

Vigil supporters were encouraged by a call from Zimbabwean Christian leaders for new elections under international supervision. The Zimbabwe Council of Churches, Zimbabwe Christian Alliance and Christian Agencies, in consultation with civil society partners, insisted that the current administration is transitional and that SADC at its summit in Windhoek in August must ensure that elections are held next year with international observers deployed immediately.

The statement (The Zimbabwean: <http://bit.ly/9C3OEO>) is the latest of a series of calls for new elections as impatience grows at the inertia of the ZANU-MDC coalition.

The three principals seem to be engaged in a game of GPA talks avoidance. As we noted in last week's diary a scheduled meeting of the principals was postponed because Tsvangirai was tired after his latest international posturing. The meeting was rescheduled and Vigil supporters were not surprised when this meeting also didn't happen – this time because Mutambara was in Ghana for another non-event. Will Mugabe find a reason not to attend the next scheduled meeting?

Mutambara, of course, will stop at nothing to sabotage any change whatsoever. He said “when you start talking about elections, you make people confrontational. It is distractive and unhelpful to the process of reforms.” ( <http://www.swradioafrica.com/news020610/threepinc020610.htm> ).

Well the Vigil rejects Dimwit Mutambara's self-serving argument and also the demands that various conditions must be met before new elections are called. We believe that the only demand should be that Zanu PF is prevented from terrorizing the electorate. Any other conditions will be manipulated by the three principals to provide reasons to postpone elections.

The Vigil gathers that the other Deputy Prime Minister, Thokozani Khupe, is planning a visit to the UK soon. We would be happy to meet her. She can talk to some of the large crowd who join us every week to demonstrate for change in Zimbabwe. We guarantee she will be given a courteous hearing but we do not expect to see her. It's extraordinary that politicians from Zimbabwe seem afraid to come and see us.

The Vigil took as a sign of the future the takeover of a block of flats in Bulawayo by Zanu PF youths on grounds of 'indigenization' (The Zimbabwean:

<http://bit.ly/9Yltv4>

.) We are waiting for houses in the middle class areas to be taken over.

We were impressed by the initiative of the officer in charge of Harare Remand Prison, Chief Superintendent Chibaya, who closed the prison's juvenile section and used the cells to house his chickens (leaving the juveniles at the risk of abuse by adult prisoners) – check: <http://www.zimeye.org/?p=180300>

At a meeting with his bosses who ordered him to move the chickens out, he in characteristic Zanu PF fashion said they should instead be hunting down the person who gave the information to the press.

### Other points

- After a long spell of ill-health, it was good to have Geraldine Takwanda back with us looking well.
- We were joined by a lady who was silver from top to toe – make-up, hair dye and clothes – just part of the kaleidoscope of London life.
- Supporters have been following with pride the progress of the act 'A3' comprising three Zimbabwean brothers who came third in their semi-final of the TV show 'Britain's got talent'.

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwewigil/> . For the latest ZimVigil TV programme check the link at the top of the home page of our website.

For earlier ZimVigil TV programmes check:

<http://www.zbnnews.com/home/firingline>

**FOR THE RECORD:** 146 signed the register.

**EVENTS AND NOTICES:**

· Two opportunities to meet Philip Barclay, a diplomat stationed at the British Embassy in Harare

from 2006 – 2009. He will be discussing his book ‘Years of Hope and Despair’. He asks why the world stood by and watched as

Zimbabwe

burned and questions whether power-sharing offers the way forward. He will be speaking at The Central London Zimbabwe Forum. Monday 7

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June from

7.30 – 9.30 pm

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Venue: Downstairs at the

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& Compass Pub,

9 Villiers Street

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and at the Commonwealth Journalists Association (

UK

) Book Launch. Wednesday 9

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June from 3 – 5 pm.

Venue: Pitcher and Piano, 42 Kingsway, London WC2B 6EX. If you want to attend this event

RSVP:

[ritapayne@hotmail.com](mailto:ritapayne@hotmail.com)

, tel: 08834-845240.

· **OTIENO by Trevor Michael Georges.** A contemporary reworking of Shakespeare's Othello, set against the continuing deprivation of present-day

Zimbabwe

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June at

7.30 pm

, matinees 3 pm. Venue: Southwark Playhouse, Shipwright Yard (Corner of Tooley St. & Bermondsey St.),

London

SE1 2TF. For tickets

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020 7407 0234 or book online

[here](#)

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· **ROHR South East London general meeting.** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 1 – 3 pm. Venue: 16 Sydenham Road

, Sydenham,  
London

SE24 5QW. Contact P Chitsinde 07897000075, C Chiromo 07894586005 or 07838153217.

· **ROHR Liverpool general meeting. Saturday 12th June from 2 – 5 pm. Venue: Fairfield  
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Police Club,  
Prescot Road**

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· **T-shirts available for £10.00.**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME. Contact: Anywhere Mungoyo  
07939913688**

, **Trywell Migeri**

07956083758. Panyika Karimanzira 07551062161

· **ROHR Liverpool demonstration. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 2 – 5 pm. Venue:  
Church Street (Outside Primark)**

**Liverpool**

**City**

**Centre.**

**For details please contact: Anywhere Mungoyo 07939913688, Trywell Migeri  
07956083758, Panyika Karimanzira 07551062161**

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**September.**

**Church Service in Support of Zimbabwean Victims of Torture. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**June from 12 -1.30 pm. Venue:**

**Bloomsbury**

**Central**

**Baptist**

**Church**

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**235 Shaftesbury Avenue**

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**London**

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**. This is an annual event organised by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum on the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. The Zim HR Forum has asked the Vigil to provide a choir – this will be led by Sister Beverley Mutandiro.**

**After the service there will be a procession to the Vigil.**

**. ROHR Peterborough launch meeting. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 1.30 – 5.30 pm. Venue:**

**37-38 Copeland, Bretton,**

**Peterborou**

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Present will be the Founder of ROHR and National Executive plus a well known lawyer.

Contact: Alista Mabiya 07724540506, Nyarai Maziso 07732545514, P Chibanguza

07908406069 or P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070

**. Campaign on behalf of Zimbabweans with disputed nationality.** There is a possibility that the group known as London Citizens may launch a campaign on behalf of Zimbabweans with disputed nationality (such as arriving in the

UK

on a non-Zimbabwean – for instance Malawian – passport).

This campaign can only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers to warrant the expense.

If you are in this category please email your name to Vigil management team member Luka Phiri:

[lukaphiri25@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lukaphiri25@yahoo.co.uk)

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. **Swaziland Vigil.** Saturdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Venue: Swazi High Commission, 20 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB. Please support our Swazi friends. Nearest stations: St James's Park and Victoria. For more information check:

[www.swazilandvigil.co.uk](http://www.swazilandvigil.co.uk)

. **Zimbabwe Association's Women's Weekly Drop-in Centre.** Fridays 10.30 am – 4 pm. Venue: The Fire Station Community and ICT Centre, 84 Mayton Street

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London

N7 6QT, Tel: 020 7607 9764. Nearest underground:

Finsbury

Park

. For more information contact the Zimbabwe Association 020 7549 0355 (open Tuesdays and Thursdays).

. **Strategic Internship for Zimbabweans organised by Citizens for Sanctuary** which is trying to secure work placements for qualified Zimbabweans with refugee status or asylum seekers. For information:

<http://www.citizensforsanctuary.org.uk/pages/Strategic.html>

or contact:

[zimbabweinternship@cof.org.uk](mailto:zimbabweinternship@cof.org.uk)

. **For Motherland ENT's videos** of the Vigil on 24/04/2009, check: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvwikOhO3Fk>

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7qqXJ7jfVY>

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