

China's award of the Confusion Prize to Mugabe will be welcomed by all right-minded Zimbabweans – and, indeed, by our friends around the world. At last the confused leader is getting the recognition he deserves.

The Chinese peace prize was started as an alternative to the Nobel peace prize because the Beijing authorities were annoyed when it was awarded to the imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo. Previous winners of the Chinese peace prize include Russia's President Putin, who is busy waging war against the Ukraine and bombing Syrian opponents of dictator Assad.

The award comes at the right time for Mugabe. It brings in some money which will help the family's struggling milk industry, which apparently has run into 'liquidity' problems. In short, some people have been milking him. Mugabe spoke of mismanagement and 'thievery' and has sacked his general manager. 'Nobody can tell us where the money is', he complained. 'We have hired auditors from Ernst & Young and what they are unearthing is shocking'.

The Zimbabwe Independent says Mugabe suggested that 'corruption was rife because of society's failure to mould upright citizens'. Sounds like sour milk (see: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/news/zimsit_w_mugabes-dairy-struggles-under-a-us20m-debt-the-zimbabwe-independent/).

But Mugabe shouldn't be too downcast. Zimbabwe is on course for an economic renaissance according to Minister of Industry and Commerce Mike Bimha. 'New dawn for Zim Industries' declares The Herald, which quotes the minister as saying 'Industries in Zimbabwe are beginning to show embryonic signs of firm recovery' (see: <http://www.herald.co.zw/new-dawn-for-zim-industries/>).

The Vigil recently gave a warm welcome to Mr Bimha when he led a delegation of Zimbabwean fraudsters on a mission to gull investors here. We think Mugabe cannot rely on any prediction by him.

Other points

- At the Vigil we discussed our planned protest in Nottingham on Tuesday against the Zimbabwean GP, Dr Sylvester Nyatsuro, now a British citizen having lived here more than ten years, who is trying to take over a farm in Zimbabwe. We will stand outside his clinic demanding to know why a British citizen should think he is entitled to a free farm in starving Zimbabwe, taking it from a Zimbabwean citizen who paid for it, especially as Dr Nyatsuro doesn't live in Zimbabwe and is not a farmer.
- We are sorry to see that, after 11 years, the Zimbabwean is to stop producing a print edition. Zimbabweans owe a great debt to editor Wilf Mbanga and his wife Trish for their long struggle on behalf of the 'voiceless'. We have been encouraged that The Zimbabwean has carried our diary all these years and are glad that it will continue online.
- Thanks to Barbara Kachidza and Fungayi Mabhunu who arrived early to help set up. Thanks also to Livert Zhuwao and Virginia Mutyambizi who looked after the front table throughout the Vigil.

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwevigil/> . Please note: Vigil photos can only be downloaded from our Flickr website.

FOR THE RECORD: 30 signed the register.

EVENTS AND NOTICES:

- **Nottingham Demonstration against racist Zimbabwean doctor.** Tuesday 27th October from 12 noon – 3 pm. Venue: outside The Willows Medical Centre, Church Street, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1RJ.
- **ROHR Central London branch meeting.** Saturday 31st October 2015 from 12 noon – 2 pm. Venue: The Theodore Bullfrog, 26-30 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HL. Contact: Fungayi Mabhunu 07907089899, Esther Nyambi 07446210391, Mavis Chisvo 07944612944.
- **ROHR Middlesbrough branch general meeting.** Saturday 31st October from 2 – 5 pm. Venue: Teesside University Student Centre, Clarendon Building, Middlesbrough TS1 3BA. For more information please contact Angeline Huni (Chairperson) on 07871367239
Levinia S Ncube (Secretary) 07404772407, Ndumiso Ncube (Organising Secretary) 07532080247.

- **The Restoration of Human Rights in Zimbabwe (ROHR)** is the Vigil's partner organization based in Zimbabwe. ROHR grew out of the need for the Vigil to have an organization on the ground in Zimbabwe which reflected the Vigil's mission statement in a practical way. ROHR in the UK actively fundraises through membership subscriptions, events, sales etc to support the activities of ROHR in Zimbabwe. Please note that the official website of ROHR Zimbabwe is <http://www.w.rohrzimbabwe.org/>
· Any other website claiming to be the official website of ROHR in no way represents us.

- **Next Swaziland Vigil.** Saturday 31st October from 10 am to 1 pm outside the Swaziland High Commission, 20 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB.

- **Zimbabwe Yes We Can meeting.** Saturday 7th November at 12 noon. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. For directions see below.

- **Zimbabwe Yes We Can Movement** holds monthly meetings in London as the political face of ROHR and the Vigil.

- **Zimbabwe Action Forum (ZAF).** Saturday 7th November from 6.15 pm. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. From the Vigil it's about a ten minute walk, in the direction away from Trafalgar Square. The Strand Continental is situated on the south side of the Strand between Somerset House and the turn off onto Waterloo Bridge. The entrance is marked by a sign at street level. It's between a newsagent and an optician. Nearest underground: Temple (District and Circle lines) and Holborn.

- **Zimbabwe Action Forum (ZAF)** meets regularly after the Vigil to discuss ways to help those back in Zimbabwe to fight oppression and achieve true democracy.

- **Monthly Itai Dzamara protest.** Saturday 7th November from 2 – 6 pm outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London. The protest is to mark eight months since Dzamara's abduction by intelligence agents.

- **ROHR National Southern Region Fundraiser.** Saturday 14th November from 6 – 11 pm. Venue: As Asia, 227 High Street, Slough, West Berkshire SL1 1BN. Theme: African / Western 'Dress To Kill'. Tickets: £25 per adult, free entry for children under 5 years. Hosted by ROHR Slough Branch. Contact: Patricia Masamba (07708 116625) and Fungisai Mupandira (07758 958803)

- **Zimbabwe Vigil Highlights 2014** can be viewed on this link: <http://www.zimvigil.co.uk/vigil-news/campaign-news/642-zimbabwe-vigil-highlights-2014>
• Links to previous years' highlights are listed on 2014 Highlights page.

- **Facebook pages:**

Vigil: <https://www.facebook.com/zimbabwевigil>

ZAF: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Zimbabwe-Action-Forum-ZAF/490257051027515>

ROHR: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/ROHR-Zimbabwe-Restoration-of-Human-Rights/301811392835> □