

Zimbabwe Vigil calls for withdrawal of wedding invitation – 20th April 2011

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Following comments in the Vigil diary on 16th April, the London Evening Standard took up the matter of the invitation to the Zimbabwean Ambassador to attend the Royal Wedding next week. After some research the newspaper concluded that the UK would be justified in withdrawing the invitation so the Vigil sent the following letter to the British Foreign Secretary, William Hague.

‘Exiled Zimbabweans in the UK represented by the Zimbabwe Vigil wish to express their disappointment that the Zimbabwe Ambassador Gabriel Machinga, has been invited to attend the Royal Wedding.

President Mugabe and his corrupt coterie have rightly been placed under EU sanctions for their human rights abuses and Mr Machinga has always made it clear that he represents Mugabe and not the people of Zimbabwe or even their coalition government.

We draw your attention to the article on the matter in the London Evening Standard of Tuesday 19th April (<http://londonersdiary.standard.co.uk/2011/04/critics-protest-at-zimbabwes-wedding-invite.html>) and urge the UK government to withdraw the invitation.’