

The Vigil has repeatedly warned of the danger to the region of allowing a gangster state to take root in Zimbabwe. News that the South African government is now taking legal action against the Zanu PF crony and ANC rabble rouser Julius Malema confirms that this warning was justified.

We reported recently that 'Bling' Malema had made a mysterious visit to the UK – mysterious partly because the objective was opaque and partly because it appeared to be promoted by Zanu PF elements, who have a strong presence in the UK.

The Vigil is not surprised that the South African authorities are looking into Malema's astonishing affluence – not that he is alone among South African and Zimbabwean politicians who brazenly parade their wealth. No doubt the CIO is looking into the ownership of the Bentleys and other expensive cars parked at Tsvangirai's glitzy wedding – if they didn't supply them in the first place! (See: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/sep22a_2012.html#Z7 – Tsvangirai's wedding: A new life of luxury.)

But the Vigil is heartened that relations are clearly fracturing between the ANC and Zanu PF. We note the reported warning by an ANC National Executive Committee member: 'It's time we took some serious and decisive action, if only to teach these spoilt brats a lesson, because we can do that' (see; <http://nehandaradio.com/2012/09/21/anc-furious-with-zanu-pf-over-malema/> – ANC furious with Zanu PF over Malema).

The Vigil is confident that the ANC will start by rejecting Zanu PF's demand that South Africa should take a 'political decision' to overturn the ruling by the South African Supreme Court over the land seizures in Zimbabwe. A 'political decision'? To us at the Vigil that is Zanu PF talk, not an option open to a law-abiding democracy (see: Zimbabwe asks ANC to block property auction – http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/sep22_2012.html#Z9).

The Vigil's efforts to alert SADC to the poison of Zanu PF continued today with demonstrations outside the High Commissions in London of Tanzania and Botswana. We delivered letters for President Kikwete of Tanzania, the new leader of the SADC security Troika, and others for

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President Khama of Botswana (for text of letters see our diary of 15/09/2012: <http://www.zimvigil.co.uk/the-vigil-diary/441-stop-da-circus--zimbabwe-vigil-diary-15th-september-2012>).

Our message was shown in posters such as: 'Zimbabwe: Stop Mugabe stealing election', 'Zimbabwe: No more fake elections', 'Zimbabwe: No to election violence', 'Zimbabwe: Election monitors now', 'Zimbabwe Voters' Roll: Let the 16,800 born on 01/01/1901 vote first', 'Tanzania: Save Zimbabwe 'jewel of Africa'', 'Botswana: 'Nothing less than free and fair elections in Zimbabwe'', 'Tanzania, SADC – Zimbabwe needs you . . . ' and 'Zimbabweans demand a people's constitution . . . '

Arnold Magwanyata of Zimbabwe We Can and Gladys Hellen Meck, Vice Chair of the Women's Assembly of MDC South East District, spoke of the horrors of what was happening in Zimbabwe and the importance of the diaspora's fight against it. Martin Chinyanga reiterated what they said in song. The letters to President Kikwete were delivered on behalf of the MDC by David Kudzutu and the Vigil by Kelvin Kamupira and the letters to President Khama by Gladys Meck for the MDC and Linnet Moyo for the Vigil.

Our demonstration was part of the global diaspora 21st movement protests (see: http://www.mdcukandireland.org.uk/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=419:press-statement-from-the-21st-movement-global-free-zimbabwe-protest-22nd-september-2012

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Press Statement from the 21st Movement Global Free Zimbabwe Protest: September 22 (Mugabe must dig a hole to hide in). Our singing attracted people from nearby Oxford Street. Thanks to Josephine Zhuga, Louisa Musaerenge and Ellen Gonyora who stayed behind to maintain the Vigil.

Other points

- The vigil received an email from the MDC Youth Assembly professing their slavish admiration for Mummy, Daddy (see: Congratulations Dad, welcome Mummy . . . - <http://www.mdc-youthassembly.blogspot.co.uk/2012/09/congratulations-dad-welcome-mummy.html>).
- We at the Vigil despair at the culture in the MDC which results in this infantile attitude.
- One of our members has contacted her relatives in Bulawayo to find out how they are getting on with synchronized toilet flushing. We have asked them to let us know when it's

happening so we can flush our toilets in sympathy. See: Bulawayo asks residents to flush toilets at same time – http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/sep22_2012.html#Z14).

· We received the following message from Jeff Sango of the MDC about our late member Bernard Hukwa: 'I wish to thank all the brothers and sisters who assisted, in different ways, in facilitating the repatriation of our beloved brother's remains to Zimbabwe. The family has been in touch and have asked me to pass their gratitude to you all. The late brother was laid to rest yesterday 20/09/12. May his soul rest in peace. Allow me to applaud your efforts in sustaining a real beacon of hope for many of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Well done everybody and be blessed.'

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwевigil/> . Please note: Vigil photos can only be downloaded from our Flickr website – they cannot be downloaded from the slideshow on the front page of the Zimvigil website.

FOR THE RECORD: 67 signed the register.

EVENTS AND NOTICES:

- **ROHR Cambridge Branch Relaunch:** Saturday 29th September from 1 – 4 pm. Contact: Memory Simbi 07584759284, Deon Matora 077866674066, Richard Zvinoira 07810592390. Venue: To be advised.
- **Next Swaziland Vigil.** Saturday 6th October 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.

www.swazilandvigil.co.uk

- **The Rain that Washes showing at the Lounge, Leicester Square Theatre, until Saturday 6th October at 7 pm. Phone the booking line: 08448733433 or check:**

<http://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/126523428/events>

for specific dates and to book tickets, 'Instantly plunged into a young man's compelling story of growing up in turbulent Zimbabwe, we live and breathe his extraordinary journey from innocence to escape, finally returning to his homeland to witness the greatest betrayal of all . . . Inspired by a series of interviews between Zimbabwean Christopher Maphosa and writer Dave Carey, The Rain That Washes is a true story that is poignant, political and most of all, personal'.

- **10th Anniversary of the Zimbabwe Vigil / Zimbabwe Action Forum (ZAF).** Saturday 13th October from 6.30 – 9.30 pm. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. Directions: The Strand is the same road as the Vigil. From the Vigil it's about a 10 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 big sign high above and a sign for its famous Indian restaurant at street level. It's next to a newsagent. Nearest underground: Temple (District and Circle lines) and Holborn.

Future special ZAF meeting:

Saturday 10

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November when our special guest will be Ben Freeth.

This meeting will take the place of the regular ZAF meeting in November at 6.30 pm at Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. For directions see above.

- **Zimbabwe Vigil Highlights 2011** can be viewed on this link: <http://www.zimvigil.co.uk/th-e-vigil-diary/363-vigil-highlights-2011>

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Links to previous years' highlights are listed on 2011 Highlights page.

- **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. Please note that the official website of ROHR Zimbabwe is <http://www.rohrzimbabwe.org/>

. Any other website claiming to be the official website of ROHR in no way represents the views and opinions of ROHR.

- **ZBN News.** The Vigil management team wishes to make it clear that the Zimbabwe Vigil is not responsible for Zimbabwe Broadcasting Network News (ZBN News). We are happy that they attend our activities and provide television coverage but we have no control over them. All enquiries about ZBN News should be addressed to ZBN News.

- **The Zim Vigil band** (Farai Marema and Dumi Tutani) has launched its theme song 'Vigil Yedu (our Vigil)' to raise awareness through music. To download this single, visit:

www.imusicafrica.com

and to watch the video check:

<http://ourvigil.notlong.com>

. To watch other Zim Vigil band protest songs, check:

<http://Shungurudza.notlong.com>

and

<http://blooddiamonds.notlong.com>

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

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- **Vigil Myspace page:** <http://www.myspace.com/zimbabwевigil> .
- To sponsor the Mike Campbell Foundation expedition 'Sailing across the Makgadikgadi Pans' which will raise money for the work of the Foundation, go to www.justgiving.com/Mike-Campbell-Foundation
- **Useful websites:** www.zanupcrime.com which reports on Zanu PF abuses and www.ipaidabribe.org.zw where people can report corruption in Zimbabwe.