

The illustrious leader, icon, beacon, legend and philanthropist with telescopic foresight can't keep away from the Vigil (see: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/feb26_2011.html#Z7).

Tearing his illustrious self away from his adoring fans at his birthday celebrations, Mugabe with his telescopic foresight suddenly materialized outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, London, dressed in the robes of an Arab sheik to show his solidarity with his Libyan friend Gaddafi, who is apparently running short of power at the moment.

Icon Mugdafi waved a pistol at our posters: ‘Mugdafi = Mugabe + Gaddafi – Terrible Twins’ read one of them; ‘Mugdafi – Evil Despots of Destruction’ another.

Mugdafi made no comment on long-standing rumours that the Embassy had been mortgaged to Libya but said he was there to welcome the King of Kings of Africa who was expected to arrive in London at any moment to lead his promised revolution against Queen Elizabeth, who Gaddafi complained the other day had been in power even longer than himself but hadn't been subjected to the same illegal criticism (see ‘Events and Notices’ below).

Mugdafi said he wanted to discuss with the King of Kings payment for the hundreds of Zimbabwean troops sent to join the African mercenary force in Libya who have been shooting the drug-crazed young people

there – deluded supporters of Al Qaeda (and probably Amnesty International as well). Of reports that a plane stuffed with gold was ready to take Gaddafi to Harare, the beacon and philanthropist said the great Libyan philosopher and prophet only wanted to visit his Ethiopian brother Mengistu Haile Mariam, who has been sheltering in Zimbabwe for many years, to discuss how ungrateful people are to their despots.

The Zimbabwean legend instantly fell asleep in one of our chairs when confronted by another of our posters: ‘Mugdafi – One Mission – Power at all Costs’. While the philanthropist was asleep Vigil supporters decided to hold a Solidarity Vigil on Tuesday 1st

March from 11 am to 1pm
in support of a planned
protest in Harare against Mugabe’ misrule.

Other points

- Thanks to Lovemore Mukeyani for his enthusiastic portrayal of Mugdafi.
- The paranoia of the Mugabe regime has been illustrated by the arrest of more than 40 people for watching a video of the turmoil in the Middle East
- . This is apparently treason. So the Vigil warns you might be accused of treason for reading Gene Sharp’s ‘From Dictatorship to Democracy’, a book the Vigil strongly recommends. Download it from this link:
<http://www.aeinstein.org/organizations/org/FDTD.pdf>
- . According to the BBC (
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-12522848>

) Dr Sharp is credited with the strategy behind the toppling of the Egyptian government. One of his points of particular resonance for Zimbabweans is that negotiation with dictators is of limited value because it legitimises brutal regimes.

- We are pleased to say that we now have a link on the front page of our website to the 2010 Vigil Highlights.
- Thanks to Sihle Sibanda who has been coming early for the past few weeks to help set up the Vigil and has been a great help throughout.
- We were joined by freelance photographer Joe O'Brien who was glad of the opportunity to be the first to photograph Mugdafi. You can see his photos on <http://mugdafi.notlong.com> .

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwevigil/>
For the latest ZimVigil TV programme check <http://www.zimvigitv.com/>

FOR THE RECORD: 94 signed the register.

- **EVENTS AND NOTICES:**

· **The Restoration of Human Rights in Zimbabwe (ROHR)** is the Vigil's partner organisation based in Zimbabwe
. ROHR grew out of the need for the Vigil to have an organisation 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

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· **Solidarity Protest with Zimbabwe Million Citizen March.**

Tuesday 1st March from
11am to

1pm. Venue: outside the
Zimbabwe
Embassy,
London

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· **ROHR Bristol general meeting.** Saturday 5th March from

1.30 – 5.30 pm. Venue:

St Joseph

's

Presbytery

Church

,
232 Forest Road

, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3QT. Contact: Ronald Oputeri 07791109394,
Bridgita Mubaiwa 07789084534, Cecilia Ndlovu 07740122687 or P
Mapfumo 07915926323 / 07932216070

· **ROHR Manchester Meetings.** Saturday 12th March:

(committee meeting from

11 am – 1 pm

, general meeting from

2 – 5 pm

). Venue:

The Salvation Army Citadel,

71 Grosvenor Road

,
Manchester

M13 9UB

Contact: Delina Tafadzwa Mutyambizi 07775313637, Chamunorwa Chihota 07799446404, Panyika Karimanzira 07551062161, Artwell Pfende 07886839353, Charles Nenguke 07925146757, P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070 or P Chibanguza 07908406069. Future meetings: 16

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April, 14

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May. Same times and venue.

· **ROHR Manchester Vigil.** Saturday 26th March from 2 – 5 pm. Venue: **Cathedral Gardens**, Manchester City Centre (subject to change to Piccadilly Gardens).

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April, 28

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May. Same time and venue.

· **Special protest in Trafalgar Square.** Friday 1st April. This is at the request of Colonel Gaddafi who demands that the Queen should go because she has been in power too long.

· **Vigil Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8157345519&ref=ts>

· **Vigil Myspace page:** <http://www.myspace.com/zimbabwe>

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‘**Through the Darkness**’, Judith Todd’s acclaimed account of the rise of Mugabe. To receive a copy by post in the UK please email confirmation of your order and postal address to ngwenyasr@yahoo.co.uk and send a cheque for £10 payable to “Budiro Trust” to Emily Chadburn, 15 Burners Close, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 0QA. All proceeds go to the Budiro Trust which provides bursaries to needy A Level students in Zimbabwe

***Workshops aiming to engage African men on HIV testing and other sexual health issues**. Organised by the Terrence Higgins Trust (www.tht.org.uk)

). Please contact the co-ordinator Takudzwa Mukiwa (takudzwa.mukiwa@tht.org.uk) if you are interested in taking part.

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