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The Bottom-line

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AG's ATTEMPT TO HALT ARREST OF CDF FRAUDSTERS:

Nov 3, 2011 2:51:10 pm

LEGALLY STUPID! MORALLY BANKRUPT!



First complete the audit of the CDF for all constituencies; Forward the report to me for consideration in terms of Section 76 (4) and (4a) of the Constitution; and Hold in abeyance all current investigations and arrests by the Anti-Corruption Commission and prosecutions by my office related to the CDF. "To ensure the integrity of the whole process, please ensure, as you have promised, that you complete the CDF audit by end of June 2012. "By copy of this letter, the Anti-Corruption Commission of Zimbabwe is advised accordingly. **Tomana**



Prosecution powers of the AG are separate from duties of investigating crime and arresting of offenders. The AG cannot say to them do not investigate or investigate, but do not arrest
Madhuku



ZACC would like to reiterate unequivocally and unreservedly in terms of its mandate and powers as stated above that it will continue to investigate all reports relating to any cases of corruption, theft, misappropriation, abuse of power, and other improprieties including abuse of Constituency Development Funds; whether such reports have emanated from newspapers, individuals, corporate world or intelligence gathered by its officers. "ZACC will continue to investigate all cases thoroughly, professionally without fear, favour or prejudice. **Chirindo**

**Where
are the
powers of
the AG?**

**Where is the separation
of powers?**

**Is the
AG
correct?**

**Is this another
cover up?**

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Village Observer

How I wish I were a journalist! Call them the musings of an insane villager, but what I have seen and heard in all constituencies are stuff that make one an award winning journo. Anyway, fate chose otherwise. I am only a villager. The nearest I have been to the field of journalism is what I am doing now. Writing for this publication. I am enjoying. Matigari is enjoying, reading what I write and he has maintained one thing, I have put his thoughts and views in the right perspective. No misquoting! Thanks, mate. We are together on this path to democracy and good governance. We hope that what we have been doing in this village assist this fight. I am resisting the urge to write on CDF. Matigari, naughty as usual, tried to nudge me into the issue but I am saying it is no longer in my province as I have exhausted the issue. Back to my professional wish. I have realised the continued insist-

ence on trivial issues by our politicians. It started with the fight to register prostitutes. The fight has however died an unexplained death. I have taken no side on the issue. It is something, I think, which should occupy those who have full stomachs. For us in the village, prostitution has been there, will be there, with or without them being registered. It is not an issue. Maybe it was included in the secretive new constitution. Then bang came one Makhosini Hlongwane with his infamous call for gratis electricity for legislators. Why they needed another on their growing list of freebies, beats logic. His call, like or trivial issues, was kicked to the growing pile of muck. His face bruised in regretful anguish. Are there no other issues to discuss Comrade Hlongwane? Then this week, it was sex toys for inmates. They have a right, yes. They have a right to live in conducive environments, yes. But SEX TOYS? Have we improved the situation in prisons, the food, the blankets, the sanitation facilities etc.

can we as a nation start debating these issues at this time? What will the outside world think of us? They will definitely send wrong signals. They will think we are developed to an extent that we now consider sex toys for inmates. The same inmates whom we see with torn prison garbs, the same who are vulnerable to diseases should any breakout. Why not push to have those serving limited term access life skills? The three are only incidents that come to mind. I would have, as a journalist, asked the said MPs what their vision was and how it converged with the interests of the constituencies. They should not pretend to be national leaders for they are not. They are representatives of given geographic locations and their focus should be those constituencies. The national issues should be an aggregation of the aspiration of each constituency, not try to set the agenda this way. I may be wrong but these are the thoughts of a mere villager. Advice to the politicians.

AG: LEGALLY STUPID, MORALLY INSIPID

This is a letter we are writing the AG

Dear Mr Johannes Tomana

We hope we find you well and will get a chance to read our humble submission with regards to your unfortunate, ill-informed and embarrassing attempts to halt investigation into the abuse of the Constituency Development Fund. We are writing this letter as concerned citizens, harbouring no ill thought not malice but feel greatly injured by your attempt to interpret the constitution in a manner that impinges on other constitutional bodies such as the Anti-Corruption Commission. It is not within our province to see where your powers start and end, what we know is that yours is a very pow-

erful office, warranting you the right to be an ex-officio member of cabinet. This, in our very simple and humble understanding, requires you to be sober when approaching issues. As such, there was no elements of sobriety with regards to the letter you wrote the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, halting the arrest of defaulters of CDF. We are very polite in calling them defaulters, when calling a spade a spade we would call them fraudsters. Your letter, in our pedestrian interpretation was meant to protect these fraudsters. You may have quoted the constitution at length, making a legal point. But there was no need. You were wading into a province which you were bound to retreat. It was not supposed to be all about the legality of the move without looking at the roles of other constitutional bodies. It is gratifying to note that the chairperson of the Anti-

Corruption Commission, Danford Chirindo, did not mince his words when he announced that they would continue to investigate undeterred. "ZACC would like to reiterate unequivocally and unreservedly in terms of its mandate and powers as stated that it will continue to investigate all reports relating to any cases of corruption, theft, misappropriation, abuse of power, and other improprieties including abuse of Constituency Development Funds; whether such reports have emanated from newspapers, individuals, corporate world or intelligence gathered by its officers. ZACC will continue to investigate all cases thoroughly, professionally without fear, favour or prejudice." As the people of Zimbabwe, we are naturally attracted to what Chirindo is saying. Investigations should be incremental. Not the big bang approach you wanted. Your sugges-

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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

By stopping arrest of MPs accused of abusing CDF, do you think the AG was justified? Is this going to see all abusers being accountable or as usual we have been taken for a ride? Was it not possible to continue with the arrests and at the same time expand the audit. Does it mean funds, which the responsible ministry has said are not enough, will also be availed for the June deadline? Like · · Unfollow post · Sunday at 20:38

Kudakwashe Bhadharai and **Nyasha Rose Maswoda** like this.. **Nyamutatanga Makombe** It was very possible to do concurrently. Letting the police do the job will surely lead to bungling. At least the anti-corruption commission was more of specialised than police details. Do you think they will investigate either of the ministers of Home Affairs? Sunday at 20:40 · Like.

Mudzingwa Andrew Remember the Shava pardon back after the Sandura Commission? And now see how corruption is now the norm! Sunday at 20:41 via Mobile ·

Pmt Zimbabwe It is clear, the shortlived openness has come to a painful end. Once again, the doctrine of the separation of powers has been proven a mirage. Sunday at 20:45 · Like · 1.

Mudzingwa Andrew How then is it ever going to be possible to have accountable public servants? It

seems we keep taking two steps forward and three backwards!

Sunday at 20:48 via Mobile · Like · 1.

David Gondokondo It was because the big number was from ZANU PF and they clipped wings of Anti Corruption Commission because they knew it would reveal corruption from ZANU PF.

Sunday at 20:49 · Like.

David Gondokondo Those investigations were actually going to destroy ZANU PF. Sunday at 20:50 ·

Mudzingwa Andrew Are political parties now supreme over the law? Sunday at 20:55 via Mobile · Like · 1.

Nyamutatanga Makombe why would they wait until now? do you think the momentum which has been gained and is likely to be lost will be rediscovered. if my informants are correct, this was going to spell the end of many political careers. from both sides of the divide! Sunday at 21:03 · Like.

Mudzingwa Andrew I maybe naive, but so what? Are political careers more important than rule of law and common decency?

Sunday at 21:09 via Mobile · Like.

Cathbert Tapiwa Mashonganyika I think the window provided may give MPs with the means to shift money into cdf accounts they may have abused. Do you think if Mpofu had abused the money he would wait to correct the account? Sunday at 23:38 · Like · 1.

Pmt Zimbabwe Maybe we should ask. What do you think should have been done? What do you think should be done?

Monday at 07:54 · Like.

Cathbert Tapiwa Mashonganyika I am a strong believer in having constituency offices staffed with professional assistants who help the mps. Remember these mps are just one of us. They don't go to special schools, they need professional assistance. A constituency office will also need to be resourced so that mps can enjoy their service delivery to the people who vote them into power. I hope people will learn one or two things from Eric Matinenga, who has set standards about being honest. Monday at 12:19 via Mobile · Like.

Vimbai Zinyama Mushongera

This just goes to say that the issue of arresting them was a scam actually to hide big corruption in Government and appear like you are accountable. I asked -why Gono has not been arrested up to now or why money disappears from treasury and up to now there no arrest Monday at 16:39 · Like.

Veneranda Langa zvaka woma izvi, yet very poor women who steal packets of sugar at shops to feed their hungry children are given jail terms

Monday at 18:19 · Like · 1

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From page 2 tions that the police should take over since it has presence throughout the country made no sense. The suggestion that all constituencies should be audited first before arrests makes n sense. That is being polite again. In other times we would have called it STUPID. It is like saying the police should only make arrests after all cases theft and robbery have been fully investigated across the country. In the meantime the robbers and thieves will be covering their tracks or fleeing. In our case, fully auditing constituencies is trick because of lack of manpower and funds. This is what Eric Matinenga has always highlighted. We are convinced that the 65 constituencies were a sample. Something representing a whole. If 10 out 65 default, then about a sixth may have defaulted. A sixth of 210 gives

us up to 35 MPs. So with such a statistic, Mr AG, do you think ZACC and Ministry of Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs would have sat by, musing waiting to go through all the constituencies. This would have been a serious neglect of duty by both the Ministry and the Commission. We are happy they have not slept on the wheel and we hope they will get to the bottom of it. We also hope that your interpretation of the constitution on this issue, which experts have described as flawed, was an error in your attempt to execute your duties, something we all do. However, the manner in which you came guns blazing, making the AG's office omnipotent could be an attempt to protect some big fish. Let us put this into perspective. These fraudsters, for that is what they are, misappro-

priated funds meant to make roads, clinics, hospitals and schools slightly better than they are. These are found not where you stay but where we the majority live. Those areas you visit with your air-conditioned all terrain vehicles. We are not saying its bad. What we are saying is that, just like you want an air conditioned vehicle, we need better education and health facilities facilities and CDF was a small but significant steps towards that direction. Then these guys decide that on top of the luxuries they enjoy, they can go on to steal from the poor. They may have their constitutional rights and they enjoy these through the courts not your deliberate mis-representation Mr AG. It is worse than a genocide!

Yours Sincerely

Parliamentary Monitors

Lloyd Msipa Africa should stand ready to take up arms to defend the continent's sovereignty against "resurgent Western imperialist forces", whose renewed resolve to control the continent's abundant natural resources was manifest in the murder of Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Southern Times-Get Ready For War

www.southerntimesafrica.com

Get Ready For War..

Like · · Unfollow post · Share · 8 March at 19:34.

Ruzvidzo G Manyika, Nandipha Afrika-Azania Malange and 2 others like this..

Kudakwashe Bhadharai ko ndeipi

iyi,musatityisisdzire vakomana

9 March at 07:34 · Like.

Ruzvidzo G Manyika Viva Afrika Viva !

9 March at 15:29 via Mobile · Like · 1.

Vimbai Zinyama Mushongera Whats good about sovereign when the government is bankrupt, children are out of school, hospitals not providing a service and professionals and skilled people do not have jobs. What good is a king with hungry and desperate people, what good is sovereignty when people's freedoms are suppressed. I am a Zimbabwean and I question that

10 March at 07:53 · Like · 1.

Cathbert Tapiwa Mashonganyika It does not help Africa if those calling for arms are busy brutal-

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their own people. The philosophy there seems to be "let me kill my own people, and noone should ask me because I am killing blacks." We need to open our eyes and not fall for empty words like "Zimbabwe will never be a colony again" when the country is being taken by the Chinese .

Monday at 12:42 · Like · 4.

Ruzvidzo G Manyika When was Libya bankrupt under Gaddafi ? When were children out of school or hospitals not providing services ?

Monday at 20:07 via Mobile · Like.

Cathbert Tapiwa Mashonganyika Libya under gadaffi had great social services because oil was pouring in money , but as shown during the uprising, people were not happy with his government. No matter how goody you think you are as leader, seek the people's support.

Monday at 23:58 via Mobile · Like.

Ruzvidzo G Manyika Strange @Cathbert that the fall of Gaddafi has not stopped the fighting but intensified it. Which "people" did Gaddafi need to seek support from ? Mr 42million dollars Sarkosky and Cameron ? Just because certain media say so does not make it the gospel truth.

Yesterday at 01:15 via Mobile · Like.

Cathbert Tapiwa Mashonganyika It is painful when a leader is killed by his own people. But more painful when the leader refuses to realize that despite all his good intentions, his time to go is up. Gaddafi's children where running away with loads of cash and gold in the desert as his days came to an end. Caucescu was killed by his own people. I don't subscribe to the notion of intervention in

other countries affairs, but let that not be reason to butcher your own people simply because they don't agree with you as leader.

Yesterday at 02:39 · Like · 2.

Ruzvidzo G Manyika His days were coming to an end not through the will of the Libyan majority but ulterior forces with hidden agendas which are now clearly evident with the wholesale looting of Libyan funds and assets under the guise of "investigations".

The "selling" of oil at rock bottom prices to France , Uk.

Every true leader is mandated to protect his nation and it's sovereignty from foreign or internal attacks. How strange that countries who waffle all day about being democracies engage in democratic elections with only 2 political party contestants allowed. Others run their nations by decree and edicts yet make the most noise about constitutions or lack of them thereof.

My point is, in Africa we are expected and pushed, bribed, and corrupted to be of a higher standard which is not only not feasible due to the unique nature of our communities and systems but also because the same measures do not seem to apply within the propagators own nations.

Gaddafi was murdered by western robbers and thieves using bought locals as cannon fodder to carry out their dirty work. Why was he not tried in a court of law if justice is what they sought for the Libyan nation ? Why the silence now on the genocide of blacks in Libya by the LTC mercenaries ? George Bush & Tony Blair murdered thousands in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran & North Korea. Where is the justice then if they still walk freely ?

Yesterday at 13:05 via Mobile · Like.

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