthrax, starvation, violence, murder, rape, torture, greed etc, etc.

Dressed in the traditional Santa Claus suit and wearing a Mugabe mask he will deliver his Christmas message: 'There is no cholera in Zimbabwe!'

Passers-by will be invited to light candles in front of a Cross in the doorway of the Embassy.

Demonstrators will sing traditional Christmas carols in English, Shona and Ndebele.

The demonstration is organised by the Zimbabwe Vigil which has been protesting outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, London, every Saturday for more than six years against gross violations of human rights by the current regime in Zimbabwe.

Event: Mugabe's Cholera Christmas
Venue: Outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London WC2
Timings: 4 pm – arrival of Father Cholera
4.30 pm – distribution of presents and carol singing
Photo Opportunities: Father Cholera dressed in Santa Claus outfit and Mugabe mask
Zimbabwean singing, dancing and drumming
Interview Opportunities: Political activists, torture and rape victims
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The Vigil, outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London, takes place every Saturday from 14.00 to 18.00 to protest against gross violations of human rights by the current regime in Zimbabwe. The Vigil which started in October 2002 will continue until internationally-monitored, free and fair elections are held in Zimbabwe. <http://www.zimvigil.co.uk>