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- <https://zimvigil.org> and <https://zimvigil.com>
- <https://z-dc.com>
- <https://ccc-diaspora.com>
- <https://zapu.org> and <https://zapu.info>
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Zimbabwe's 'government' {regime of occupation} corruption and looting stem from entrenched systemic issues, including the intertwinement of political elites, business cartels, and the military. These groups exploit public resources for personal gain, undermining democratic institutions and economic development.

Internal Zanu PF Strife now sees Armoured Vehicles on the Streets of the Capital, Harare, is there any real hope for democracy in Zimbabwe?

<https://zhro.org.uk/human-rights-uk/zim-updates/171-2107-replay-tensions-in-harare>

""Unfortunately, any outcome that maintains ZANU PF as the centre of power will not change the people's disillusionment with our troubled post-independence experience. In Shona we say "Makudo ndemamwe" which simply means baboons are the same. It's pointless replacing one baboon with another. An exercise in futility. The problem is ZANU PF of which the military is actually an appendage. Our real solution should come from external military intervention. We need a regional or international force to strongarm ZANU PF out of power. Few internal remedies can work against the fascist regime in Harare.""
SOURCE ZAPU Harare

In respect to Ed Mnangagwa breaking the Constitution:

"".... this is something we must also bring in through the Zimbabwean discussion. The extension of the *Term of Office* for Emerson Mnangagwa will not achieve anything beneficial for the State. It brings nothing good whatsoever...."".

..... But also, the mere fact that he wishes to extend his term post-2030, we're looking at an individual and a political party {Zanu PF} who have intent on trying to make this a *lifetime presidency*.and a *One-Party-State* – since day one – 18th April 1980!...."

Made 18th February 2025 - Chief F N Ndiweni
in Exile in the UK {prominent advocate for the Diaspora Vote Campaign}

Democracy and the Constitution Failing in Zimbabwe

""...The current push for an extension of presidential term limits is a critical juncture for us all. This is not simply a political manoeuvre; it is an opportunity for us as Zimbabweans to collectively reject any actions that threaten our democratic principles. Let us advocate for a governance style that prioritizes the welfare of our people over individual ambitions. A united front against tyranny, and a call for fair elections come 2028 is essential. We must uphold our national constitution and respect the will of the people....""

Made 10th February 2025 – President M S Nkomo ZAPU
<https://zapu.org/join-hands-to-unite-zimbabwe>

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Causes of Corruption and Looting

- Political Elite Exploitation:** The ruling ZANU-PF party has been implicated in widespread corruption, including looting COVID-19 relief funds and food aid. For instance, masks procured for \$0.65 were sold to the government for \$30 through shell companies linked to political elites[1][4]. Food aid is often manipulated to coerce political support or punish dissenters, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations[2].
- Weak Institutions and Impunity:** Audit reports exposing corruption are routinely ignored, and high-profile arrests often result in selective prosecution or acquittals. This "catch-and-release" approach fosters a culture of impunity[7].
- Economic Mismanagement:** Public resources, such as gold and diamonds, are smuggled or misallocated. For example, \$100 million worth of gold is reportedly smuggled out monthly, enough to fund critical sectors like healthcare[4][5].
- Repression of Opposition:** The government uses judicial manipulation, arrests, and violence to suppress opposition parties like the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), further entrenching its power[3][6].

Potential Solutions

Local Opposition Efforts

- Strengthen Internal Structures:** Opposition parties like the CCC must establish clear leadership frameworks and constitutions to avoid internal conflicts that weaken their credibility[6].
- Grassroots Mobilization:** Building trust with rural communities—often coerced by ruling party tactics—could help counteract ZANU-PF's dominance in these areas[2].
- Expose Corruption:** Continued investigative journalism and whistleblowing can raise public awareness about corruption despite significant risks[1][4].

Global Political Pressure

- Sanctions on Individuals:** Targeted sanctions against corrupt officials could deter further abuses without harming ordinary citizens.
- International Oversight:** Organizations like the UN or AU could monitor elections and human rights abuses to ensure fairness and accountability.
- Aid Conditionality:** Donors should tie financial assistance to transparent governance reforms and anti-corruption measures.

Addressing Zimbabwe's corruption requires a combination of domestic resilience from opposition forces and sustained global advocacy for accountability and reform.

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DeepSeek further analysis

Democracy is being abused in Zimbabwe despite the government's Vision 2030 goals due to a combination of factors rooted in the ruling party ZANU-PF's desire to maintain power at all costs[1][4]. The regime's actions demonstrate a stark contradiction between its stated ambitions for prosperity and its actual governance practices.

Mechanisms of Democratic Abuse

1. Ideological Belief in Perpetual Rule: ZANU-PF maintains an ideological stance that it has a right to rule indefinitely[4].
2. State Capture: The party machinery has deeply penetrated state organs, blurring the line between party and government[4].
3. Economic Control: A corrupted economy is vested in the hands of party loyalists, creating a system of patronage[4].
4. Military Involvement: There is an institutionalized role for military commanders in policy-making, further eroding civilian control[4].
5. Violence and Intimidation: The regime heavily relies on violence, often outsourced to auxiliary forces, to suppress opposition[4][5].

Corruption and Impunity

Corruption has become deeply entrenched in Zimbabwe's bureaucratic life[7]. The government selectively enforces anti-corruption laws, primarily targeting political opponents[3]. This systemic corruption undermines democratic institutions and erodes public trust in governance.

Crackdown on Opposition and Civil Society

The Zimbabwean authorities have intensified their crackdown on government critics, opposition members, and civil society organizations[1][5]. This includes:

- Arbitrary arrests and detentions
- Violent attacks and abductions
- Torture of activists and opposition members
- Restrictions on freedom of assembly and expression



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These actions severely restrict civic and political space, making it difficult for genuine democratic processes to take place[1][9].

Flawed Electoral Processes

The August 2023 elections fell short of constitutional requirements and international standards[9]. The electoral environment was marred by:

- Threats and intimidation against political opponents
- Concerns about the impartiality of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission
- Raids on independent election monitoring organizations

These factors severely undermined the credibility of the electoral process[9].

Despite the regime's Vision 2030 goals of achieving prosperity and upper-middle-income status[2][6], its actions demonstrate a prioritization of maintaining power over genuine democratic and economic reforms. This contradiction between stated ambitions and actual governance practices continues to hinder Zimbabwe's progress towards true democracy and sustainable development.

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8th February 2025: to demonstrate the Oppression of opposition in Zimbabwe the arrest {yet again} of Job Sikhala as reported by Zimbabwe Human Rights Lawyers on Twitter/X

<https://x.com/ZLHRLawyers/status/1888281118677283059>



Zimbabwean police on Saturday 8 February 2025 arrested Hon. Job Sikhala, the leader of the National Democratic Working Group & 38 other people in Nyanga in Manicaland province for allegedly convening a meeting without notifying Zimbabwe Republic Police about their gathering.

In the UK we have protested the unacceptable detention of Job Sikhala on more than one occasion

- 19th April 2023;
- 24th May 2023;
- 13th December 2023: <https://zexit.org/zexit/petitions-delivered>
- And article 24th January 2024: <https://zexit.org/zexit/587-days-illegally-detained-job-sikhala>

What we are Seeking from HM Government

We as a group {ZHRO, ROHR, CCC and ZAPU in the UK} have been protesting and petitioning the United Kingdom Governments since 2016 about all the shortcomings of the Zimbabwe regime's strangle-hold upon the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Key to these protests is the indisputable fact that the ***occupying regime***; *Zanu PF* has, for decades, concealed/obfuscated/destroyed the voting results/intentions of the Zimbabwean citizenry. *Nor has a vast number of Zimbabwean (in the several millions) who have fled their oppressive and violent, regime, had the ability to vote at all.*

Indeed, should HM Government install a system of legitimate voting for the citizens and the diaspora – that a great many Zimbabweans would voluntarily return to their HOME!

We have published various items about a referendum and are seeking support to enact a CREDIBLE VOTING SYSTEM in and beyond Zimbabwe.

<https://zexit.org/referendum>

We seek the support to enact this proposal and the ability to fund this proposition via a multitude of pro-democratic institutions

We await your counter proposals

In addition, we have made an application on the 5th March 2025 to Petition HM Government to recommend the complete dissolution of the ZEC {Zimbabwe Electoral Commission} and to be replaced with an internationally audited and administered agency to oversee a viable democratic election.

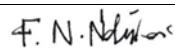
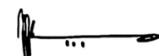
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Note:

- Chief Ndiweni now has a conflicting NHS minor procedure on the 20th Feb so will not be present however he has recorded a message, and we have a transcript at this web link:

<https://zexit.org/zexit/chief-ndiwenis-diary>

- Shamiso Moyo {64th birthday on 20th June 2025} has been placed into detention at Yarlswood pending removal {?} since we applied for her to deliver the Petition

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Diaspora Concerns ED2030 also on <https://zexit.org/zexit/diaspora-opinions-on-2030>

From: Shamiso Moyo	Date: 1 st February 2025	Group: ZHRO/ROHR/CCC
ZANU-PF scheming: Zanupf believe that they are wiser than all Zimbabweans; They are the greatest scammers in Zimbabwe.		
In 1985 they butchered the Ndebeles during the Gukurahundi era in Midlands and Matabeleland and blamed it on Nkomo; which was a lie orchestrated by ED Mnangagwa. In 2000 zanupf butchered the white farmers ruthlessly and blamed it on land reform only for them to grab productive farms and loot billions worth of property and livestock. In 2013 when Mugabe lost the election ED turned the will of the people down and forced Mugabe back into office to protect their loot. In 2017 when they realised that Mugabe was old and weak they mobilised the whole country and the army to overthrow Mugabe through a coup de tat. All this was ED's plan and instruction From 2017 Zimbabwe's economy has continued to nose dive while the zanupf top brace have continued looting unabated. Rule of law is non existent.		
Nepotism is the order of the day; Human rights have been abandoned; The police, the army and the judiciary have become partisan; Recruitment for these arms of government have all become partisan; Freedom of speech has been removed; Opposition is not allowed to gather; Abductions and murder of those speaking truth to power have increased; Zimbabwe under Mnangagwa is a banana republic; Zimbabwe is now a Mnangagwa dynasty!		
The infights within zanupf is just disguise to confuse the public zanupf wants to remain in power to protect their loot. The 2030 agenda has to be resisted with every force. Zanupf must go in total. Written by Shamiso Moyo <u>{Now in Detention – Yarleswood}</u>		
From: Petty Ziramba	Date: 15-19 th February 2025	Group: CCC/ZHRO
'Constitutionalism' vs Truthfulness: It was "reassuring" to hear ED telling newspaper editors that he was a constitutionalist and would therefore serve no more than 2 terms, as enshrined in the constitution of Zimbabwe. But I am very sceptical about politicians; Zanu PF politicians in particular.		
These remarks may have been said to 'ward off' the pressure from War Veterans led by Cde Bombshell, I am therefore not convinced that ED will stick to his words. The mere fact that he's allowing the likes of Daniel Garwe, Kazembe Kazembe, Ziyambi Ziyambi to continue going about telling people that they will work flat out to make sure that ED stays beyond 2028 makes me question his sincerity.		
He has the power to tell the MPs to desist from bombarding people with or forcing people to shout slogans such "2030 anenge aripo" - I have always wondered why Zanu PF politicians never address or engage people on developmental issues. Each time you hear them speak it's all about		



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succession issues, - I submit that until ED puts it on paper that he will not go beyond 2028, we should continue putting the pressure to make sure this won't happen!

From: Greatman Makipa **Date: 29th Jan 2025** **Group: CCC/ZHRO**

No to 2030: With the ongoing madness of the "2030 anenge achipo" mantra which has taken more time which was supposed to be used on how to develop the country they have ruined for more than 44 years. This has seen youths being reduced to baggers of the so called "mbingas" who have been divulging in their future.

The looters have been on the forefront of forcing the incompetent Mnangagwa to remain on power as they want to extend their already overstretched hands in the financial coffers, leading to the financial Ministry relying on drip situation, having to pay Civil Servants with money being collected from the toll gates, instead of that money doing its intended jobs of rebuilding the roads.

The situation is dire to the extent of people having blackouts for more than 18 hours a day, no clean water, no paracetamol in the hospitals and this has resulted in people having to rely on the old age methods of traditional medicine.

With all this that has been happening I stand in solidarity with everyone out there who is against this unconstitutional move which is about to be made at the 'expense' of Zimbabwean. This has always been the way of the regime manipulating the constitution into fake referendums with the fake ZEC and this has made Zimbabwe 'bleed' for years, it's time to make the wrongs right.

Boniface Zengeni **Date: 1st Nov 2025** **CCC and ZHRO**

Cry my beloved country Zimbabwe: 1980 2025A country once a breadbasket of Africa now looks like a ghost country. No more roads, no more clean water for its citizens, no more hospitals and medicine, no more electricity.

Zimbabwe is now a crime scene because of ZANU PF and ED Mnangagwa {EDM}.

There is no more rule of law but rule by decree by the 'Mafia boss' EDM who want to extend his leadership to 2030. EDM abuses Zimbabwe's National Resources with his family. Corruption and nepotism have escalated under his 'leadership'. He has created a Mafia dynasty.

The majority of Zimbabwean's are 'trapped' in poverty; unemployment has risen to levels we have never seen before. EDM has failed our nation constitutionally, morally and historically. He now wants to hold on to power past the Constitutionally Mandated Term (he seized power, by force, after losing to Nelson Chamisa) and want to pass it on to his Children. EDM is not fit to run OUR country, he must do the right thing and resign. NO to 2030 vision.

Theophilas Mukhlani **Date: 1st Feb 2025** **ZHRO, ROHR and CCC**

No Honour Among Thieves: I am deeply troubled and saddened when I think of the children of Africa living in countries such as Zimbabwe. Zimbabwean's hardship from colonialism to a totalitarianism state headed by Mnangagwa the leader oh ZANU PF, a party which has been in



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power since 1980. Mnangagwa is a wolf in sheep clothing, he was Mugabe's right-hand man from the beginning, stealing from the pockets of Zimbabwean citizens, giving each other farms and selling the country's minerals on the black market to line their own pockets. The people are suffering yet his wealth is accumulating rapidly.

I believe Mnangagwa is more dangerous than Mugabe, since he ousted Mugabe himself, and he puts his children and family in positions of power. He is corrupt to the core as can be seen from the elections which he rigged, an election which he clearly lost. Technically he should not even be addressed as a President since he didn't win that election. As long as ZANU PF and Mnangagwa remains in power there is no Human Rights existing

In Zimbabwe, Human Rights activists being arrested on bogus charges, the youths of Zimbabwe robbed of their freedom and future. The only road for the country to prosper is to rid itself of ZANU PF and Mnangagwa. Zimbabweans unite and rise against this totalitarian government of thieves with no honour.

Dickson Chikwizo	Date: 5 th Feb 2025	Group: ROHR, CCC & ZHRO
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No to ED 2030 Life Presidency and Dynasty: No to ED 2030, for it will extend a criminal mastermind who builds a corrupt empire enriching his family and his criminal cartels. ED Mnangagwa and your family are at the centre of corrupt activities. You invite criminals at the state house because it is the work of a cartel. State resources are under your command.

No to ED 2030 Life Presidency and Dynasty, because you have captured the judiciary for your personal gain. You have stolen people's happiness, and you have created a min presidency in your wife.

No to ED 2030 Life Presidency and Dynasty! Zimbabwe's crisis is man made by ZANU PF party, and ED Mnangagwa is the leader. We cannot have a society where the problem is known, but the blame is placed where it does not lie.

No to ED 2030 Life Presidency and Dynasty! Stop normalising the rigged August 2023 Zimbabwean elections by extending your illegitimacy for a third term. ZANU PF, your party shun accountability. Instead, they persecute and brutalise those exposing them.

No to ED 2030 Life Presidency and Dynasty! We need a Zimbabwe where everyone is treated equally and lives in peace, prosperity, and freedom. We are striving for a unity that's built on the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

NO TO ED 2030 Mnangagwa Life Presidency and Dynasty. ZANU PF MUST GO! WE NEED NEW LEADERS!

Josephine Jenje-Mudimbu	Date: 19 th Feb 2025	Group: ZHRO, ROHR & CCC
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LEST WE FORGET!: ...Not Adhering to the Principles of the Liberation Struggle

<https://x.com/JenjeJosephine/status/1886047711578738963?t=9TVM612rLjxj36BvH1AKbA&s=08>



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When Zimbabwe got independence on 18th April 1980, there were great aspirations of a 'new dawn' after many years of the colonial bondage. It was a relief and the excitement was second to none. The agenda of the Liberation Struggle brought many hopes to many, alas, it 'never rains but pours' for the populace because of the bad governance currently experienced even prior to the current administration which was led by Robert Gabriel Mugabe.

In November 2017 Emmerson Dambudzo M'nangagwa rose to power through a coup d'etat and contested for the 2018 elections, he never won. Nelson Chamisa won the elections. On record it has been said that M'nangagwa has never won any election in Zimbabwe which includes his own constituency where he was defeated dismally by an MDC candidate in a Parliamentary Seat.

The majority of the people feel being cornered with these ruthless, clueless, leaders who have driven a 'false promise/narrative' far too long, not abiding to the goals of the Liberation Struggle or upholding the Constitution. Many are concerned why M'nangagwa is interested in extending his term of office, which he has refused in public - but once said it in public. The question is WHY? When he has failed to lead. Those in the political party ZANU PF have begun to see the picture of his incompetence by joining the political discourse that "M'nangagwa Must Go" which human rights and political activists spearheaded for a long time, not forgetting the war veterans who have now also joined in calling for the resignation of M'nangagwa.

The majority of war veterans have been used and dumped in poverty by those in authority including M'nangagwa.

Recently Cde Bombshell, a decorated armed struggle liberator, never minced his words during an interview with Blessing Mhlanga when he said, "I will not be used like a political condom all the time, I am not a political condom." He was one of the key players to oust Mugabe in 2017.

M'nangagwa is an oppressor applying black on black oppression. ED2030 is nonsensical!

Appendix 2: Zimbabwe Blog Posts

The push for Mnangagwa's term extension is a threat to national unity and development

<https://mbofanatendairuben.news.blog/2025/02/14/the-push-for-mnangagwas-term-extension-is-a-threat-to-national-unity-and-development/>

In recent years, President Emmerson Mnangagwa has repeatedly called for unity among Zimbabweans. On paper, this is a noble and constructive appeal. A united nation, working collectively towards national development, has a greater chance of overcoming its challenges and achieving prosperity. A divided country, however, is like a house built on sand—vulnerable to collapse at the slightest disturbance. For a nation like Zimbabwe, currently enduring deep economic distress, unity is more critical than ever.



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High inflation has rendered incomes worthless, companies are shutting down, unemployment is at unsustainable levels, and infrastructure is deteriorating at an alarming rate. This is a time when Zimbabweans should be pulling together, setting aside their differences, and focusing on the urgent task of rebuilding their country.

Yet, instead of rallying around a common cause, the country appears more divided than ever, with people constantly at odds. At the heart of this division is a controversial and increasingly aggressive push by a faction within the ruling ZANU-PF party to extend President Mnangagwa's tenure beyond the constitutionally mandated two five-year terms, which end in 2028. This campaign has triggered fierce opposition, not only from the usual voices in the opposition and civil society but also from within ZANU-PF itself, where some members insist that the president must honour the Constitution and step down at the end of his term.

Appendix 3: Twitter @Steve_Hanke Economist

https://x.com/steve_hanke/status/1891049884368970144

#ZIMWatchzw: Zimbabwe ranked A HORRIFIC 158th out of 180 countries in @anticorruption.'s 2024 Corruption Perceptions Index. I'm not surprised.

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