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Parly Update

Parliament has adjourned to Tuesday next week. This is a customary adjourning to afford Members of Parliament an opportunity to study the speech presented by President Robert Mugabe during the opening of the 4th session of the 7th Parliament last week.

There was deafening silence, last week on update on CDF, the audit and submission of returns. We encourage Honourable Members to follow up and ask, through writing, the responsible ministry to give details of those who have not yet submitted their returns.

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The Bottom-line

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16 BILLS SET FOR FOURTH SESSION

At least 16 Bills will be presented for debate during the fourth session of the 7th Parliament. This is an important session for many reasons. One is that since it is not clear when the next elections will be held, especially after President Robert Mugabe said they would be held by March next year, this session of Parliament should conclude all elections related BILLS. This session is also important because it is during its seating that the constitution making process is likely to be concluded. It is important in that Parliament, which has been driving the constitution making process, will continue to play this role and also pass the BILL should it be approved through a referendum. It is important to mention that some of the bills to be debated during the Fourth Session of the Seventh Parliament, are a spillover from the third session. Reasons proffered for failure to debate them have swung from limited time as a result of focusing on equally important constitution making process and a rather disturbing assertion that there are some which were not

touched because Global Political Agreement partners had not yet concluded negotiations. Waiting for the GPA partners to first negotiate on the substance of a bill is noble but the inherent danger is when one of the signatories to the agreement chooses to throw spanners into works. We have already noticed this when Honourable Member Innocent Gonese (MDC-T) moved a motion to amend sections of POSA. Justice Minister Patrick Chinamasa, said the Act (which political parties have said was used to curtail freedoms and has been abused by the Police) could not be put up for debate because it was already being discussed by political party negotiators under GPA. "It is not necessary to bring this motion in the house as it is under the agenda of the negotiators and by bringing it to parliament it creates unnecessary friction in the GPA as the matter will be debated further as it is on the GPA table. So debate on the matter will be adjourned and we take it to the GPA talks," said the Minister. Gonese, during the last session of Parliament, introduced the issue of amendment to POSA as a

Private Member Bill (when an MP moves a motion to amend an act. This is usually done with the support of either his party or other Members of Parliament who may share the same view with the mover of the motion.) While conceding that amendments to POSA have to go via GPA negotiations, it is important that necessary amendments are passed if the next elections are to be considered free and fair. Some of the proposed amendments would allow political parties to campaign more freely which is one of the important building blocks towards a free and fair election. Some of the bills that are going to be debated during the fourth sessions include: the Electoral Amendment Bill, Referendum Amendment Bill, Human Rights Commission Bill, Diamond Bill and the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Debt Restructuring Bill. It is clear that these are politics/economics inclined bills. There are other BILLS, but these have a bearing on the performance of the economy as well as creating a proper environment for free and fair elections and should be debated and passed soon.



WikiLeaks: What MPs said

Here we extract one of the cables filed in 2009.

On February 10, poloff met with the ZANU-PF MP for Chivi South in Masvingo province, Ivone Dzingirayi, to discuss his perspective of reform elements in ZANU-PF and the prospects for cooperation in Parliament between his party and the MDC-T. Dzingirayi told us that he is part of a circle of moderate ZANU-PF MPs who recognize the reality that Zimbabwe is in an economic and humanitarian crisis that requires a political solution involving both parties. While not openly critical of his party, he said that he was someone "who saw things as they were" and that his voting record would demonstrate support for his constituency; he would not simply adhere to the ZANU-PF party line. He said that other ZANU-PF MPs who shared his moderate outlook included Kudakwashe Bhasikiti of Mwenzezi East, Walter Mzembi of Masvingo South, and Makhosini Hlongwane of Mberengwa East.

(C) Dzingirayi told us that he believed power should be shared 50/50 in the government and that he actually had closer ties to the MDC side of Parliament than to the ZANU-PF side. He repeatedly referred to the old ZANU-PF MPs as being resistant to change, while claiming the younger ZANU-PF MPs were better able to work with the MDC and

were pushing for reform. Dzingirayi said that his priorities were to refurbish and supply the health clinic in his constituency, as well as generate economic opportunities stemming from Chivi's strategic location on the main road leading to South Africa.

The Backlash from ZANU-PF Hardliners

4. (C) Dzingirayi explained that his ties to the MDC were well known and had made him a target of some hard-line elements in his own party. He mentioned that he had been

falsely named in a February 6 article in the state-controlled daily newspaper, the Herald, alleging that he had abused free agricultural inputs he received from the state. (NOTE: The MDC-T chief whip, Innocent Gonesse told us that he doubted

the charges against Dzingirayi were credible, and he agreed that it was most likely an act of political retribution. The same article named one other ZANU-PF MP and seven MDC-T MPs. END

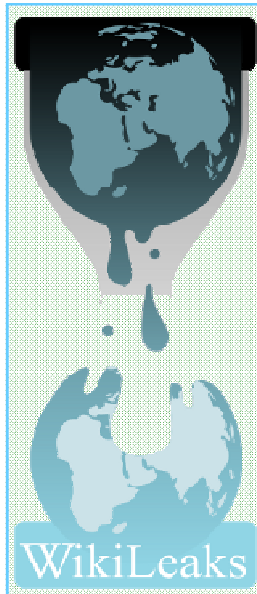
COMMENT

5. (C) With the MDC on the verge of entering into a government of national unity, cooperation between ZANU-PF and the MDC will be sorely tested. Parliament appears to be one venue where there is some convergence of priorities. Post will continue to reach out to reformist elements in ZANU-PF to better evaluate the prospects for political cooperation and success. END COMMENT. MCGEE

Zanu PF reacts to WikiLeaks

The Zanu PF Politiburo will at its meeting on Wednesday respond to what party members said/are alleged to have said. This is a first response by the political party since the first cables were released last year. It is interesting to monitor what the party would say about MPs who were quoted

PMTZ will publish cables that directly deal with MPs



WikiLeaks! Real or Fake?

A post on our facebook group page raised issues

Desiree Chikede Wikileaks! What rubbish! What a hoax by desperate imperialists trying to divide the nation. Anyone who believes this crap is schizophrenic...! Like · · · Subscribe · 18 hours ago near Gaborone, Botswana Desiree Chikede and Ricky Munyaradzi Mukonza like this.

Martin Chinyanga Da William THEY ARE TRUE, THUS ANOTHER TYPE OF A BOMB ONLY.. YOU MUST ACCEPT DEFEAT.

Desiree Chikede What is true about it? All the drama that happened to Asange was fake. It was a precursor to this rubbish. No self respecting person capable of thinking and reading between the lines can accept such devil inspired rhetoric. To me Wikileaks is tantamount to a primitive village rumour of a donkey giving birth to a sheep. What rubbish...! 18 hours ago · Like

Fitz Mapundu Munemo Wikileaks is 4 real! Dumiso Dabengwa confirmed it; he concurred with a statement linked 2 him.....

Desiree Chikede ?@Munemo confirming



or not. Wikileaks is a bag of rubbish! No right thinking person can accept such crap as reality. Its hogwash.

Martin Chinyanga Da William I THINK YOU ARE THE SAME PERSON , WHO SAYS

NEWS IN TV DOES NOT EXIST, UNLESS YOU ARE INTERVIEWED THEN YOU WILL BELIEVE.. IF IT'S FALSE THEN LET ALL THOSE NAMED GO AND CHARGE FOR COMPASERTION TO THE DEPT OF AMERICA, FOR DEFORMATION OF XCTER.. I THINK YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE NEWS OF THE WORLD. 18 hours ago ·

Desiree Chikede Your comment shows me how short sighted you are in your thinking department. I am not surprised why you have fallen in Love for such rubbish. Your words speaks louder about who you are. Shame on you who are easily deceived by such rubbish and nonsense like Wikileaks.

Martin Chinyanga Da William PROPAGANDA YAKO HAIBETSERE, ZVAKAFANAN NEKUTI HANDINA KUMWA DORO/ALCHOL ASI BREATHLIZER IRI 98% KIKIKIKIKIKIKIKI haaaaaaa. 18 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede ?@MARTIN I told you. You are a joker! Hona zvawakutaura. God forbid. You only think about alcohol. Shame...! 18 hours ago ·

Martin Chinyanga Da William THUS CALLED AN ALLEGORY CDE 18 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede Only alcoholics can be misled and I am not one. 18 hours ago · Like

Tichatonga Manfred Sunganai Muzira ey kul down guys it seems u hv your personal issues.wy being so emotional about those cables hence non of u wz named. tru or false those named must find a way 2 justify themselves.

Desiree Chikede It affect the way we are going to be governed. It affect the peace and tranquility which should prevail. Its affects the sovereignty of Zim. It affects the country's standing in the world. You consider all this there is nothing to chill for but to be more pro active. 18 hours ago · Like

Juju Mampara wakatozvitsvirawo mafuse wangu.....mapoint ako haana dhiri.....i think utori one vevanhu vaigaya kuty dombo rinobuda diesel pachinhoyi iwe chikede! 16 hours ago · Like

ZimRelax WithJewels I think Wikileaks have said 'their truth' my question is 'their motives'.



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.

The WikiLeaks Season is Upon Us. Below is, verbatim, what members discussed

Nyamututanga Makombe Wikileaks. After going through all those cables @ the weekend, I was left wondering 1) If those mentioned should be questioned, cautioned or reprimanded by their respective parties. 2) What happens behind closed doors as what they are said to have opined makes interesting yet shocking reading? 3) How apt our leaders are in terms of intelligence gathering! Like · · Unsubscribe · 04 September at 23:38 Valentine N Saungweme, Taurai Mangudhla and 2 others like this.

Phyllis Kachere I wish parties wdnt question, reprimand or caution those mentioned, unfortunately the reality is that some of the mentioned will soon be relegated to the Commissioner's pool and finally obscurity. it is tempting for some party leaders and their zealots to want to silently revenge for this so-called humiliation at the hands of a stranger. Likely to see explosive times ahead of us

Nyamututanga Makombe Are those politicians who loosened their tongues Nicodemus (as in the Bible) or they are judas figures among us? 05 September at 08:47 ·

Phyllis Kachere I suspect he is going to be further investigated with "vim vigour and vitality" chirungu chetsamba dzatanyora zvedu 05 September at 09:30 · Like

Edmore Maisvorea ?@makombe ndiana judas vaya.

Grace Mutandwa The season of cable entertainment is upon us. Political skullduggery is very entertaining - can you imagine the various politicians named trying to convince their bosses and colleagues that they "never" said THAT! 05 September at 13:15 · Like

Tichatonga Manfred Sunganai Muzira wateva they say is it tru or nt?if its tru then why calling them nicodmus. politics u dnt hv 2 be ryt 2 win and these politicians knw that, thts wy they deny it. if nt tru then surely they made a mistake. 05 September at 13:27 via Mobile · Like

Farai Siebert Mabeza finally wikileaks delivers

Martin Chinyanga Da William this is 2011 , the year of dropping all evil. 05 September at 22:49 · Like

Desiree Chikede Wikileaks is rubbish! Its stage man-aged. Its choreographed.Its unbelievable. Its senseless. Its stupidity of the highest order.Its yellow journalism.Its despicable. Its imperialist propaganda. Again its rubbish...! Whoever believes this nonsense is a numskull

Phyllis Kachere Desire, have u been caught in the net? The venom with which u dismiss Wiki is suspicious

Desiree Chikede There is nothing suspicious about it Kachere. Don't tell me you believe this turd smell! Please don't because I respect you so much 18 hours ago · Like

Phyllis Kachere With or without your respect, I believe them 18 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede I think you have just done it yourself Phyllis. Don't see life or things through someone's lense. The moment you do that that is the moment you seize to exist. I hope you haven't seize to exist? As for me Wikileaks is the extension of the divide and rule method by a bankrupt and desperate imperialist trying to throw Zim into a mayhem. 18 hours ago · Like

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Phyllis Kachere But the leaked cables are not only from Zimbabwe, Desiree? 18 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede America's interest are not only defined and restricted to Zim. Even if it were for the whole world its still gibberish. I think Dell has cast a spell on this forum. Can you guys please open your eyes to this rubbish please... I think we have to read between the lines otherwise we shall live in the shadows forever as Africans

Phyllis Kachere Let it be Desire... 18 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede ?"Where there is smoke there is fire..." That is lazy thinking but people who can be easily deceived by others. 18 hours ago · Like

Martin Chinyanga Da William ?Desiree Chikede PROPAGANDA YAKO HAIBETSERE, ZVAKAFANAN NEKUTI HANDINA KUMWA DORO/ALCHOL ASI BREATHLIZER IRI 98% KIKIKIKIKIKIKIKI haaaaaaa.

Phyllis Kachere Allow us to be deceived Desire. Some of those who leaked have confirmed they met with the US officials. 18 hours ago · Like

ZimRelax WithJewels I value Wikileaks as it is valuable.... Where there is smoke there is fire. But I do not understand why they did not reveal all prior to last elections.... Why now? I think we have not heard all yet

Desiree Chikede Rightly so they can confirm meeting Dell. But the question is did they confirm saying what they are alleged to have said. Is it not a question of circumstantial evidence. I mean evidence which nails a murderer on the aspect that 'Chembere yoshayikwa bere yomama mvii'. Tha is old school. What value is there in meeting someone. What evidence is there? 18 hours ago · Like

Martin Chinyanga Da William EACH LEAK IS RECORDED, PLACE, TIME IN SECONDS AND HOW IT WAS RECORDED... this is the american way of safe guarding their gvt hence reject information is thrown in

the bin... so in this case all the rejects are the one which were useless to them hence vital to us people of zim.

Desiree Chikede And you believe all these people wopuld go to Dell like in a studio set up and on the count of 5 the tape rolls and they start to say such rubbish.

Phyllis Kachere They all didnt go to Dell Desire. They leaked to several US ambassadors, depending on which year they went to leak. 17 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede That is what I call lying without being caught. Or mutiple authenticity theory. Meaning since they approached different people different times so therefore the conclusion is thiese cables are believable. I don't buy that even a second. 17 hours ago · Like

Phyllis Kachere You dont have to, but allow those of us who buy that to do so without being abusive to our lack of 'intelligence' 17 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede Benzi bvunza rakanaka. Asika richogonakei iro richinanika upenzi hwaro pavanhu. Ndosaka tichiti kambudzi kubarira pavanhu hunzi nditandirwe mbwa. Do you see the reasonong behind. 17 hours ago ·

Phyllis Kachere I am too daft to see your intelligent reasoning 17 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede Those who buy such rubbish should be reprimanded by those who know. Those who buy that rubbish if they manifest their ignorance in public they need to be helped. Its not a insult 17 hours ago ·

Phyllis Kachere I refuse to be forced to disbelieve...

Phyllis Kachere ?"Those who buy such rubbish should be reprimanded by those who know"...my foot 17 hours ago ·

Desiree Chikede Then you refuse wisdom...Acquiring wisdom is an act of the will. Those who are ignorant were not born ignorant but they decided to be ignorant in face of all wisdom. 17 hours ago · Like

Phyllis Kachere Let it be...I refuse to be polluted with your wisdom 17 hours ago ·

Desiree Chikede Its like that @ Phyllis. Just like that-
Phyllis Kachere Just lyk that Desire...

Desiree Chikede It is now an open secret WIKILEAKS is rubbish I rest my case. 17 hours ago · Like

ZimRelax WithJewels Heyaaa.... Bhudhi Martin, but still..... Why not throw it in the bin. You know what.....? any help for us is good but we should not run like horses on blinkers. 17 hours ago · Like

Phyllis Kachere Go Wiki Go!!!! 17 hours ago · Like

Desiree Chikede When it dawns on us we shall see who has thread bare nickers. Remember this we shall see... 17 hours ago · Like

Juju Mampara ndezvako 15 hours ago · Like



What/Who is WikiLeaks?

"WikiLeaks is a non-profit media organization dedicated to bringing important news and information to the public. We provide an innovative, secure and anonymous way for independent sources around the world to leak information to our journalists. We publish material of ethical, political and historical significance while keeping the identity of our sources anonymous, thus providing a universal way for the revealing of suppressed and censored injustices." This is what the whistleblowers say about themselves on their website:

www.wikileaks.org. Since last year, the organization has been releasing cables sent by various US diplomats across the globe. Two weeks ago they took the expose to new levels when all the cables were released at once without any editing. This has led to various interpretations across the world. The US diplomatic cables are sent via the huge Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, or SIPRNet. SIPRNet is the worldwide US military internet system, kept separate from the ordinary civilian internet and run by the

Department of Defense in Washington. Since the attacks of September 2001, there has been a move in the US to link up archives of government information, in the hope that key intelligence no longer gets trapped in information silos or "stovepipes". An increasing number of

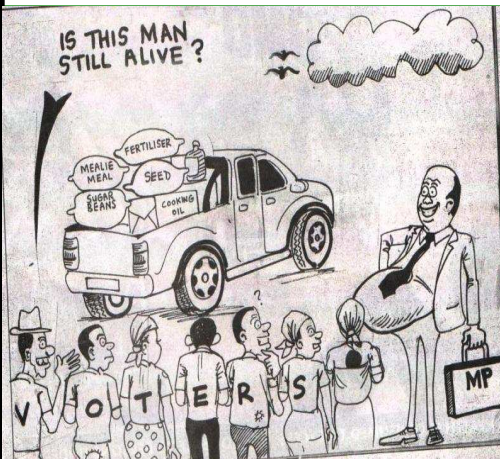


US embassies have become linked to SIPRNet over the past decade, so that military and diplomatic information can be shared. By 2002, 125 embassies were on SIPRNet: by 2005, the number had risen to 180, and by now the vast majority of US missions worldwide are linked to the system - which is why the bulk of

these cables are from 2008 and 2009. An embassy dispatch marked SIPDIS is automatically downloaded on to its embassy classified website. From there, it can be accessed not only by anyone in the state department, but also by anyone in the US military who has a security clearance up to the 'Secret' level, a password, and a computer connected to SIPRNet - which astonishingly covers over 3m people. There are several layers of data in here - ranging up to the "SECRET NOFORN" level, which means that they are designed never be shown to non-US citizens. Instead, they are supposed to be read by officials in Washington up to the level of current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The cables are normally drafted by the local ambassador or subordinates. The "Top Secret" and above foreign intelligence documents cannot be accessed from SIPRNet. (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/nov/29/wikileaks-cables-data>)

wiki is the Hawaiian word for quick. Wiki websites are designed to enable users to make additions or edit any page of the site. (eg Wikipedia)

....and @ the back!



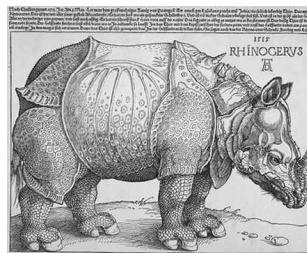
Missing Person (MP)

Source: The Chronicle 9/9/2011

The announcement that elections will be held "by March" has caused panic as some Members of Parliament who had abandoned their Constituencies after the 2008 elections have re-appeared, with lots of excuses, offerings and promises. Voters should not be cheated by such people. They betrayed them once and should not get a 2nd chance.

Enchanting Democracy

Canadian politics tend to be terribly boring, which might explain all the strange parties that are created to spice things up. The Rhinoceros Party, formed in 1963 by Jacques Ferron, was the most famous, as it contested elections for an impressive forty years. In early elections they ran just a single candidate, but as time went on they offered up as many as 120, each free to make their own frivolous campaign promises. The party was mostly made up of artists and comedians, and promised to, among other things, annex the United States, pay off the national debt with



the party's Visa card, and end crime by abolishing all laws. At their highest point they managed to finish second in numerous parliamentary elections, embarrassing the traditional candidates that came behind

them. Perhaps most famous was their successful blackmailing of Belgium; a campaign promise to start a war with the country if elected was called off when the Belgian Embassy in Ottawa sent the party a case of mussels and beer. Unfortunately, new electoral rules shut the party down in 1993 before they managed to win a seat, ensuring that nothing interesting happened in Canadian politics until

the wrestlers showed up. source: <http://www.weirdworm.com/5-weird-political-parties/>

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