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Ordinary Voices

Xtraordinary Impact

We feel we have been cheated by the elected officials. We trusted with our vote. The executive trusted them with CDF, a fund funded directly by the fiscus, tax payers that is. We trusted them with development and the result:

**FRAUD
MOST
HIGH**

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The Bottom-line

7 MPs who face arrest plus 23 who did not submit returns equals 30. 30 over 210 (number of MPs) equals a seventh. One in 7 MPs unaccountable. Take those who are dead, then its one in 5

C D F Fraud!!!!!!

FRAUD MOST FOUL!

7 Members of Parliament confirmed to have either misappropriated or mis-used, or not accounted for CDF.

23 more, still to submit returns.

MPs in Harare most uncooperative!

100% of the MPs in Matabeleland, all the provinces, submitted returns. BRAVO!

7 MPs face arrest

Some MPs hostile to the ministry



Can These People be Trusted?

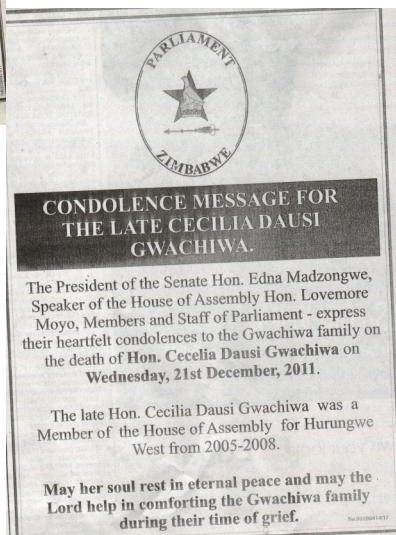
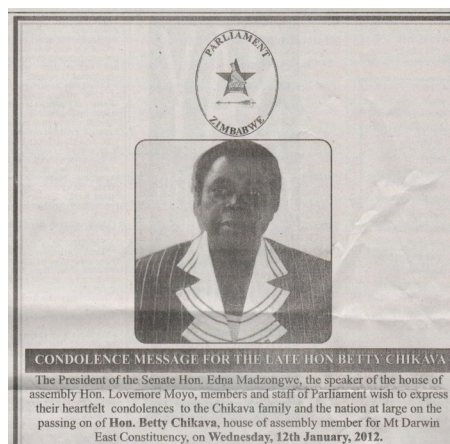
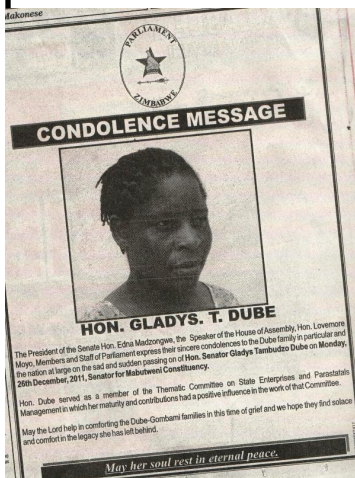
By the Village Observer

I may not have swallowed very big books like those I meet from time to time. I dropped out of school after my parents failed to pay my school fees. I may have left the classroom half baked but the ability to read and write was something that I thought would open doors for me. I knew I would be able to use the literacy and numeracy for a career in life. I also knew that the foundation was necessary for further correspondence. I would read by night and would attend night schools. This is a disclaimer. I am wading into a territory which may cause some mental bruises. It is thus advised that those who like academic and mind blowing big words and thinking may skip and look for other content. The issue I intent to address is that of CDF. My MP, wherever he is, never asked us what to do

with the huge amount. Yes huge by our village standards. He may have avoided our kachasu/tototo influenced thinking. After all what matters to them are the votes. After we deliver the votes, then the rest is history. They will make decisions on our behalf. We forgave him even after he bought a water tank, for the secondary school, the one that gave me the reading and writing skills. This was the second tank for the school. He bluntly told the authorities that they should look for ways of installing it. After all he had done his part. He was better than that MP who did the electricity tubing and then abandoned the people. I held no grudge. I was happy that the green tank was development/development as we said in my language. Then last week I read that there are 7 MPs who had failed to account for the CDF. Then there was further information that 23 of them had not done returns. Politics is a game of numbers so let us do a bit of calculations here. If 30 men and women,

entrusted by 30 constituencies can choose to DEFRAUD the same constituencies, then what is happening to our politics? One villager said the politics of the country had gone to the dogs. I differed. Its worse. It is the dogs which have started to gnaw our politics. Can we trust the politicians with this happening? 30 is a large number. It is reflective of whom we are voting. We should be looking beyond the rotten apples but we are unable to do so as the culprits remain nameless. The onus is now with the People of Zimbabwe to demand that the names of the people who abuse trust be released. These people are not worth our vote. They are not worth a seat in our Parliament. Until then, we would be kept guessing and I am suspicious of my MP. He may be clean but if they do not push for the publication of names then he also is a potential thief and should not be trusted.

CONDOLENCES



Virtual Public Gallery



Using Social Media to Monitor Parly

PMTZ's facebook group Parliamentary Monitor is an interactive virtual public gallery where instead of being spectators, citizens raise issues and seek solutions. As part of the integration of the social media platform and this e-newsletter, we take excerpts of some of the posts on the facebook group and share with others.

Pmt Zimbabwe

PMTZ Statement on the Passing on of MP Betty Chikava

The Parliamentary Monitoring Trust of Zimbabwe would like to console the family of Mount Darwin East Member of House of Assembly, Betty Chikava, who passed on yesterday January 11, 2011. PMTZ also wants to express sorrow at the passing on of various legislators since the last general elections in March 2008. As an organisation, we would like to express our disappointment at the wanton disregard by Government with regards to filling in the electoral vacancies since the last general elections. The failure to fill the electoral vacancies is not only a violation of the Constitution which is clear on how and when electoral vacancies are filled but a total disregard for representative democracy. We have noted that the list of electoral vacancies for both houses of Parliament now exceed 20, but talk, since 2010 has been on a general elections without filling these vacancies. Focusing on the next general elections, claiming it to be a Constitutional step is a clear hypocrisy as the law of the country is only appealed to when it suits authorities and totally disregarded when it works for the majority. We would like to urge the authorities to start the processes of holding elections for the vacant posts not only as a trial run for the next general election but as a matter of doing justice to the affected communities. Like · Unfollow post · 12 January at 13:19 David Chin Chicco, Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza and 5 others like this.

Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza Well said!

12 January at 13:35 · Like

Veneranda Langa She was one of the vocal female Zanu PF MPs in Parly - its difficult to contribute to debate but she played her role well, may her soul rest in peace

12 January at 18:16 · Like

Elliott Siamonga Its really sad losing illustrious women like her parly will never be the same.

Sunday at 15:59 · Like

Mussie Mbanje

There is talk of rallies being lined up to be addressed by joint leaders of political parties, are we going to see leaders of Zapu, Mavambo etc addressing the same gatherings or because they do not have parliament and senate representation, they won't be anywhere near such rallies Like · Unfollow post · 11 January at 09:15 via Mobile

Paidamoyo Muzulu its very interesting that that politics in Zimbabwe has been tragically reduced to Zanu PF and the two MDC formations in parliament when the reality is that Zimbabwe is bigger than the total sum of that trio. 11 January at 09:48 · Like

Nyamutatanga Makombe Why should the smaller parties be included. I thought this was a government initiative, in ZZim the distinction between Government and Party has been very unclear and made worse under GPA. My point is that the agenda is alien to the opposition. Why not the opposition set the agenda and embark on another drive to drive out violence than come to the table set by others? 11 January at 16:01 · Like

Mussie Mbanje I agree with you Makombe that its a govt initiative, but im of the view that since the objective is

to drive out the political violence mentality out of the general populace of Zimbabwe, it would have been wise for the govt of the day to extend the invitation to other political parties irrespective of the fact that they are not in govt. 11 January at 16:23 via Mobile · **Tafadzwa Rambanapasi** Joint rallies without security reforms is a waste of time 11 January at 16:57 via Mobile · **Mussie Mbanje** What really is security reforms? What really do we want to see change in the defence forces and police and C. I. Organisation? Will security reforms see a reduction in cases of political violence? After security reforms are we not going to hear some people clamouring for Traditional Chiefs reforms arguing that we will not have free and fair elections with the current crop of chiefs?

11 January at 17:10 via Mobile · Like **Nyamutatanga Makombe** well, this is what i am saying. there should be an agenda for eliminating violence. this agenda should be supported by various other actors. If the President and the PM and the DPM hold joint rallies, BRAVO. but there are other pillars of society which should be able to stand up against violence, drive the point home not from a rally for example, the church, students, workers, masvikiro etc. joining the politicians may be good for the PR and the numbers but the big bang may fail. if various players take the initiative then success is within reach

11 January at 22:46 · Like · 1

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Albert Chigokora

How legitimate is pmt when u monitor dealings of a gvt born of election fraud and violence.

Like · · See friendship · 11 January at 17:45

Pmt Zimbabwe WE monitor Parliament. Government is an arm of the state just like Parly.

What we do is that we do not adopt a value laden approach and try and see if the elections were a fraud or not. WE raise concerns yes but look ahead and monitor what the parliamentarians would be doing as it affects our lives. 13 January at 21:49 · Like.

Albert Chigokora So its all a farce. U just as irrelevant to the distressed zimbabweans as the gvt and parly u work with. As long as the ppl on the ground live in fear, their vote does not count and national cake continues to be shared unfairly your jurisdiction and mandate is tantamount to aiding the dictatorship. your existence is just a waste of space.

Saturday at 09:12 · Like.

Pmt Zimbabwe Thanks for the harsh words. Can we ask you something. Are you a voter? Did you vote in the last election? What do you mean we aid the dictator? We are there to monitor Parliament. Our Parliament has three different political parties. The parliament has an oversight role over the executive and our objective is to make sure that this is as engaging

as possible thus we try and widen and deepen discussions and share information. You may say our existence is a waste of space but its harsh because we may monitor Parly activities for example CDF. Maybe we are wrong, what do you suggest we do?

Saturday at 09:17 · Like.

Albert Chigokora I am a distressed voter who had to wait unfairly long for the results of the election. I still am subjected to this doctored coalition that only seems to be lining the few pockets including pmt but nothing for the common man starving in zim. My point is u monitor a fraudulent house and if u have a conscience i suggest u close shop. Add your voice to the long list demanding a fresh start in zim. Of course i know u cant do that. Maybe i must say why i said u aid a dictatorship. U are aware of irregularities yet u dont say just because u only monitor parly. U Zimbabweans first so it must be your concern how it is born.

Saturday at 09:37 · Like.

Pmt Zimbabwe Well thanks for the observations. Let us start with the unfounded accusations. PMTZ, is a trust founded by concerned Zimbabweans and it is run by volunteers. We have never received any cent from anyone thus we cannot say we are 'lining our pockets.' The reason why we asked if you voted was to gauge

if you are a concerned Zimbabwean. Thanks for voting, but like you said, "you had to wait unfairly long for the results of the election" what have you done to make sure it is not repeated? Our submission as a Trust is that we can, as Zimbabweans, build a network of concerned citizens, of different political parties and make sure that we have an input in the way we are governed. Our tragedy is that we only get involved during elections. We are saying this should be an everyday thing and we are open to partnerships with others who share the same view. You may say we close shop, yes, but its same as saying we may not vote because elections results are delayed. We need an incremental approach or we are doomed!

Saturday at 09:50 · Like.

Albert Chigokora We agree on one most important thing, all concerned must come together to have a say on governance. Thanx for the insight and i rest my case. Or should i say i am afraid to go on with my convictions. Would u guess why

Saturday at 10:39 · Like.

Pmt Zimbabwe go ahead. we would like from all people we are able to interact with

Saturday at 13:22 · Like · 1.

...and @ the back!

Nyamutatanga Makombe

Mount Darwin East legislator and Zanu-PF Central Committee member Betty Chikava (69) has died. Chikava succumbed to diabetes.

Like · · Unfollow post · 12 January at 08:46

Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza My condolences to ZANU PF and her family.

12 January at 08:58 via Mobile · Like

Nomalanga Mahlangu May her soul rest in peace.

12 January at 09:03 via Mobile · Like

Paidamoyo Muzulu may her soul rest in peace. as we mourn those dearly departed souls we should also mourn the death of democracy as the country is deliberately not holding by elections to fill in those vacancies and allowing

the constituencies representation in the august house

12 January at 10:30 · Like

Veneranda Langa Taura hako Paida, 2011 taigara tisinga bvumirani asi apa 2012 mazvi ako aya ichokwadi shaa

12 January at 11:07 · Like

David Chin Chicco I met the late once in Bindura during Mai Mujuru's all-round celebrations re; Vice Pres post. R.I.P comrade.

12 January at 13:08 · Like

Albert Chidakwa May her soul R.I.P, i worked with her during the COPAC Outreach

Pro-gramme 12 January at 13:21 ·

Like

Precious Shumba May her soul rest in peace

12 January at 19:41 · Like

Godwin Mangudya May her soul rest in peace.

13 January at 12:20 · Like

Farai Muchemwa Sad news. may her soul rest in peace.

Saturday at 06:03 via Mobile · Like

Say Lord Tatenda Hastings Each saddening moment has its own benefits!.

Sunday at 06:41 via Mobile · Like

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