

## FROM THE ZIMBABWE VIGIL

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### Zimbabwean Election protest in London



Preview of stuffing the Ballot Box at the Vigil on 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Zimbabwe's President Mugabe is to defy "illegal sanctions" and appear in person in London to vote in the Zimbabwean elections on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. He said "Stuff Brown, I will stuff my own boxes". Comrade Mugabe will be played by a Zimbabwean exile Fungayi Mahhunu wearing the Mugabe mask he wore at a protest in Lisbon in December against Mugabe's attendance at the African / European summit.

The mock elections, staged by the Zimbabwe Vigil, will be held outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London from 6 am to 6pm. Apart from President Mugabe, other key players will be present, including Zimbabwean security forces in uniform turning away election observers and ushering in dead voters springing from coffins.

Vigil Co-ordinator Rose Benton said "Mugabe is in place to rig the elections. The uncertainty is whether people will go along with it."

Event: Zimbabwe Vigil Mock Elections  
Venue: Outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London WC2  
Date / time: 6 am – 6 pm, Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Media stunts: 11 am and 3 pm featuring Robert Mugabe, election observers, Zimbabwean soldiers and police, dead voters springing from coffins....  
Photo Opportunities: Zimbabwean singing, dancing and drumming.  
Interview Opportunities: Torture and rape victims, first hand news from polling stations in Zimbabwe with which we will be in constant touch.  
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Vigil co-ordinators

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>