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The Bottom-line

By asking for stands in the leafy suburbs, the MPs have shown that they are more self-serving than anything else.

MPs Going, Gone, Gone KAPUT

RED CARD
These DisgraceFOOLS

Femai—Dress shabbily to stop HIV/Aids spread

Hlongwane—We want free electricity

Khumalo—legislate prostitution

Some abused CDF

Some Do not attend Parly Sitings



Village Observer

There are times when I like reading biographies. It is something that comes from my deep interest in History. I may have left school half backed, but I had by then taken to reading as a duck takes to water. Biographies interest me as I try to ascertain what the historical figure, usually politicians, think about certain issues. In some cases, the biographies are mere PR exercises. But often one picks something of interest. I remember, in 1999 reading a biography on Julius Nyerere. It was the year he died. He had long passed the button to Ali Hassan Mwinyi, I think and he had carved a picture of a selfless leader. One statement that struck me in that biography, titled : Nyerere of Tanzania (maybe there were other Nyereres say from Kenya), was when Mwalimu, as he was also referred to, addressed student leaders. He told them, the student leaders who had tried to ask for an increase in payouts or something that amounted to a favour, that getting to a University was like being sent by a village on the verge of being wiped away by hunger or disease. it would not be fair to say,

after getting to a better place, you forget taking the medicines back to those who sacrificed to sent you. My interpretation was that Mwalimu was pointing out that representing people is in no way an escape. It was a journey that required one to be celebrated when they came back home. Can this be applied to the current crop of Members of Parliament. By voting them, we thought we were sending them to represent us at a level higher. This is a level which requires one to be sober. Are the current MPs sober. Let us put things into perspective. One Honourable Femai chose a Parliamentary workshop on HIV / Aids to propound his thesis. Notwithstanding that the last three letters of his surname spelt out mai – mother, the MP chose the platform to express shocking proposals against all women in the country. This Foolish Expression of Madness Against Intellect thesis proposed that we regard our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters as subhuman characters. So that they will be less attractive. So that we won't be tempted. So that we fight HIV/Aids. Enough interpretations have been made. What I want to know is where he was getting these opium induced ideas. Was he taking it say from

what members from his constituency had suggested? Does he, as a senator, have a research team that came with these recommendations? Apart from the personal level paralysis. When one looks at Femai's proposition, and the response thereafter, it would not be unfair to say we have a complete disconnect between constituencies and their representatives. Between constituency representatives and their Parties. What does this mean? When does an MP air his own opinion, not attached to the Party position or the constituency he represent. Do we need to have chief every time MPs attend a gathering? Where are the people in all these debates? We thought we are the stakeholders here. What powers do we have to blow the whistle for offside? The MPs have been very off side especially each time they discussed SEX. The MPs have been offside every time they discussed their welfare. Are they not doing like the students who met Nyerere. Is it not that the political drama in Zimbabwe is lacking the Nyerere rebuke. Who will be the Nyerere of Zimbabwe?

MPs Gone Bananas

Well well well, the season of political madness is upon us. Well well well, the season of political madness is upon us. It is not the elections, this or next year. It is mere madness that has been loosened upon our politicians and we as the people of Zimbabwe have a mandate to tell them that you have gone too far. From legislating prostitution, to free electricity through to sex toys in prisons then the KAPUT thesis to make women shabby to reduce spread of HIV/ Aids. That aside, there was another sign of madness last week when MPs demanded that they get stands in the leafy suburbs. We call this madness! Becoming an MP is not a fulltime job. This is one big mistake most of these guys make. There is no job in this world where you

attend a few sessions and break. The argument may be that they spend more time in the constituencies and who-

ever accepts that would accept anything. This is not a fulltime job. One then questions the wisdom of having a duly elected MP, requesting a stand in a leafy suburb in Harare. It is syllogistic to say that when they get the stand, it will reduce the burden on government. We have 210 Members of the House of Assembly. Working on this figure, not including the senators, 210 stands will be availed. What will happen should all lose their seats in the next elections? We will have another batch of stands availed. Then what is the cycle continues? The whole issue smacks of selfishness. Something we have seen in our politics of late. They are there not to serve the people but their own interests. The issue is simple. If they have realised that hous-

ing is important, why are they not pushing for legislation that ensures all Zimbabweans have a right and means to housing? What makes them so special that they need housing in Harare even if they represent a rural constituency? It is a very simple matter. The legislators should have pushed for the establishment of a Parliamentary Village. One that would accommodate all of those outside Harare. It is a more focused and long term. This is one of the international best practices. After all there is talk of building a new Parly then this should be incorporated. Then there is what Prof Welshman Ncube is proposing. Moving Parly to Bulawayo, the country's second largest city. If it happens that way, are we not having wasted resources? It has been realised these people are thinking of themselves to the detriment of our own welfare. Why not start with, like in sport, Yellow Cards, for their selfish showing. Should this continue, then we red cards them in the next election.



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.

Nyamutatanga Makombe

Parly Monitors please help me on this one: If we vote MP X, then s/he starts talking nonsense in Parly or public forums, what should we do. I am asking here after Honourable Morgan Femai's suggestion that women should be shabby as a way of fighting HIV and AIDS. Looking at how this has spread, I doubt if this is the thinking of sane men out there let alone the constituency he represents. Under such circumstances what should be done? Does our new Draft Constitution talk of recall?

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Taungana B. Ndoro likes this.

Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza I am not sure about constitutional aspect of the matter but i think the most practical way for people to deal with such political malcontents is not to vote them in subsequent elections. But for me it was not surprising considering that Femai once promised kurovesa someone nemheni in an official party meeting.

Yesterday at 02:13 via Mobile · Like

Evans Murahwa Mr Mutaz this one is a bit challenging bcz here we r talking of someone we already voted for. So for us to wait for hr/him terms to end its difficult saka apa panode arithmetic kuti adzinge bcz power rekumuti ibva tinengetisisina, for tht lady ngatichisiyei kupererwa nekufunga

23 hours ago via Mobile · Like

Nyamutatanga Makombe Then we may have a problem. Imagine if after elections, an MP goes KAPUT when he makes his maiden speech, say a month after elections. It would mean we have to brave the useless idiot for 59 months!!!!!!

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Evans Murahwa Its difficult for us to put our trust on this politicians, what they campaign is diffnt from wht they wil do as for us the zongorians its difficult to find someone with the potential like mutsekwa dai zongoro isati yavane mvura nanhasi

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Zabron Muyambo I personally think the word "shabby" is over-exaggerated...my take on the actual implication of his intended message was to say women must avoid sexually-suggestive, skimpy dress-ing that may provoke actions that may

promote unnecessary actions leading to provoked sex, hence HIV/AIDS..

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Sekuru Mutiro Mukanya Gudo No voting 4 such MPS or anyone who resembles Them in anyway in the next elections it appears some of these guys had been voted into office bcoz they have bn brave enough but do not have the qualities

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Taungana B. Ndoro His party should expel him on grounds of insanity (Lack of sound mind), gross incompetence and bringing the party into disrepute then declare the seat vacant.

Tapi Tapi Tapera Morgan Femai zvakoma. I wonder how he managed to express his point of view. How can someone think like that. This MP is just a lunatic. Maybe that's not what he wanted to say. He developed a technical glitch with his English at the point of expression.

John Makamure Rather than rushing to take drastic action, first of all engage the MP and educate him. You will be surprised that many of them have limited understanding of the issues. From my experience working with the MPs, engagement works very well.

14 hours ago · Like

Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza ?John Makamure, can an old dog be taught new tricks? The argument is you dont get into public service to be taught but to offer service. The assumption is that this guy has experience in one field or the other which allows him to contribut...

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Taungana B. Ndoro ?John Makamure the dishonourable MP should have been engaged before elections. Engage your future MPs now than to let rot further decay the august house.

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Sekuru Mutiro Mukanya Gudo Nxaaa nxaaa aish

Marko Shoko

History is repeating itself.The Constitutional Commission after producing its draft did not go back to the people to check with them whether or not their inputs had been incorporated.Instead vakati POVO hainamaturu and hurriedly submitted its draft to the President,who

because of his executive powers changed some of the provisions.This time it will be the socalled Principles and these will negotiate what they want to be in that doc,the people of Zimbabwe will again reject what doesnt involve then

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Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza and **Respect Bangu** like this.

Thulani Maphosa The process has never been the population based process. It has been a party based process. Its unfortunate this has been highly politicised and the will of the people wont be adressed in this very important piece. Well it never seize to amaze but we are forever in auto-cratc principles

8 May at 14:42 · Like · 1

Taungana B. Ndoro Let Parliament decide. If you have any burning issues table them with your MP.

8 May at 15:30 · Like · 1

Marko Shoko ?@Ndoro.why?i represent my self when it cums to constitutional making issues

8 May at 16:01 via Mobile · Like

Taungana B. Ndoro No Marko Shoko apparently you don't but your MP does. Whatever shenanigans you might say without your MP's consent or knowledge will just be hot air. This is why we need to take Parliamentary elections seriously and separate the chaff from the grain in the next elections in spite of partly affiliation. The Presidential elections are another level where the party is indeed of importance.

Conrad Munyaradzi Gweru Well i think the GNU is on top of the situation at the moment. They are the decesion makers through the principals high level decessions are made. this is an 'abnormal' normal situation in the context of a people driven constitution. Zimbabwe we may want to drive the whole proces bt frankly it ends at some point. This 'abnormal' normal situation has brought with it peace in this country.

Thulani Maphosa Ndoro MPs are partsisan thats all. They represent the interest of their on parties eespecially with the current situation at home. Lets not lie to each other and believe that their views that will be forwarded will be people based

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From page 3 views. All that will come out are the views of the few people that believe they are representing the all of us. It will at the end of the day be a compromise of the elite and the few politicians.

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Taungana B. Ndoro ?Thulani Maphosa unfortunately that is the way politics works. If you have an MDC MP and live an MDC constituency but air Zanu PF views then you need to change where you stay.

Thulani Maphosa Ya but in the case of the constitution its not about politics its about peoples views Ndoro. At the end of the day we dont want political views only to precede our rights. A constitution is above politics my brother. Politics its just but a small part of the constitution its about our identity, protection and what safe guard our self as individuals, groups, communities, tribes you can mention them. Lets not mix that thought otherwise we will lose the vision of a right to all. That is why it has to go for a democratic vote and not party votes. Lets not lie to each other to believe that the document is from the views of the people its for 2 MDC formations and Zanu Pf thats all. And it will be a compromise between the three parties not any other person or parties.

Taungana B. Ndoro ?Thulani Maphosa it is not like there was no outreach programme; there was and those who missed out or had their views distorted should get back to their MPs and not waste taxpayer's

er's money on another exorbitant outreach programme. Why then do we have a parliament? In business you would ask, why then do we have management? Should management be consulting workers all the time? Democracy has limits if it is to be effective and if you think a constitution is above politics then watch what politics will do to this constitution, just watch. If you do not belong to a party, again the constitution will not be amended to accommodate your "natural differences."

Marko Shoko Ndoro. Powers of the State organs is given and defined by the people through a Constitution of the Country.

Taungana B. Ndoro ?Marko Shoko I beg to differ. People transfer power through elections and Parliament can even decide not to have a new constitution and just keep amending the one they have. The real power that people have is during election time, outside that the people have no power unless they have a revolution.

Whitlaw Tanyanyiwa Mugwiji people always have power, elections or no elections its just that sometimes the masses do not realize it. If they think that the people are not important we will simply reject the constitution and make ungovernable and i am sure the mdc will lose the most as they stand to benefit the most.

Shumba Target ?Taungana B. Ndoro in a nut shell ur enunciating the tenets of representative democracy. Jean Jacques Rousseau also captured it in his social contract theory, about which some may not

be enlightened.

Eddie Hlatshwayo ?@ Ndoro, Zim MPs spend much of their time debating about prostitution, orgasm, sex toys, etc... lol.surely we cant trust them to deliver a good constitution on their own..hence the need to involve the masses , through a people driven constitution process..

Whitlaw Tanyanyiwa Mugwiji ?@Shumba you can talk about your enlightenment in-view of what transpired in the Arab spring. Sometimes the masses cannot wait until the next election date. Of-course we use representative democracy but the people should have a say about their constitution that is why we are going to have a referendum. Its clearly because we can never trust politicians we our voice because at the end of the day they are same.

Monday at 22:40 · Like

Taungana B. Ndoro Well, well, Eddie Hlatshwayo the very MP's you voted into parliament are the ones "debating about prostitution, orgasm, sex toys, etc"....so whose fault is it really? The MP's or the people? Next time parliamentary elections are called for do your very best to elect "tenets of representative democracy" as the wisdom of Shumba Target is rightly highlighting.

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Madisnyongoro

The origins of this word is now clear. It appears a mixture of English and Shona. It means commotion or Confusion. Starting this week, we are identifying the person who causes political Madisnyongoro. This week, Hon Morgan Femai Wins the award for showing what type of a male chauvinistic dinosaur he is. The honourable member of Parly literally won this week's award hands down as it would have required absolute mad utterance to match his

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infamous thesis which made international headlines as shown below.

Curb HIV

With Female Circumcision And Shaving Heads, ...Huffington Post UK

MDC-T Senator urges women to dress shabbily, bathe less as HIV ...Zim Diaspora

HIV:Senator wants women to stop bathing ZimEye Zimbabwe

How to stop the spread of HIV? Make women uglier NEWS.com.au

Zimbabwe: Smelly, Shaven-Headed, Circumcised Women will Curb HIV/Aids, ...

IBTimes.co.uk

'Women must bathe less, shave heads to prevent AIDS spread' Times of India

'Women must bathe less, shave heads to prevent HIV spread' - Zimbabwean Senator The New Age Online

Zimbabwe MP tells women to look unattractive to avoid HIV Africa Review

Crazy Talk: To Stop HIV, Shave Women's Heads The Root

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