

## **London Protest at Zimbabwe Election Rigging**

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### **Media Notice from the Zimbabwe Vigil – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Zimbabwean exiles and supporters are to protest outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Zimbabwe's Election Day – against the rigging of the vote by Mugabe and his Zanu PF party.

Mugabe controls all levers of power from the election commission (and the electoral roll) to the judiciary, the security services and the broadcasting media.

The Zimbabwe Vigil, which has been protesting outside the Embassy every Saturday for the past eleven years, is being joined in this protest for free and fair elections by Action for Southern Africa, the successor to the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and by the Trades Union Congress.

Mugabe has refused to implement reforms agreed with the regional body the Southern African Development Community (SADC) after the stolen elections of 2008. The Vigil believes there must be new elections organised by SADC in keeping with the agreed roadmap and their election guidelines.

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### Timetable for the day

- 12 noon: meet outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London WC2R 0JR. Nearest station: Charing Cross.
- 2 pm: visit the South African High Commission to present a petition calling for new elections in Zimbabwe.
- The protest will end at 6 pm.

### Media opportunities

- President Mugabe will be showing how to stuff ballot boxes
- African drumming, singing and dancing
- Interviews with Zimbabwean exiles

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