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Bullet logos are as follows

- ✓ Compliance with the GPA or positive steps
- ? Outcome still to be decided.
- ✗ Violation of the GPA

Action taken in relation to the relevant article is on average:

In the direction of compliance with the GPA

Shows no conclusive action towards compliance with or contravention of the GPA

In contravention of the principles laid out in the GPA



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Article II **Commitment**



Quotations by public figures pertaining to the GNU:

"I have indicated to the prime minister that, given his briefing, I will be contacting President Mugabe on the matter as well as (Deputy Prime Minister Arthur) Mutambara, on the issues that the prime minister has raised. But I will also contact our colleagues in the region to tell them what the prime minister has briefed me on, with the sole aim of saying how we can continue working together to make quick progress in Zimbabwe." Jacob Zuma – South African President, 3 August 2009

"Let everyone in the inclusive government and in the country generally know that our nation will never prosper through foreign handouts." Robert Mugabe – President, 10 August 2009

"If you link the process of making a Constitution to elections, you are attracting resistance to the making of a new Constitution. Nobody, and I must stress this emphatically, nobody wants to be removed from power. Power is so sweet that no one wants to leave it. I also don't want to be removed from Chivi Central constituency. So if you continue to remind me that I am writing my own removal from power, the chances of me voting for a new Constitution will be diminished. This is across party lines." Paul Mangwana - Parliament's Constitutional Select Committee Co-chairman, 20 August 2009

"Today, Zimbabwe groans under sanctions, unlawful sanctions which must go for her to regain her lustre. This is a challenge comparable to that of the dismantling of settler colonialism. It needs heroes and heroines. I am happy that there is now greater convergence in the country on this one matter which has hurt us so badly, a convergence which must see us build impetus to get these illegal and pernicious sanctions removed." Joice Mujuru – Vice President, 25 August 2009

"We are not tied up by anything other than the fact that we volunteered to be in this government and what will stop us from leaving? We have an option of getting out if we think that it's not working. But what we want to emphasize is that when we say its irreversible we are not saying things will not change, we just say this is the only option that gives direction to the people of Zimbabwe and on that we are very committed." Morgan Tsvangirai – Prime Minister, 31 August 2009

Article VI **Constitution**



- ✓ Special interest groups are embarking on a vigorous campaign to ensure that their rights are enshrined in the new constitution. Groups doing advocacy work for the disabled and minority groups like homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals are looking to deepen the meaning of Section 23 in the constitution to increase their rights. [Article](#)
- ? It is reported that nominations for the 4 constitutional commissions have been suspended, but the Speaker of Parliament Lovemore Moyo denies this. If true, the nomination of candidates will be based on proportional representation and cause further delays. The commissions are the Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC), Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZCC) and the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC). [Article](#)
- ? The Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai has reportedly agreed to try and amend Article 6 of the GPA to obtain the support of the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) and the Zimbabwe National Student Union (ZINASU) in the constitution making process as it will allow government to run the process and keep it out of Parliament. [Article](#)
- ? The President is expected to make the final choice of 3 appointments out of the 6 submitted to him for the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ).
- ? ZMC interviews are complete and a final list of 12 has been submitted to the President who will appoint 8 members and a chair. The final list contains names of two people who are known Zanu PF supporters. Chris Mutsvangwa and Lawton Hikwa have replaced Roger Stringer and Douglas Dhlwayo. The transparency of the process is being called into question, the final list has not been made public [Article](#)

- ? The Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) will lower the number of people in each of the 17 thematic committees down to 24 from 40. The body has criticised civil society and Zanu PF for missing the deadline of July 28 for the submission of names. The MDC-T and Zanu PF will each chair 7 committees, MDC-M 2 and the last will be chaired by a traditional leader.
- ? The consultation process was due to begin on August 25 with US\$2 million from the UNDP.
- ✗ Delays in establishing a media commission hamper media reforms as registration for new newspapers, radio stations and television programming cannot be completed.
- ✗ The Parliamentary Select Committee on the new constitution has failed to raise the US\$35 million required to carry out its function. [Article](#) It is estimated that the new constitution may not be completed until 2013 instead of the original 18 months provision in the GPA. Government has written to the European Union, USAid, UNDP and other donor countries seeking financial aid for the process. Only UNDP has responded with US\$2 million.
- ✗ Disagreements continue around the use of the Kariba Draft Constitution as a founding document for the process in drafting a new constitution.
- ✗ Parliament reportedly spent US\$8 000 on flowers for the July All Stakeholders Conference in Harare despite claims of bankruptcy.

Article III Economic Development



- ✓ The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority has begun to collect earnings from the 22 tollgates installed last month. Minister of Transport, Communications and Infrastructural Development, Nicholas Goche said

"There are many people who wanted us to repair the roads first, yes we should have done that but we do not have the money so we need the users of the road to pay so that we can use the money to repair the roads." In US Dollars the fees are: Light motor-vehicle 1, 00, Minibuses 2, 00, Buses 3, 00, Heavy vehicles 4, 00 and Haulage trucks 5,00. [ZIMRA Designated Tolling Points](#)
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has repaid loans to the sum of US\$375 million revealed Governor Gideon Gono. The loans were repaid to the World Bank (WB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Eximbank of America, Botswana, China, Malaysia, Equatorial Guinea and the Africa Development Bank (ADB). [Article](#)
- ✓ The Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) payment system is up and running after being banned by the RBZ last year. Since starting operations in April transactions to the sum of US\$1.5 million had been processed by mid July. Point of Sale (POS) terminals have also begun to be used as a form of payment at retail outlets with the hope that Visa and MasterCard will be accepted soon. RTGS and POS terminals have reduced the need for change which has been in short supply. (Change is often given in Zimbabwe Dollars at a rate of Z\$3 trillion for USD. 50 cents)
- ✓ Zimbabwean banks have reintroduced cheques into the market for the first time in over a year. They are based in US Dollars with a maximum of US\$200 for individuals and US\$500 for businesses. They are legal tender only in Zimbabwe. [Article](#)
- ✓ The RBZ may soon surrender its shareholding in private companies and four of its six subsidiaries if parliament passes a bill to cut back on the central banks activities in a bid to streamline operations and stop quasi-fiscal activities.
- ✓ Some banks have begun to offer personal and corporate loans to account holders. The loans are guaranteed against immovable property, such as a house. Charges per annum for 30 days are 10%, 12% for 60 days and 14% for 90 days. A minimum loan amount stands at US\$500 and maximum US\$25 000.
- ? RBZ governor Gideon Gono has reopened Bureaux de Changes after he banned them in 2002. As the US Dollar and Rand are legal tender in Zimbabwe, it is not clear why Zimbabwe needs them.
- ? RBZ Governor Gideon Gono said that he wanted to reintroduce the Zimbabwe Dollar which should be pegged to gold. This idea was swiftly put down by Finance Minister Tenadi Biti who said this would not happen and that Zimbabwe was investigating linking the country to the Rand Monetary Area. "As long as I am Minister of Finance it (Zimbabwean dollar) will not come back." said Biti. [Article](#)
- ? Inflation rose to 1% month on month from June to July 2009

- ? The Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Obert Mpofu said that Zimbabwe is open to foreign investments in the mining sector.
- ? Gideon Gono stated that foreigners need to be able to own a controlling share of mines in order to attract investment. "The Mines and Mineral Act should reflect an indigenous policy that encourages foreign investment. The policy should allow foreign investors who are bringing in capital to own more than 50% of the venture."
- ? Chief Newman Chiadzwa who has been on the run for divulging details of violations at the Chiadzwa Diamond Mines has been arrested in Mutare for contravening sections of the Precious Stones Trade Act after he was found with 8 kilograms of diamonds back in 2006.
- ? Government has embarked on further negotiations with some civil servants who are demanding a minimum salary of US\$400 for the lowest paid workers and an additional US\$100 allowance for housing and transport. Government is expected to respond to these demands by 14 September.
- ? Diamond sales resulted in US\$19,6 million in revenue from January to July 2009 revealed the Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe.
- * The National Economic Council (NEC) has still not met which is in violation of Article 3 of the GPA which states the body must be comprised of government and private sector representatives.
- * The following ministries reported poor progress in meeting targets set out in the 100 day plan due primarily to a lack of funding. The Ministries of Public Works; Science and Technology Development; National Housing and Social Amenities; Information Communication Technology; Transport, Communications and Infrastructural Development, Water Resources, Development and Management, Public Service; and Energy and Power Development.
- * Emmerson Mnangagwa has been linked to a cartel known as 'The Crocodile Gang' which poaches rhinos and elephants for illegal horns and ivory. [Article](#)
- * A 4 member team from the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme has embarked on a further trip to probe reports of human rights abuses at Marange and Chiadzwa fields. The World Diamond Council (WDC) will add its voice to calls for Zimbabwe's diamonds to be suspended from international trade if the fields remain under control of the military. Government has created an inter-ministerial team to respond to the KP allegations of abuses on the fields. The team includes Defense Minister Emmerson Mnangagwa, Finance Minister Tendai Biti, Mines Minister Obert Mpofu and Trade Minister Welshman Ncube. [Article](#)
- * Export proceeds for the first half of the year dropped 38% to US\$475.52 million said the RBZ.
- * Several high density suburbs in Bulawayo were without water for two weeks due to electricity cuts at the Magwegwe Water Reservoir. Residents were getting water from unsafe sources as clean water was unavailable.
- * The Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) estimates that industry is operating below 30%. The manufacturing sector requires further lines of credit and a reliable source of electricity, transport and telecommunications to increase capacity.
- * Commercial bank deposits for the first six months of the year averaged US\$350 million. This had dropped to US\$41.8 million this year says the RBZ. [Article](#)
- * The Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) attempted to enter into a coal mining enterprise with Sinamatela in Hwange to increase power supply but the government refused to grant them a licence, despite increasing power-cuts due to an electricity deficit. Minister for Economic Planning and Investment Promotion said at a partnership meeting with GIBS at Mandel Training Centre that Zimbabwe would meet its power requirements by December and that government was facilitating a US\$80 million loan for ZESA to purchase coal.
- * The Harare City Council has begun to turn off water to those properties that have outstanding bills. Rate payers however say the amounts being charged are exorbitant and in some cases they are still not receiving the service. The council is owed US\$22 million in outstanding bills and it is thought that as much as 40% of its output from the Morton Jeffery treatment plant is lost as a result of leaking pipes.
- * ZESA has disconnected residential and industrial areas due to unpaid bills in Bulawayo
- * The national carrier Air Zimbabwe may close due to a lack of funds and incoming competition. A privately owned airline called Fly Kumba may launch in September offering low cost flights between Zimbabwe and South Africa.

- ✖ Farmers do not have money for agro-inputs says the Zimbabwe Seed Trade Association (ZSTA). Farmers require up to 40 000 tonnes of seed but seed companies currently only have 22 00 tonnes, a shortfall of 18 000. This has been blamed on government payment delays for seed procured during the last season.
- ✖ Dunn and Bradstreet a US based provider of credit information on business has ranked Zimbabwe alongside Afghanistan as the riskiest place to invest in the world due to high levels of economic, commercial, external and political uncertainty.

Article XXI Electoral Vacancies



- ✓ After failing to secure a parliamentary seat within 3 months of his appointment to Cabinet, Gibson Sibanda MDC-M, may contest the Insiza North seat which will become vacant when the incumbent Malandu Siyabonga Ncube takes up a diplomatic posting in Nigeria.
- ? There are reports that the three principals are discussing extending the 12 month ban on contesting elections to three years by altering Article 21 of the GPA
- ? Job Sikhala, former St. Mary's MP claims he is the new leader of MDC-M after he was reportedly endorsed at 64 nationwide rallies. This has been dismissed by the party leadership. Sikhala has also been expelled from the party and is challenging his dismissal in the High Court. This brings the total number of expelled MDC-M MP's to 6.
- ? MDC-M's three expelled MP's Abedinico Bhebhe (Nkayi South), Norman Mpofu (Bulilima East) and Njabuliso Mguni (Lupane East) challenged their expulsion from the party and parliament in the High Court, but the case was thrown out with expenses. ZAPU intends to run in the upcoming by-elections for the vacant seats. The legislators have appealed the ruling at the Supreme Court.
- ? Edwin Dzambara MDC-M claims to have taken over the role of secretary general of the party from Welshman Ncube. [Article](#)
- ? The death of Vice President Joseph Msika leaves the post vacant, a post which must be filled by a member of the same political party as the former incumbent. Traditionally the two vice presidential posts have been held by one Zanu PF and one ZAPU representative. ZAPU has re-launched itself as an independent political party so it is unclear who will fill the post. [Article](#) It has been reported by some media houses that Dumiso Dabengwa the ZAPU leader is being offered the vice presidency by Mugabe but that he is resisting taking up the post until a public apology is made for the Gukurahundi massacres in the 1980's. This has been emphatically denied by ZAPU. [Obituary: Zimbabwe Independent](#)
- ✖ The MDC are claiming to be the victims of a Zanu PF campaign to destroy their slim majority of 100 to 99 in parliament as several of their MP's are being charged with fabricated crimes or insignificant actions. 14 MDC MP's and Senators are facing charges ranging from corruption to rape. If convicted, that will force by-elections and after September 15 Zanu PF can contest the seats.
- ✖ There have been no by-elections to fill the 15 vacant seats in Parliament. As an election takes a minimum of 5 weeks to organize, none of them will take place before the 15th of September, one year from the signing of the GPA. Under this agreement, for 12 months, no elections can be contested by any of the parties who are signatories to the GPA. However after the 1 year any political party can contest an election. The delays in holding the elections are also in violation of the Electoral Act and the Constitution.
The additional 5 seats come from:
 - o Senate: Senator Richard Hove passed away on 21 August in Mberengwa
 - o House of Assembly: Cornelius Dube passed away on 15 August in Emakhandeni-Entumbane and on the 18th the Speaker of Parliament announced the three MDC-M vacancies after they were expelled from the political party.
- ✖ It has been revealed that ZEC does not have the funds to hold by-elections. [Article](#)
- ✖ Until the new electoral commission is operational, it remains unclear if the body that ran the 2008 elections is authorised to oversee any new elections.

Article XX Framework for a National Government



September 15 will mark the one year anniversary of the inclusive government.

Outstanding Issues
1. Failure to implement SADC resolutions of 27 January 2009 2. Mugabe's unilateral appointment of the Attorney General Johannes Tomana and RBZ Governor Gideon Gono 3. No provincial governors have been appointed 4. Roy Bennett has not been sworn in as Deputy Minister of Agriculture 5. Ongoing farm invasions 6. Youth militia – redeployment and integration into police 7. Appointment of permanent secretaries 8. Ongoing propaganda by state media 9. Neither party has managed to persuade the West to lift smart sanctions.

- ✓ After meeting with Morgan Tsvangirai in South Africa early in the month, President Jacob Zuma and Chair of SADC arrived in Harare on the 27th to meet the principals with the hope of resolving some of the outstanding issues which he said were not insurmountable. He also opened the annual Harare Agricultural Show. [Article](#) "The inclusive government has the responsibility to fully implement the global political agreement and thus create confidence in the process." Zuma said.
- ✓ United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Jacob Zuma pledged cooperation when dealing with Zimbabwe and other 'hot spots'. "We're going to be closely consulting as to how best to deal with what is a very difficult situation for South Africa and for the United States, but mostly for the people of Zimbabwe," Clinton said.
- ✓ Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara said that a paper outlining the progress and achievements under the 100 Day Plan was due for release at the end of August.
- ? The Mass Public Opinion Institute (MPOI) conducted a survey which showed that support for Zanu PF and its President has dropped to less than 10% and the MDC-T led by Morgan Tsvangirai has about 57%. The full report is due for release in the coming weeks.
- ? Questions have arisen over whether it is fair to reduce parliamentarian's term in office down from 5 years to two, fuelling speculation that the GNU will be extended.
- ? The chances of John Nkomo becoming the new Vice President are high which would leave the post of Zanu PF Chairman vacant. Zimbabwe's ambassador to South Africa Sam Moyo and Kembo Mohadi are tipped to fill the post.
- ? The 29th SADC Heads of State summit is due to be held in Kinshasa, DRC in early September. One of the issues to be raised is thought to be the South African General's report on 2008 election violence commissioned by then chair of SADC, Thabo Mbeki – a report that has not been made public. [Article](#) SADC leaders are also expected to discuss the future role of South Africa as facilitator in the Zimbabwe dialogue at the SADC meeting.
- ✗ The South African Foreign Affairs Department's Director General, Ayanda Ntsaluba said that the country is satisfied with the improving human rights situation in Zimbabwe.
- ✗ The version of the GPA that was approved by Parliament is apparently a different version to that originally agreed upon and is 18 pages long instead of the original 36. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) reveal the most important alterations are of two clauses: control of any future referendums remains with the President who can decide if they should be held or not and, and if held, when and what questions should be asked. [Article](#)
- ✗ The Zanu PF Youth League conference opened in Harare on the 11th and infighting between heavyweights as to who will take over from President Mugabe when the time comes for one of them to lead the party. The two camps supporting Emmerson Mnangagwa and Joice Mujuru are jostling for power.
- ✗ Wilmot James of the Democratic Alliance (DA), opposition party in South Africa embarked on a fact finding mission to Zimbabwe and declared that Zanu PF is stockpiling arms and ammunition. Citing a Belgian research group, International Peace Information Service, James said some arms shipments had already arrived in Zimbabwe. [Article](#)

- ✖ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has revealed that 5 MDC officials due to take up diplomatic posts may only be able to do so next year because the ministry has no money.
- ✖ Prime Minister Tsvangirai, President Mugabe and Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara were scheduled to meet on the 17th to discuss outstanding issues in the power-sharing government but the meeting did not take place because Mutambara did not attend. One of the key issues to be raised was the different version of the GPA that was passed by Parliament.
- ✖ Several MDC-T MP's were arrested at the Ministry of Finance on the 18th. They were detained at Harare Central police station and are charged with 'conduct likely to breach the peace'. The ten were Pishai Muchauraya, Prosper Mutseyami, Cephass Makuyana, Margret Matienga, Felix Mafa, Simon Hove, Piniel Denga, Amos Chibaya, Shepherd Madamombe and another one whose identity could not be established. [Article](#)
- ✖ Cabinet ministers gathered in Nyanga for a two day retreat to analyse and take stock of progress and failings in fulfilling the 100 day plan drafted in Victoria Falls in April. (Reports by the JOMIC, the Ministry of Finance, the National Healing Organ among others were presented). Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai and Vice President Joice Mujuru attended. The meeting collapsed on the second day when Zanu PF ministers walked out of the meeting after the Deputy Prime Minister said the 2008 elections were fraudulent. "We walked out of the meeting in protest to register our anger against reckless statements by one of the principals of the Global Political Agreement." said Justice Minister Patrick Chinamasa. The meeting continued with only ministers aligned to MDC-T and MDC-M. [Article](#)
- ✖ Siyabonga Malandu Ncube, MP for Insiza was due to take up a diplomatic post in Senegal but refused to undergo diplomatic training without giving a reason. His replacement is to be Mrs. Trudy Stevenson the MDC-T secretary for research and policy and former MP for Harare North. [Article](#)
- ✖ Zimbabwe has established diplomatic ties with Myanmar
- ✖ Morgan Tsvangirai has expressed frustration with delays in solving the outstanding issues of the GPA. He stated that the MDC was in the unity government as a volunteer and could leave if it so desired but would do what is best for the country and its citizens.

[Jacob Zuma's Speech after his recent trip to Zimbabwe on developments in the inclusive government.](#)

Article IV Funding



- ✓ The United Nations revealed that US\$60 million (45% of the total requirement for the sector) would be pledged to help farmers boost production.
- ✓ The Global Fund has given Zimbabwe a grant of US\$38 million to fight TB, Malaria and HIV / AIDS for the next 9 months.
- ✓ The distribution sector has received US\$168.7 million in loans advanced by commercial banks from April – July 2009.
- ✓ The European Union (EU) allocated US\$12 million to safeguard access to food for vulnerable people.
- ✓ The AFDB has allocated US\$6 million in technical assistance for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and Investments Promotion.
- ✓ The British government has offered support to the value of US\$100 million for the inclusive government for water, health, sanitation and primary education. The funds will be channelled through non-governmental organisations and the United Nations. [Article](#)
- ? South Africa has been approached for an additional R300 million to be used for Zimbabwe's education sector and the coming harvest. Two thirds of the original R300 million has been transferred.
- ? Augustino Zacarias, head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) revealed that donors had so far pledged only US\$316m humanitarian aid of the US\$718m sought by the UN. The UN estimates that 2.8m adult Zimbabweans need food aid while 6m people have little or no access to safe water and sanitation. [Article](#)
- ✖ Bulawayo requires US\$20 million to replace its ageing sewer and water reticulation systems which continue to put residents at risk of water borne diseases.

Article VII, XVI Humanitarian & Food Assistance



- * The City of Harare is losing up to 40% of its treated water daily due to leaking pipes and old infrastructure. [Article](#)
- * Khami Maximum Security Prison in Bulawayo, which houses 2000 inmates, has had its water cut due to unpaid bills of US\$230 000 to the council. This increases the risk of cholera and other diseases.
- * Masvingo went without water for nearly a week at the end of the month, the water cuts have been blamed on power outages which prevented the pumping machines from working.

FOOD SECURITY

- * Three prison guards assaulted and killed an inmate, Patrick Chioko, because he apparently stole some sadza (maize meal) at a satellite prison near the International Airport in Harare. [Article](#)
- * The United Nations Humanitarian agency has revealed that with funding requirements only being met half way and a poor harvest, there will be a 180 000 tonne deficit for the 2009/10 season. Currently 22 000 children are in need of treatment for severe malnutrition.
- * Soldiers fought each other for free food on offer after a ceremony to mark Defence Forces Day at Mucheke Stadium. "It is not surprising that our colleagues fight over food. We are starving in the barracks and when we get an opportunity to feed ourselves on such rare occasion we have to exploit it. We are glad that the public had to know our plight through this unfortunate incident." said a junior officer.
- * Access to hard currency in rural areas makes the purchase of food in foreign currency difficult for most rural dwellers. Coupled with the strengthening Rand, the cost of food continues to rise.

EDUCATION

- ✓ The National Education Advisory Board has finalised the process of setting up committees for the August 2009 – March 2010 period. These include committees for teachers' conditions of service, policy and capacity, infrastructure and resources, parents and the community and finally, curriculum.
- ✓ Education Minister David Coltart has agreed that school fees in rural areas may be paid with goats, chickens and other animals if parents can not get access to cash. He revealed that the education department needed US\$95 million to function smoothly.
- ? The University of Zimbabwe (UZ) opened its doors after 7 months but with hardly any students as they could not afford the R4000 – 6000 semester fees. An ordinary Zimbabwean earns less than R1500.
- * The Zimbabwe National Students Union (ZINASU) released a statement detailing the arrest of 14 students from UZ including ZINASU president Clever Bere on the 4th. The students were meeting to discuss tuition fees, boycotts by students and lecturers and accommodation problems. 10 of the students were released without charge while 4 remained in custody after being accused of 'participating in a gathering with intent to promote public violence and breach the peace'. [Article](#)
- * Teachers unions ZIMTA and PTUZ have expressed their displeasure at the increase of salaries to US\$155 per month. Some teachers are on strike and the government hopes to avoid nation wide strikes if salary demands of US\$400 a month are not met.
- * Over 20 000 teachers have fled Zimbabwe during the course of the last 24 months due to poor salaries, working conditions and political turmoil.
- * The collapse of the education sector over the past several years has seen a decline in the exposure of students to IT related learning and technology. Some computers have been donated to schools but are not being used because of power cuts and the cost of internet access.

HEALTHCARE

- ✓ Plumpy'nut peanut butter is being used in some clinics for children who suffer from acute malnutrition. The substance contains peanut butter paste, vegetable oil, sugar, milk powder, vitamins and minerals and comes in 500 calorie pouches. [Article](#)
- ? Doctors returned to work on the 26th after a 2/3 week long strike despite their demands not being met. Doctors said the effect of the strike on innocent patients was too grave to continue. "We went back to work on humanitarian grounds. We saw that the patients are the ones actually suffering

while this game of wait and see is being played. We are actually now lobbying government to re-appoint new people to the Health Services Board and the Hospital Management Board, and dissolve the existing boards that we have, because these people have shown that they have failed." said Brighton Chizhande, President of the HDA. [Article](#)

- ✖ The Health and Child Welfare Ministry fired 10 junior doctors as a result of the strike.
- ✖ 6 inmates at Masvingo Remand Prison have died from cholera in the midst of a fresh outbreak. Masvingo Provincial Medical Director, Dr Robert Madyiradima, confirmed the outbreak.
- ✖ Kwekwe prisoners are severely malnourished and living in squalid conditions. Aid organisation Doctors Without Borders (MSF) have stepped in to provide therapeutic nutrition and is to try to improve water and sanitation. This is the first of 7 institutions that MSF will be working in over the next 4 months.
- ✖ Operation Garikai, a government housing initiative in Masvingo, may be demolished by the city council to avert a major health catastrophe. 300 people were allocated 2 roomed houses in the settlement for supposed victims of the 2005 Operation Murambatsvina. There is no clean water and the sanitation facilities are not sufficient as the Blair toilets have reached capacity. [Article](#)
- ✖ Patients wishing to be treated at a state hospital have to pay for everything as the government has no resources, putting healthcare out of the reach of most people. Consultation fees range from \$40 if one wants to see a private practitioner, \$10 for the bigger hospitals and \$5 for clinics.
- ✖ Sewerage and leaking water are commonplace in Bulawayo putting the city at risk of disease in the rainy season. The City Council needs about US\$20 million to replace the aged sewerage systems to avoid a disaster and rehabilitate its water treatment plants.
- ✖ Fears of a Swine Flu pandemic in Zimbabwe are growing as the doctors strike continues and the state is short of medical supplies. Mutare saw the first five cases at Hill Crest Primary School.
- ✖ The National Aids Council is said to be abusing funds causing unnecessary death and suffering for patients with HIV and AIDS. The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority said that of the US\$1.7 million collected from AIDS levies only US\$20 000 was spent on the intended work. 170 000 people currently receive anti-retroviral drugs (ARV's) out of the 300 000 people who urgently require them.
- ✖ Several western suburbs in Harare ran out of water for days due to the replacement of pipes claimed the City Council. [Article](#)

Article XXII **Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee – JOMIC**



- ✖ There are no activities to report. A 6 month review of the GNU by JOMIC is due.

Article V **Land Question**



CORRECTION: The July GNU Watch made a reference to 150 000 farmers / farm workers who had been displaced since the inclusive government was formed. The report was in the Zimbabwean Newspaper of last month, but after further investigation it seems the figures came from the Norwegian Refugee Council report from 2003. The newspaper did not print a correction.

- ✓ Former Masvingo governor Willard Chiwewe has been evicted off the Ganyani Farm he seized from a black farmer in 2006 following a land audit confirming that he was a multiple farm owner. [Article](#)
- ✓ The Commercial Farmers Union (CFU) is compiling a list of farm invaders for future reference in connection to human rights abuses and land audits. [Article.](#)
- ✓ The SADC Tribunal has ruled in favour of Luke Tembani, a black farmer who won back his land after the state repossessed it because he had defaulted on payments. This was found to be as a result of economic constraints that were out of his control because of the collapsed Zimbabwean economy.
- ✓ Kenneth Bartholomew has won a court application to have Felix Pambukani an A2 farmer evicted from his Wakefield farm in Chegutu.
- ? Article 5.9 of the GPA states that a comprehensive, transparent and non-partisan land audit must be completed. This process has not begun even though in governments 100 day plan it was a priority. US\$30 million is apparently required to carry out the exercise, money which government does not

have, but neither is government willing to share the existing land audit documents it used to conduct 'land reform'.

- ✗ Farmer Charles Lock has given evidence to the Legal Monitor in Zimbabwe of the fact that 8 armed soldiers continuously prevented him from harvesting his tobacco crop worth an estimated US\$1 million. Lock has court documents preventing this kind of abuse but Brigadier General Austin Moyo seems determined to own the farm. [Article.](#)
- ✗ Farmer Dennis Lapham, owner of Devonia Farm which produces about 520 tonnes of maize, is battling to keep his land as Zanu PF supporter Herbert Shumbamhini continues to disturb and threaten Lapham.
- ✗ Thousands of land seekers were given permission to build houses on Hopley Farm near Harare by Hubert Nyanhongo, a Zanu PF MP, in the run up to the 2008 elections. Pinnacle Holdings, a real estate agency has now ordered all people residing on the land to vacate it as it is owned by the company, which itself is owned by Zanu PF MP Philip Chiyangwa. All houses on the land are being destroyed by armed police officers and bulldozers. Deputy Energy minister and Harare South MP Hubert Nyanhongo is refusing to relocate his supporters off two farms, Nyarungu and Stoneridge near Harare despite 3 High Court orders for them to leave. He claims the farms were allocated to his supporters by the government while they are actually owned by Jetmaster and Pinnacle Properties.
- ✗ Sophie Hart (75), wife of farmer Jan Hart was murdered on the 30th on her farm in Kadoma District after being tortured during an apparent robbery.
- ✗ An elderly Karoi farmer was also attacked on his farm and is recovering in hospital. It is feared that elderly farmers are now soft targets and under real threat.
- ✗ The house of Ben Freeth on Mount Carmel Farm in Chegutu was burnt down in a fire at the end of the month, the last of many violent and destructive attacks as he and his family continue at the SADC Tribunal to fight for the right to stay on their land.
- ✗ Ian and Jenny le Roux are recovering in hospital after being attacked in their homestead 90km's north of Harare.

Article XVII Legislative Agenda Priorities



- ✓ The African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) ruled that sections 79 and 80 of AIPPA should be amended as they contravene Article 9 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights. The ACHPR ordered that a report of implementations of its findings be presented to the body within 6 months from the 30th of June.
- ✓ A report is due to be presented to Cabinet and Parliament in October with the findings of a Public Service audit.
- ✓ A motion was passed to investigate politically motivated prosecutions and for an investigation of the conduct of the Attorney General. A Select Committee will be set up by the CSRO and its members will reflect the political composition of the House of Assembly.
- ✓ 7 Bills were passed this year:
Constitution Amendment (No. 19); National Security Council; Finance; Appropriation (2008)(Additional); Appropriation (2009); Finance (No. 2); and Appropriation (Supplementary) Bills. [Note: these were all fast-tracked in less than two days each.]
- ✓ Update on Legislation
Bills passed by Parliament but not yet gazetted as Acts
There are 3 Bills in this category: Appropriation (2008)(Additional) Bill [passed in late March]; Finance (No. 2) Bill and Appropriation (Supplementary) Bill [passed 23rd July]. These Bills have not yet been submitted to the President for his assent. Clause 16 of the Finance (No. 2) Bill provides for "dollarisation", making the British pound, the euro, US dollar, SA rand and Botswana pula legal tender in Zimbabwe [backdated to 1st February].
- ✓ Parliamentary Committee meetings were open to the public on 18th and 20th of August.
- ✓ The Prime Ministers office is seeking to review the Citizenship Act which after 2003 prohibits not only dual citizenship but also required Zimbabweans who were once citizens of other countries to renounce their foreign citizenship if they wanted to maintain Zimbabwean citizenship. [Article](#)

- ? Statutory Instruments and General Notices – GN 104/2009, gazetted on 21st August, contains Clemency Order No. 1 of 2009. This provides for the unconditional immediate release of several groups of prisoners – excluding anyone serving a sentence for murder, rape or other sexual offences, carjacking, armed robbery, stock theft, or tampering with ZESA power lines and installations. Those benefiting are: all prisoners under 18 and all female prisoners; all prisoners certified as terminally ill; all prisoners in open prisons; and all prisoners serving sentences of 3 years or less who have already completed at least a quarter of their sentences.
- ? Both houses of parliament are in recess until the 1st of September, ending the 1st session of the 7th Parliament.
- ? The Ministry of Finance has gazetted the Public Finance Management Bill to control the use of public resources more effectively. This legislation will seek to repeal the Audit and Exchequer Act and the State Loans and Guarantees Act by merging them into a single law.
- ✖ AIPPA and POSA – there is still no sign of Bills to amend these Acts or of Bills for any of the other reform legislation mentioned in the GPA and STERP.

Veritas makes every effort to ensure reliable information, but cannot take legal responsibility for information supplied.

Article XI, XVIII National Security Council



- ✓ MDC-T has called for comprehensive security sector reform to depoliticise the army and police forces. The Defence Forces Commission is mentioned as needing a new board which is then responsible for reviewing and overseeing senior appointments, working conditions and salaries. This act follows the first National Security Council (NSC) last month.
- ✖ The NSC is supposed to meet once a month but as of the 31st of August had missed this deadline. It is unclear if the Joint Operations Command (JOC) is still meeting and therefore causing the delays in the implementation of its replacement, the NSC.

Article XV National Youth Training Programme



- ✖ Zanu PF youth militias are apparently being recruited into the police force under the guise of a crackdown on crime. Recruitment requirements have been lowered it is thought to be able to incorporate more Border Gezi militia graduates. [Article](#)
- ✖ Safari operators in Matabeleland are under attack by youth militias who are accusing them of not attending Zanu PF meetings and questioning them on their ability to earn a living. Douglas Houge, a safari owner said, "All my workers last week were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting in the area. During the meeting threats to take over my farm and that of Davis were issued. During the meeting we were accused of getting funds from the British and Americans while neglecting new farmers. Now the question is where do they expect us to get money to assist them when we are also struggling?"

Article X Free Political Activity



- ✓ Dr. Ibbo Mandaza and Rtd Major Kudzai Mbudzi, both formerly Mavambo members have formed a new political party called the Zimbabwe National Congress, and will participate in the next elections.
- ? MDC-T held a successful rally in Mutare amidst political interference from soldiers who pulled down posters publicising the event. [Article](#)
- ✖ Prison officers in Karoi were approached by Senior Prison Officer Isheunesu Chibwe who demanded that they support Zanu PF ahead of its congress in December. In Harare orders were given to attend Vice President Joseph Msika's burial. The Karoi prison security personnel are apparently after the officers who leaked to the press the information of the address which effectively breaks order and the Prisons Security Act.

- ✖ Police commissioner general Augustine Chihuri issued a directive ordering that no police officer above the rank of inspector will attend any political rallies except those addressed by President Mugabe.
- ✖ Posters of ZAPU at the funeral of Vice President Joseph Msika were torn down it is suspected by Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) members.
- ✖ A Warren Park resident was badly beaten by uniformed soldiers because his cell phone ring tone was anti President Mugabe.
- ✖ ZINASU, ZCTU and the NCA had a falling out over members attending congresses organised by other factions namely MDC-T and ZCTU/NCA on the drafting of a new constitution. 4 students were seriously assaulted in the ruckus.

BELOW IS A LIST OF POLITICAL PARTY COMMUNICATION AND STATEMENTS

Zanu PF have not released any statements or communiqués.

MDC-T

[Interview with Morgan Tsvangirai on sharing power with Robert Mugabe](#)

[Click here to download copies of the PM's Newsletters](#)

[MDC applauds President Zuma's statement.](#)

[Changing Times Online 22 August 2009](#)

[MDC Manicaland Province 10th Anniversary Celebratory rally in Pictures](#)

[MP Dube laid to rest](#)

[MDC Director General Toendepi Shonhe acquitted](#)

[Zanu PF in desperate bid to mislead the world](#)

[Inclusive government should look into the plight of doctors](#)

[Defence forces should be non-partisan](#)

[The Changing Times Online 7 August 2009](#)

[Independent body must confer national hero status](#)

[MDC mourns Vice President Msika](#)

[Another senior MDC official receives a death threat](#)

[MDC Youth Assembly statement on the arrest and detention of T Mahlangu](#)

Article IV Sanctions_



- ✖ Zanu PF has accused the MDC of failing to convince the West to drop smart sanctions with the formation of an inclusive government. Mugabe said due to this lack commitment from the MDC, Zanu PF was under no pressure to deal with any outstanding issues pertaining to the GPA. The Prime Ministers office in response said that it would not be held responsible for the sanctions imposed by the West. The MDC said that only a complete departure from impunity would effect any sanctions imposed on Zanu PF. [Article](#)

Article VII, XII Reconciliation



- ✓ Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai spoke to exiled Zimbabweans in South Africa and expressed the importance of them returning to their home county in order for it to revive itself as government can not rebuild the nation alone. [Article](#)
- ✓ MDC-T has compiled a list of post election violence incidents in 2008 and records 500 lives lost as a result of the violence. The majority of the victims were MDC members and evidence shows that the military and security forces took part in or supported the violence.
- ✓ A debate has been sparked with the death of Vice President Joseph Msika over who can be named as a national hero and buried at the Heroes Acre Cemetery. Tsvangirai has said it is important to recognise the contribution to Zimbabwe by all sectors and political parties.

- ✓ Church organisations and Christian leaders have called for the creation of a commission to hear cases of political violence and to also determine punishment for the perpetrators as well as compensation for the victims. "Those involved in the designing, targeting, coordination and sponsoring of the violence must take ownership of their actions by a public acknowledgment of such actions." said the Zimbabwe Christian Alliance.
- ✗ Gideon Gono, RBZ Governor has called for blanket amnesty for people who committed politically motivated crimes in the last decade. He claims this is the only way that real healing and reconciliation can take place in Zimbabwe. "As a central bank, the advice we give to our leadership in the various stations in our communities is that we build genuine national healing through the implementation of a stakeholder-defined amnesty." said Gono.

Articles XII, XIX **Rights and Freedoms**



- ✓ Human rights campaigners are fighting to have the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people protected in the new constitution, which would mean abolishing existing laws that make it a criminal offence for men to have sex with other men.

MEDIA

- ✓ Tinoziva Bere, a human rights lawyer has warned members of the media that they could face criminal prosecution under international law if they propagate hate speech and support violation of human rights in their work. "Any journalist who supports violations of human rights and the murder of citizens should not only face sanctions from the United States but should face criminal prosecution." Bere said.
- ✓ The Prime Ministers Newsletter which is produced weekly continues to grow in popularity along with The Legal Monitor and The Conveyor which are all distributed in urban and rural areas free of charge. Subjects covered in these publications range from local government, parliamentary affairs, state of the GNU and activities of the MDC as they are never mentioned in state media. Regular newspapers run an average of 15 000 copies while the Prime Ministers Newsletter around 60 000.
- ✓ Two state media personnel were denied visas to cover President Mugabe's trip to the United States to attend the UN General Assembly because they are on the smart sanctions travel ban. [Article](#) The journalists are Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) diplomatic correspondent, Judith Makwanya, and Herald deputy editor, Caesar Zvayi.
- ? 28 applicants have been short listed for the Zimbabwe Media Commission and the Broadcasting Authority Board. The president will make the final appointments from a list provided by the CSRO. The CSRO intends to use the Media Commission short list to select six nominees for appointment to the Board of the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe [BAZ].
- ? At a public meeting organized by Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Media, Information, Publicity, Communication and Technology it was revealed that the public believe that the Herald and ZBC continue to offer biased reporting. "We wonder what this Global Political Agreement (GPA) is all about. Because it is a one sided affair when it comes to coverage of issues. Why should the President be required to appoint the ZBC board, that should stop unless if there are some ulterior motives. There must be interviews and those suitable should simply take up the jobs," said Kurai Madzonga, of FEBA Radio Zimbabwe.
- ✗ The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) – Zimbabwe has expressed its concern to the Speaker of Parliament, Lovemore Moyo over Parliaments decision to pick candidates for the BAZ from the applicants who applied for the ZMC.
- ✗ Zimbabweans are not renewing their listening licences because of propaganda and biased content towards Zanu PF and poor service quality. The ZCTU threatened to sue the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Authority (ZBC) over the airing of a story alleging that the group participated in the disruption of the first all stakeholders conference in a letter.
- ✗ Biased media reporting from the state broadcaster is ongoing and the MDC continues to be denied the opportunity to utilise the broadcasters, nor is any real public debate allowed.

- ✖ Broadcasters continue to refer to the President as Head of State and Government and Commander in-Chief of the Nation after a memorandum was released last month declaring that is how Mugabe should be referred to.
- ✖ The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has criticised the wages and working conditions of Zimbabwean journalists as it is still not considered safe for members of the press to report openly and honestly about the state of political affairs.
- ✖ The Legislator, a live TV phone in programme has been taken off the air as Zanu PF officials said it promoted the MDC.
- ✖ The Herald Newspaper and ZBC were ordered to run negative stories about MDC-M President Arthur Mutambara after he called the 2008 elections 'fraudulent, a nullity and a farce.'
- ✖ Information and Publicity Minister Webster Shamu has indicated that government is ready to issue licences for new television and radio stations but blamed parliament for delays in setting up the relevant commissions which was hampering the process.

Article XI Rule of Law



POLITICAL ACTIVISTS / DETAINEES

- ✓ MDC Director General Toendepi Shonhe has been acquitted of charges of falsely testifying that three MDC activists who signed an affidavit at the High Court had been re-abducted by state agents in Banket. The three activists are Terri Musona, Lloyd Tarumbwa and Fani Tembo.
- ✓ Dzingai Moyo and Gibson Maingano have been jailed for 3 months each for falsifying a police statement implicating Alexio Tembo, Nesbert Chauraya and Withus Masunda, MDC supporters, of attempting to murder Air Marshal Perrence Shiri in 2008. The 3 were severely tortured upon their arrest and spend months in remand prison before their release. [Article](#)
- ✓ Mayor of Chitungwiza Israel Marange has been convicted by Harare magistrate Norgan Memadire of corruption for accepting US\$1000 as a bribe from his bodyguard. [Article.](#)
- ✓ The case against Human Rights lawyer Alec Muchadehama was dismissed on the 28th of July as he had not been properly summonsed.
- ✓ Jestina Mukoko has brought a civil case against the state and several state security agents where she is claiming US\$220 000 compensation for illegal abduction, detention and subjection to torture and inhuman and degrading treatment. 17 other abductees in the case are also suing the state, each claiming US\$1.2 million.
- ? Bulawayo High Court Judge Justice Nicholas Ndou heard the application from expelled MDC-M legislators who were seeking to overturn an order from parliament ejecting them from the House. Abednico Bhebhe (Member of Parliament for Nkayi South); Njabuliso Mguni (Lupane East) and Norman Mpofu (Bulilima East)
- ? A dossier prepared by MDC-T implicates senior Zanu PF officials in cases of murder and political violence in the 2008 elections. The document names at least 200 people who were killed and names their attackers in most cases. The document has apparently been given to Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai who is trying to conceal its contents, while other reports say that MDC-T is calling for an investigation. [Article.](#)
- ? The ZCTU has alleged workers rights are being abused and, as a result, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has sent a team into Zimbabwe to investigate the torture allegations at the Matapi Police Station in Mbare of ZCTU leaders in 2006 after staging protests over working conditions.
- ✖ Howard Makonza an employee of Finance Minister Tendai Biti was brutally assaulted by soldiers early in the month led, it is thought, by R. Mwanza who is a guard for ZNA Lieutenant General Philip Sibanda.
- ✖ A lawmaker was arrested and eventually released without charge for playing music which allegedly denigrated President Mugabe.
- ✖ The state decided to stop opposing bail for MDC Youth Assembly Chairman and Deputy Youth Minister Thamsanqa Mahlangu on charges of stealing a cell phone from war veteran leader Joseph Chinotimba. Malvern Chadamoyo accused of the same charge was also released. The trial was

postponed until the 26th after the state said it needed more time to prepare. Patience Nyoni and Geraldine Phiri who were found in possession of the phone have now also been charged with theft. Chinotimba has filed a civil law suit against all for to the sum of US\$19.5 million for loss of business.

[Article.](#) [Click for audio interview](#)

- ✖ Galen Moyo-Masiye, the lawyer representing Nobel Mhlanga has accused senior ZRP officials of protecting officers who tortured his client while in custody at the Gwanda Central Police Station. The accused policemen are the Gwanda Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Lession Sibanda, Nhamo Baradzi, and Owen Sibanda.
- ✖ MDC-T Senator Roy Bennet is claiming victimisation by the Presidents office because Zanu PF will not swear him in as Deputy Minister of Agriculture. He also claimed that 3 armed men went to his plot outside Harare and threatened to shoot his employees when they would not allow them access. The MDC-T has interpreted this visitation as a hit squad attempt. He is also still facing charges of treason and has written to the Attorney General requesting that his trial begin on October 13.
- ✖ Open conflict broke out at the Zanu PF headquarters in Bulawayo between supporters of the two Zanu PF camps over who would take over the role of Vice President following the death of Joseph Msika. The police were called in to break up the confrontation.
- ✖ Zanu PF official Edmore Hwarare is accused of stealing over 380 tonnes of sugar from cane farmers in Chiredzi (The sugar apparently ended up in the possession of Vice President Joice Mujuru). Based on this new evidence, the state is considering dropping the charges against Hwarare. [Article](#)
- ✖ MDC-M activist Mabangula Ncube died from injuries sustained in a beating from war veterans one week before his court case against his attackers in election violence last year. He was attacked together with MDC-M member, Nicko Bhebe, and Gwanda's Lutheran Reverend on charges of turning against Zanu (PF).
- ✖ 18 year old Arnold Mosterd was murdered on 30 July allegedly by Zanu PF supporters in Macheke after demanding his wages from a Zanu PF chairman. He was previously accused of supporting the MDC. Minister Didymus Mutasa has apparently ordered the suspects to be released after paying bail of US\$50 each.
- ✖ ZAPU leader Dumiso Dabengwa has been accused by exiles living in South Africa of being involved in the brutal murder of many activists when he was still a government minister. He has not responded to the claims. [Article](#)
- ✖ Attorney General Johannes Tomana is accused of trying to buying support from Zanu PF by arresting MDC MP's on trumped up charges. He is also accused of protecting Zanu PF supporters and MP's from arrest to gain Mugabe's protection. Chinotimba, Kasukuwere and Zhuwawu can be seen in ZTV footage disrupting the first all stakeholders' conference but no arrests have been made.
- ✖ 9 MDC legislators were arrested at the Ministry of Finance after allegedly being engaged in disorderly conduct. Their lawyer Tafadzwa Mugabe revealed that they were held for a few hours and released the names of his clients as Mbare legislator Piniel Denga, Margaret Matienga (Sunningdale), Pishai Muchauraya (Makoni South), Shepherd Madamombe (Mabvuku-Tafara), Amos Chibaya (Mkoba), Simon Ruwuke Hove (Highfield West), Prosper Chapfiwa Mutseyami (Musikavanhu), Senators Cephas Makuyana (Mvurachena) and Patrick Chitaka (Mutasa-Nyanga). [Article](#) They went to court the following day but the state had not yet written their statements and they will have to proceed with a summons instead.
- ✖ The case of Zimbabwe Peace Project staff Jestina Mukoko, Brodrick Takawira and Pascal Gonzo and 14 others some who were abducted by state agents last year and suffered torture has been indefinitely postponed. The charges range from the training of MDC-T youths for the purpose of treason, to banditry and terrorism.
- ✖ Zimbabwe Independent journalists Vincent Kahiya and Constantine Chimakure who were arrested for publishing a story implicating the CIO in criminal activity have had their case referred to the Supreme Court. Their trial has been deferred to the 24th of November.
- ✖ Joseph Chinotimba, war veteran leader has been taken to court by the Harare City Council for illegally occupying a council property, 56 Cardiff Avenue, after his contract had expired and lease agreement terminated in September 2008.

Article VI, VII, XIII Civil Society Mechanisms



The Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition (CRISIS) is set to issue a report highlighting the shortcomings of the GNU. It will analyze issues of redress when tackling the democratic deficit in the country.

**Below is a selection of reports by various civil society organisations.
The list is neither comprehensive nor exhaustive.**

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[The way forward for investment in Zimbabwe's farming sector](#)

Zimbabwe National Students Union (ZINASU)

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[Status and meaning of ratification of SADC Treaty and Tribunal Protocol](#)

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[Towards Constitutionalising Children's Rights](#)

Abbreviations

ACHPR	African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights
ADB	Africa Development Bank
AIPPA	Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act
AU	African Union
BAZ	Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe
BSA	Broadcasting Services Act
CFU	Commercial Farmers Union
CIO	Central Intelligence Organisation
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CSO's	Civil Society Organisations
CSRO	Committee of Standing Rules and Orders
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EU	European Commission
GNU	Government of National Unity
GPA	Global Political Agreement
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JOMIC	Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee
JOC	Joint Operations Command
MDC	Movement for Democratic Change
MDC-T	Movement for Democratic Change – Tsvangirai Faction
MDC-M	Movement for Democratic Change – Mutambara Faction
MISA	Media Institute of Southern Africa
MIC	Media and Information Commission
MP	Member of Parliament
NCA	National Constitutional Assembly
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NSC	National Security Council
PSC	Parliamentary Select Committee
POS	Point Of Sale
POSA	Public Order and Security Act
PTUZ	Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe
RBZ	Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
RTGS	Real Time Gross Settlement
SADC	Southern African Development Community
STERP	Short Term Emergency Recovery Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organisation
Zanu PF	Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front
ZAPU	Zimbabwe African Peoples Union
ZCC	Zimbabwe Anti Corruption Commission
ZBC	Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation
ZCTU	Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions
ZEC	Zimbabwe Electoral Commission
ZESA	Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority
ZHRC	Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission
ZMC	Zimbabwe Media Commission
ZIMTA	Zimbabwe Teachers Association
ZINASU	Zimbabwe National Students Union
ZLHR	Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights
ZMC	Zimbabwe Media Commission
ZUJ	Zimbabwe Union of Journalists



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