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To - UK Prime Minister and FCDO; UN - OHCHR and the Commonwealth Secretariat - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## The Ongoing Obfuscations of “Gukurahundi”.

Historic Genocide or Holocaust – This matter has never been ‘Officially’ resolved to the satisfaction of “Natural Justice” within the Zimbabwe psyche – *either within or without ZIMBABWE*.

GENOCIDE	HOLOCAUST
Noun	Noun
1) Great destruction resulting in the extensive loss of life, especially by fire.	1) The systematic and widespread extermination or attempted extermination of a national, racial, religious, or ethnic group.
2) The genocide of European Jews and other groups by the “Nazis during World War II”	2) The systematic killing of a racial or cultural group. "the Nazi genocide of Jews left few in Germany or Poland
3) A massive slaughter	3) The systematic killing of substantial numbers of people on the basis of ethnicity, religion, political opinion, social status, or other particularity

**PLEASE PAY HEED TO THOSE WHO WITNESSED THE ATROCITIES THAT STARTED WITH THE SACKING OF JOSHUA NKOMO IN 1982 AND UNTIL THE “UNITY ACCORD” FORCED UPON ZAPU ON 22 DEC 1987.**

**Current President of ZAPU - Michael Sibangilizwe Nkomo, son of Joshua Nkomo -**

### 10th August 2024 ZAPU President Michael S Nkomo Comments

[Michael Sibangilizwe Nkomo](#) has written {10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe} on the [ZAPU.ORG](#) website a heart-felt & poignant message regarding the “**Gukurahundi Outreach Programme**” as instigated by the sitting Zanu PF regime (of occupation).

#### **He states: {in support of this Petition} Historical Context**

*“Zimbabwe African People’s Union (ZAPU) was at the forefront and actively participated in the liberation of our country, Zimbabwe, leading to the 1980 political independence. Shortly after our hard-earned independence a military operation codenamed Gukurahundi was launched via the Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, unleashed by the ZANU-led government of the day, ostensibly to eliminate armed dissidents purportedly working to topple the newly inaugurated government. From January 1982 to December 1987 over 40,000 unarmed civilians were wantonly massacred by the Fifth Brigade with collaboration of other security departments both official and unofficial.”*

*The Fifth Brigade was created solely for Gukurahundi and disbanded with the signing of the Unity Accord on 22 December 1987. Members of the Fifth Brigade were integrated into regular army units with many of them posing as gallant veterans of the liberation struggle, promoted and decorated by their Commander-in-Chief.*

**President M S Nkomo, Harare.** Full Article: <https://zapu.org/gukurahundi-and-genocide-matters>



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## Pre-Petition Commentary

Some may know this as the ***Gukurahundi Genocide*** - but *the Shona word of 'Gukurahundi' cannot ever convey the horrors and 'pure psychotic outrage' conducted sometime from 1982 (approx.) to 1987 when* - due to this violent and heartless pressure the leader of ZAPU at that time Dr Joshua Nkomo, reluctantly agreed to subsume ZAPU into the newly created ZANU PF - laughingly termed the "***UNITY ACCORD***".

A lesson in violence and deceit that still haunts Zimbabwe to this day - as well as being an ongoing strategy of the Zanu PF regime ever since - and now continued by the complicit (*in the genocide since he was Minister of "Security"*) E D Mnangagwa.

But returning to the word "GUKURAHUNDI" - the literal meaning, which loosely translates to "the early rain which washes away the chaff before the spring rains". However, this can never represent the inhuman genocide which took place - ***instigated by Mugabe to enforce a one-party State.***

## The Beginnings

Identifying as a member or supporter of ZAPU became a death wish.

Under the then Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, a caveat was promulgated, outlawing ZAPU and forfeiting all its properties to the State. Some of the properties belonged to ZPRA, the armed wing of ZAPU during the liberation struggle. Everything was seized and forfeited to the state. *Dr Joshua Nkomo was persecuted and hounded into exile.* His lieutenants, the late Dr Dumiso Dabengwa and the late Commander Lookout Masuku were thrown into Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison on trumped up charges.

***Just like in East Germany in 1990, it has been four decades of denial and deafening silence.***

## The Evidence Slowly Emerging {Still}

But now, the new light is being shed on these days of horror. Thousands of historical documents that appear to expose the perpetrators are now becoming available *in a raft of foreign archival collections.* The documents are wide-ranging and include, *among others, diplomatic correspondence, intelligence assessments and raw intelligence garnered by spies recruited from within the Zimbabwean government.* These papers—augmented by the testimony of Zimbabwean witnesses finding courage in old age—appear to substantiate what survivors and scholars have always suspected but never been able to validate: ***Mugabe, then Prime Minister, was the prime architect of mass killings that were well-planned and systematically executed.***

The documents appear to show that the massacres were closely associated with an effort by Mugabe's Zanu-PF party ***to eliminate opposition groups*** in the aftermath of Zimbabwe's independence. ZAPU, a party led by nationalist rival, ***Dr Joshua Nkomo,*** represented the main obstacle to that objective. Given that ZAPU enjoyed overwhelming support among Ndebele, the Ndebele as a whole, came to be seen as an impediment. In the words of Mugabe, ***the people of Matabeleland needed to be "re-educated"***.



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The little that Mugabe has said since the 1980s on this **taboo subject** has been a mixture of **obfuscation and denial**. The closest he has come to admitting any form of official responsibility was at the death of Nkomo (1999), when he remarked that the early 1980s was a “**moment of madness**”—an ambivalent statement itself.

The documents also record that Msipa talked to other members of Zanu who revealed that the killings were not simply the whim of a small coterie, but the result of a formal and broad-based decision by the leadership of Zanu-PF. Eddison Zvobgo, a member of Zanu’s 20-member policy-making body, spoke of a “**decision of the Central Committee that there had to be a ‘massacre’ of Ndebeles**”. That statement squared precisely with 5 Brigade’s ethnocentric modus operandi. **Mugabe’s heir apparent, the current First Vice President, Emmerson Mnangagwa, was a member of the Central Committee**. But so, too, were others who have subsequently developed a reputation for moderation, not least because of their latter-day rivalry with Mnangagwa. *Former Vice President Joice Mujuru heads that list.*

*The army commanders who directed the killings, many of whom still retain key positions in a security sector that underwrites the regime, are also shown in the documents to have been eager accomplices. Zvobgo commented that the first commander of 5 Brigade, Perence Shiri, had said the “politicians should leave it to us” regarding “settling things in Matabeleland”.*

## But who Knew what was Happening?

**Observers have always wondered how much of this was known to Western governments**—and what they did about it. It is clear from the documents that **they knew a great deal**, even if some of the detail remained obscure. It is also clear that the polite questions asked by diplomats were—along with courageous representations by churchmen and their allies in Zimbabwe—pivotal to the government’s decision to reduce the violence. Up to that point, there was no indication that the brutal force of the massacres would be curtailed. Nevertheless, Western governments did little once the massacres were brought down to a lower, but still savage, intensity. Perhaps as a sign that Western censure had its limits, the campaign in Matabeleland North continued during the remainder of 1983; 5 Brigade was redeployed further south in 1984.

## BBC Article 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024

{In response to Zanu PF’s ‘claims’ for their ‘Gukurahundi Outreach Programme’} The BBC ran an article about the **Genocide** on 13th July 2024 {[SEE Full Article - CLICK HERE](#)} a few extracts are worth noting from this report by the BBC: *Testimony from those who witness the horrors:*

"An astounding number of mass graves surround Thabani Dhlamini’s home in south-western Zimbabwe. One pointed out to the BBC lies near the ablution block at a primary school in the village of Salankomo in Tsholotsho district. *Teachers were killed and dumped there in the 1980s.*"

"In the neighbouring village of Silonkwe, 77-year-old Julia Mlilo shuffles slowly to meet us. She can barely walk now, but remembers every detail of what happened on 24 February 1983. At the sound



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of gunfire she had dropped her hoe in the field where she was working and escaped into the bush with her husband and children."

*"I haven't forgiven them, I don't know what would make me forgive. Whenever I see soldiers I feel the pain and I start trembling," Ms Mlilo told the BBC.*

*"I don't trust the process {Gukurahundi outreach programme} because it's being done by the government, but I will take part in it," she said.*

## A Plea From DMRNO South Africa

The Disabled Migrants Rights Networking Organisation (DMRNO -) stands in solidarity with like-minded Organisations, Institutions and all VICTIMS of Gukurahundi, in pursuit of rightful and respectful closure for the sake of peace & stability in the troubled state of Zimbabwe. A Genocide was committed, with malice & forethought by evil men & women, hellbent on their lust for dominance and power.

***But the people's Will shall rule.***

***Shall rule Zimbabwe!***

We urge progressive forces to unite for a just cause, which requires Commonwealth members to summon all perpetrators to be charged for gross human rights violation. Human Rights violations committed by desperate opportunist politicians, seeking international validation, at the expense of Justice and Truth in Africa.

***We pray for real African Unity:***

## 13th Jan 2024: Open Letter from ZAPU President Nkomo

*"The CCJP (and Genocide Scholars) report that projected around 20,000 killed only refers to Tjolotjo in Matabeleland North and Matopo in Matabeleland South. You will remember that initially deaths were reported at a rate of 2,000 people killed per fortnight and became even worse towards Unity Accord negotiations to pressurize ZAPU to accede to unfavourable political conditions put forward by ZANU. This Accord further polarized our nation as it portrayed ZANU PF as a Shona party and ZAPU as a Ndebele party."*

*"Mr. President, right from its formation, your party has always been a tribal party, very violent, with no democracy and no respect for human rights."*

## Chiefs Sponsored Program.

*"Mr. President, it takes two to tango. There is the victim, people of Matabeleland and Midlands and the perpetrator your government. These two need to be brought together by a neutral, independent commission, preferably with an international outlook. A politically orchestrated crime cannot be solved by Traditional leadership. This program initiated by you and you alone, is not only irrelevant,*



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*but equally mischievous. It defeats all tenets of good Conflict Resolution and Management as it lacks truth telling and is not victim centered. As the perpetrator you cannot try and sentence yourself.”*

Full Open Letter: <https://gukurahundi.info/evidence/open-letter-gukurahundi>

***This letter had a widespread and significant circulation list, including UK Foreign Secretary and the United Nations, amongst others.***

## Current Regional Instability – Mnangaga as SADC Chair

### *SADC Region Faces Instability Under Mnangagwa’s Chairmanship*

*“With the release of a ‘hit list’ earlier this week, it is evident how compromised the entire SADC region has become under Mnangagwa’s leadership. As chairman, Mnangagwa is causing unprecedented instability, both domestically and regionally. His constant campaigning, whether at home or abroad, has led to significant unrest. For instance, the recent elections in Mozambique were marred by irregularities, prompting widespread protests against the alleged rigging.”*

*“His interference is also evident in Botswana and now Namibia, where his {and Zanu PF’s} influence is causing further disruption.”*

*“Mnangagwa’s {unofficially, but via his “supporters”} relentless pursuit of an unconditional presidency by 2030 is leaving a trail of destruction.”*

***“The international community must be made aware of the constitutional injustices occurring in Zimbabwe and the broader instability he is fostering in the region. Mnangagwa’s obsession with power is dangerous, and he must be stopped before he causes irreparable harm to the entire region.”***

*Basil Kamombe 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 {updated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024} England.*

## Considered Recommendations

Our previous Petitions regarding the regime’s failings, and the closing down of all opposition voices, including non-Zimbabweans, via the PVO Bill **{30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Petition}** must be a cause for concern.

- A. Zanu PF regime is in effect a ‘One-Party-State’, but still the regime has lobbyists {apologists} in the UK, Europe and the USA, these people must be challenged in respect of Human Rights.
- B. The “unopposed” passing of the PVO Bill will further alienate Zimbabwe in the International Arena.
  - a. <https://mbofanatendairuben.news.blog/2024/10/18/the-pvo-bill-is-a-threat-to-zimbabwes-democracy/>
- C. The recent “support” by Outgoing Commonwealth Secretary-General, Baroness Scotland, for re-admission into the Commonwealth, has raised some eyebrows. Although we thank the



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Labour Party in the UK for conditionally opposing such a move, due to ongoing Human and Civil Rights abuses as well as Political Interferences regionally.

- a. <https://bulawayo24.com/news/national/248506>

***In addition to the above, the demands by those directly targeted by Mugabe, et al during the 1982-1987 period – namely ZAPU, must be heeded if ever there is to be “closure” regarding Zimbabwe’s Genocide/Holocaust.***

*See below from ZAPU President; Michael Sibangilizwe Nkomo, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe*

***“ZAPU is very alive to the fact that the government of Zimbabwe is effectively buying time; is dishonest and not serious about finding closure to this festering wound caused by Gukurahundi. What happened to ZAPU, its leaders, members, supporters, followers and sympathisers in the wake and aftermath of Gukurahundi should not be allowed to happen again to anyone or any organization in Zimbabwe now or in the future.”***

*Michael Sibangilizwe Nkomo 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Zimbabwe.*

**ZAPU therefore states the following:**

- 1) We demand an apology from the perpetrator.
- 2) Acknowledgement and truth-telling about crimes that were committed.
- 3) Perpetrators must come face to face with victims and survivors.
- 4) There must be a legal framework including legal guarantees of safety for victims and survivors after giving testimonials.
- 5) The process must be victim-centred.
- 6) The process must be presided over by an Independent Commission.
- 7) The government of Zimbabwe as the principal perpetrator should not shy away from engaging ZAPU as the primary victim.
- 8) The fourth estate (media) must not be hindered or directed on how to cover proceedings.
- 9) Posthumous responsibility for dead perpetrators like the late Robert Gabriel Mugabe (1924-2019) and Perence Shiri (1955-2020) must be considered.
- 10) Return and restoration of ZAPU and ZPRA properties confiscated during Gukurahundi must be part of the settlement.
- 11) We demand Restorative and Transitional justice.



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. we look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely

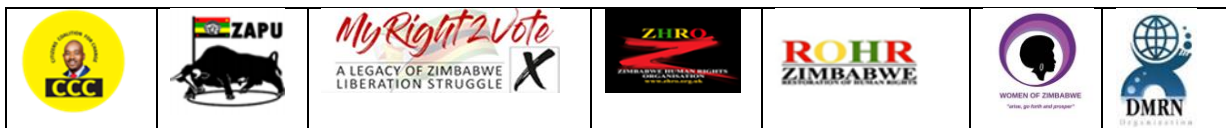
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<a href="#">Michael Sibangilizwe Nkomo</a> See Web Link	ZAPU President, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	
Richard Gandari	ZAPU Secretary for Information, Publicity, and Marketing Harare, Zimbabwe	
John C Burke	ZHRO: Zimbabwe Human Rights Organisation: FOUNDER	

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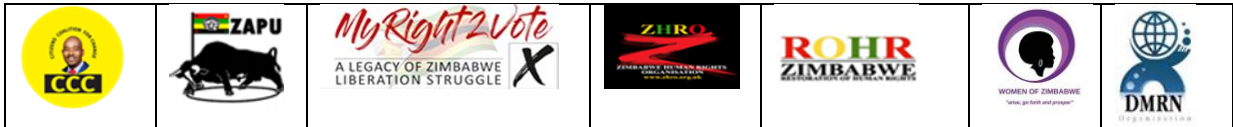
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## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Diasporan Concerns about the Genocide

#### Gukurahundi Testimony Schedule

From: Henry Makambe	Date: 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024	Group: ZHRO/ROHR/CCC
<p><b>A Call for Justice : Remembering the Gukurahundi Massacre</b></p> <p>The Gukurahundi massacre a dark chapter in Zimbabwe's history remains a painful scar on the nation's conscience From 1983 to 1987.</p> <p>The North Korean trained military team under the orders of Robert Mugabe's government unleashed a reign of terror on the Ndebele people in Matebeleland and Midlands provinces Thousands of innocent civilians were brutally murdered, tortured and displaced Mass graves bear witness to the horrific crimes committed during this period Despite decades of silence and denial, the victims and survivors of Gukurahundi continue to seek justice.</p> <p><i>Let us not forget the victims of Gukurahundi Let us unite in demanding justice and ensuring such atrocities never happen again.</i></p>		
From: Petty Ziramba	Date: 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2024	Group: CCC/ZHRO
<p><b>Emmerson Mnangagwa, who was the Minister of State Security during the atrocities, played a pivotal role in orchestrating the violence, earning him widespread condemnation.</b></p> <p><i>Mnangagwa, now the President of Zimbabwe, has failed to take accountability for his role in the massacres. Instead, his administration has engaged in historical revisionism, deflecting blame and failing to address the suffering of the victims and survivors. The focus should shift from external blame to internal accountability.</i></p> <p>Zimbabwe's leaders, particularly Mnangagwa, must address the injustices of Gukurahundi before demanding reparations for colonialism. Justice for the victims of Gukurahundi, alongside genuine political and economic reforms, is essential for Zimbabwe's progress. Without this, calls for reparations risk enabling an authoritarian regime that continues to <b>prioritize power over the well-being of its people.</b></p> <p>I demand justice for the Gukurahundi victims and the everlasting scars that they have. No reparation without justice for Gukurahundi.</p>		
From: Basil Kamombe	Date: 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024	Group: CCC/ZHRO
<p><b>"Mnangagwa Urged to Apologize for Gukurahundi Before Seeking Colonial Reparations from Britain"</b></p> <p>According to New Zimbabwe.com, Mnangagwa has called for reparations and an apology from Britain. <i>However, will his government address the Gukurahundi atrocities and offer apologies and compensation to the victims and their families who still suffer from the loss of their loved ones?</i></p> <p>Political activists have also lost their lives, many of whom were breadwinners, leaving their families without crucial support. Mnangagwa needs to lead the nation towards healing. The unresolved disappearance of Itai</p>		



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Dzamarah continues to leave his family without closure. His government should allow vigils to honour those lost, provide verbal apologies, and compensate the affected families

**Dickson Chikwizo**

**Date:23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024**

**CCC and ZHRO**

**GUKURA HUNDI 1983-1987**

Gukurahundi- Genocide, happened under the ZANU PF government of Robert Mugabe in newly independent Zimbabwe. It was a series of mass killings and genocide, targeting the Ndebele and Kalanga peoples. There's an estimated of 20,000 to 30,000 death.

The North Korean trained 5th Brigade Zimbabwe National Army were involved in the killings.

**Most of the victims were shot in public executions after being forced to dig their own graves. Others were forced to witness rape of a family member. Others were burned alive in their huts.**

They also killed the pregnant women and foetus with knives. President Mugabe swept the gukurahundi issue under the carpet during his term of office. When the North Korean trained Fifth Brigade of the army was deployed in Matabeleland, E D Mnangagwa was Minister of State Security in Robert Mugabe's cabinet.

**Mnangagwa had oversight of the army's Fifth Brigade and the Central Intelligence Organisation, in his role as Minister of Security and chairman of Zimbabwe's Joint High Command and reported directly to Mugabe.**

Although Mnangagwa decided to have played an active role, obviously it's a denial of the truth. According to news reports at the time, he told his audience the government had "an option" of "burning down all the villagers **infected with dissidents**", saying, "the campaign against dissident can only succeed if the infrastructure which nurtures is destroyed".

He described dissidents as "cockroaches" and the Fifth Brigade as "DDT" brought in to "eradicate" them. In short, he made it clear that the destruction of the civilian population of Matabeleland was part of a deliberate state policy. Prosecution for genocide extends to those who plan, instigate order, commit or aid.

There's no clarity why people of Matabeleland were ruthlessly killed. There should be an Independent Truth Commission to engineer the following process;

- -Independent investigation of Commission of inquiry
- -Public acknowledgment and apology.
- -Search for justice and accountability.
- -Compensation and reparations
- -Recognition and memorialization
- -Cultural and linguistic inclusion.

**Sakhile Ncube**

**Date:23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024**

**ROHR and CCC**

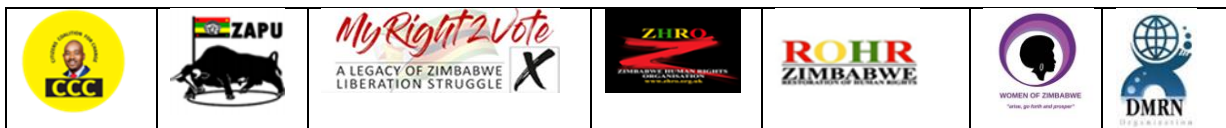
**Justice for Gukurawundi**

Gukurawundi is a genocide which happened in Midlands and Matabeleland regions of Zimbabwe between 1983 and 1987. More than 20 thousand people were brutally massacred in cold blood by a state sponsored army, those affected includes women and children. Zimbabwe government under Robert Mugabe acknowledged this act as a period of madness but refused to engage with victims to solve or offer any help those affected.

Children grew up without parents and widows without any sources of income.

Till now they need answers. Those who were working lost jobs and pensions were never solved. **To this day nothing tangible has ever happened to address this issue despite promises and pretence just to buy time.**

Known people in high profiles of the present government are thought to have been involved hence the delays. As a product of Matabeleland region I was affected. I lost beloved ones, relatives and we were left to



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live with the trauma to this day. The government did not help with documentation from death certificates to proper educational assistance. The whole region was badly affected from these injustices, brutality and there's urgent need for justice and possibly compensation for the victims from the state which sponsored the brutal act.

<b>Diana Machingauta</b>	<b>Date: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024</b>	<b>Group: CCC/ZHRO</b>
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**Mass massacres have occurred in Zimbabwe several times since gaining independence.** Apart from these significant acts of violence, the government is also accountable for a number of other violations of human rights, particularly against those who are thought to be members of opposition parties.

The Gukurahundi murders, which took place between 1983 and 1987 and claimed the lives of over 20,000 people in primarily ethnic Ndebele districts, were the two most horrific instances of mass atrocities. **As a result, nearly 700,000 people were forcibly displaced.**

In sections of Matabeleland and Midlands provinces that were primarily ethnically Ndebele, special forces from the Zimbabwean army's elite Fifth Brigade which was led by Emmerson Mnangangwa who then was serving as an army commander, massacred almost 20,000 people during the Gukurahundi murders and forcibly relocated tens of thousands more.

Little has been done by the Zimbabwean government to recognise the magnitude and extent of the Gukurahundi violence. *The massacres were planned by Emmerson Mnangangwa and Zanu-Pf members, but no high-ranking official has been held accountable for their involvement in the crimes.*

<b>Phylis Melody Magejo</b>	<b>Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024</b>	<b>Group: ZHRO</b>
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Gukurahundi, a term which refers to *"the cleansing rains that wash away chaff and soot from previous harvest"*, was used to 'code name' **a brutal military campaign by the ruling party ZANU PF** with the aim to suppress dissent against it. 'Gukurahundi' targeted Midlands and Matabeleland regions, between the period of 1982 to 1987, the campaign led to widespread atrocities, including the indiscriminate killings of thousands, deeply traumatizing communities and leaving enduring scars that continue to impact survivors and their families.

The unresolved trauma and tension from this dark chapter in Zimbabwe's history have contributed to ongoing socio-political issues, with many attributing the country's current struggles to the legacy of violence and repression initiated during those years.

**The trauma needs to be addressed and resolved.**

## Appendix 2: Mnangagwa's Failings

<https://zexit.org/zexit/mnangagwa-failing>

9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 901 'hits' to date {as 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024}

"Mnangagwa is missing opportunities in Zimbabwe"



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*“Emmerson Mnangagwa is missing golden opportunities for setting up solid, independent and democratic institutions in Zimbabwe. On the contrary, the main pillars of the state, thus the judiciary, the legislature, the media and the executive are now entangled in a convoluted relationship which has become a well-oiled system of nepotism, political chicanery, kleptocracy, judicial bias, election rigging and constitutional jiggery-pokery.”*

## Appendix 3: Works by Dr Hazel Cameron 2023 Articles

<https://x.com/PearlInsights/status/1687840331847372800>

<https://www.trevorgrundy.news/zimbabwe-1983-1987-gukuruhundi-and-the-mass-rape-of-thousands-of-women-the-hate-that-dares-not-speak-its-name-in-so-many-part-of-the-human-rights-loving-world/>

Dr Cameron’s report is essential reading for anyone involved in the struggle for human rights in Africa and protection of millions of women who are so often victims of mass rape. Yet many of the men who authorised the actions of vile beasts like Perrance Shiri walk free, men like him jousting on their clapped out horses for the highest posts in the land on election day, August 23 this year.

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Zimbabwe will hold its elections on 23 August. The current president of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, is running for re-election. This is despite his having oversight in the execution of the genocide of a minority group of Zimbabweans in the south-west region, as evidenced in my newly published study.

***As a genocide scholar***, I have studied the nature, causes and consequences of genocide and mass atrocities, as well as the role of external institutional bystanders. *Since 2011, I have researched the crimes of the powerful of Zimbabwe.* Much of this has involved an analysis of official British and US government communications. This has shed new light on what knowledge was available to the British and US governments about atrocity crimes targeting the Ndebele in the early post-independence years of Zimbabwe.

*My latest study explores a military operation, known as Gukurahundi, between 1983 and 1984 in Matabeleland and parts of the Midlands in Zimbabwe. Drawing on 36 in-depth interviews with survivors, my study provides new insights into Operation Gukurahundi. It identifies systematic patterns of rape and other forms of sexual violence in the operation.*

## Appendix 4: Amnesty International Zimbabwe

<https://www.amnesty.org.zw/2024/08/zimbabwe-authorities-must-end-massive-crackdown-on-dissent-before-sadc-summit/>

## Appendix 5: Human rights Violations under EDM

### Human rights Violations under Emmerson Mnangagwa

- **GUKAURAHUNDI** {1982-87} a situation that has yet to find a resolution within Zimbabwe and its Ndebele population. In a unanimously adopted resolution in 2005, the International Association of Genocide Scholars estimated the death toll at 20,000. <https://genocidescholars.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/IAGS-RESOLUTION-ON-ZIMBABWE-7-June-2005.pdf>

And the Wiki item <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gukurahundi>

ZHRO and ZAPU delivered a petition to Theresa May, the then Prime Minister regarding this issue on the **30<sup>th</sup> August 2018** see article at this link: <https://zhro.org.uk/human-rights-uk/gukurahundi>



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*“The petition indicates the diaspora's dissatisfaction with the then U.K. Government concerning its failure to acknowledge a genocide, and that 'lessons need to be learned' about such flagrant human rights abuses. Now the petition implores the current UK Government to lead an International Campaign to fully recognise the Genocide in Matebeleland and the Midlands, and to bring all the perpetrators to justice. It points out that this process of Truth and Reconciliation is vital in order to unify all Zimbabwe - it cannot and must not fall under the spell of "let bygones be bygones"”*

- Ahead of the 44th Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development community in Zimbabwe on 17 August, the government is systematically clamping down on dissent. In an attempt to silence critical voices and dissuade potential protests, the police and security forces have arbitrarily arrested over 160 activists, political party members, student union activists and civil society members on charges relating to disorderly conduct, criminal nuisance and plotting to incite protests. Some of those arrested were severely tortured and sustained injuries that required hospitalization. {Amnesty International}
- Job Sikhala the chairman of Citizens Coalition for Change, Godfrey Sithole, MP for Chitungwiza North and 14 Nyatsime community political opposition members of whom are facing frivolous charges of inciting violence after attending the funeral of Moreblessing Ali. The 16 remain in detention and have been denied bail by the magistrate court. Members of political opposition Job Sikhala and Godfrey Sithole were arrested on 14 June 2022 after attending Moreblessing Ali's funeral. The Zimbabwean authorities have accused them of encouraging their supporters to cause violence in Nyatsime, Chitungwiza, during Ali's memorial. They were denied bail when they appeared in the magistrates' court and they have since appealed to the High Court. “The continued detention of Job Sikhala and Godfrey Sithole and the denial of their lawyers' access to meet with them is an absolute travesty of justice. There is an emerging trend where critics of government and members of the opposition are consistently harassed and denied bail by the courts, brought to court in iron legs and at times denied access to their lawyers. Yet high profile ZANU-PF political elites facing real criminal charges are in most cases treated entirely differently with bail being granted regardless of the seriousness of the offence. Job Sikhala has been arrested a record of 67 times on politically motivated charges without conviction which clearly shows that this is persecution by prosecution.
- Moreblessing Ali, a political activist was abducted in Beatrice on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 by a known ZANU- PF activist - Pius Jambo. She was missing for three weeks before being found murdered and her body mutilated on 11 June 2022. Zimbabwean authorities were reluctant to search for Moreblessing during the time she was missing with government officials like Nick Mangwana spreading false rumours on their twitter handles that it was a domestic issue she was killed by her boyfriend and if someone is killed by a ZANU-PF supporter don't blame it on ZANU-PF. It is clear abductions are being fuelled by impunity of perpetrators. Zimbabwe authorities must guarantee and protect citizens' right to life despite their political affiliation. The arrest of Job Sikhala, Moreblessing Ali's family lawyer is a way of silencing the family who are seeking justice for her murder.
- Marry Mubaiwa Chiwenga Vice President Consantine Chiwenga's ex-wife who is gravely ill with sepsis syndrome, life threatening condition is currently hospitalised. When Marry was arrested in 2019 she was accused of attempted murder, faking marriage and corruption charges. Marry has not been well from 2018 and she was getting medical treatment outside Zimbabwe given that our health system has collapsed. she has been since denied seeking medical attention outside Zimbabwe or to bring specialist who can attend to her in Zimbabwe. Marry is being dragged through the Courts despite being very ill and this is all in the public. She has also collapsed outside court very often, dozes off during court proceedings and recently wets herself as she is not able to go to the bathroom by herself. She was recently issued a warrant of arrest after failing to go up to court room due to her illness, but the Court is not showing any compassion towards her suffering. In contrast Prisca Mupfumira a former government Minister who was implicated in the looting of \$US95Million of state funds was given permission to not attend court because she said she was not mentally fit to attend court and was even



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granted permission to travel abroad on a business trip. Vice President Chiwenga has denied Marry access to see her children despite Marry not being a danger to her children. We believe Marry's situation is being weaponised against those who are against the regime or may find themselves on the opposite side of the regime. It clearly reveals a captured judiciary

- On 22 February 2022 Mboneni Ncube a CCC supporter was killed after being stabbed at a CCC political rally while at least 22 others were seriously injured. A machete wielding gang appeared in an effort to stop people from attending the rally. This happened after the Vice president Constantino Chiwenga sent a warning to CCC Saying the ruling ZANU-PF party will crush them like lice. The perpetrators who are well known ZANU-PF supporters were not apprehended. The government is doing nothing to ensure the free exercise of the right to freedom of assembly and association but has done much to incite such ferocious violence.
- 1 August 2018, Zimbabwean government illegally deployed security forces and they used live ammunition to disperse protesters in Harare. 6 people were killed. Some of the injured and dead were shot from the back. Citizens were peacefully demonstrating calling for the Zimbabwean Electoral Commission to expedite the release of the presidential elections results after voting on 30 July. The army ordered journalist covering the protest to switch off their cameras and video recording equipment. Up to date no one in the army is suspected to be responsible for the bloodshed and no one has been held accountable for these brutal killings.
- President Emmerson Mnangangwa reported fuel price hike on the 12 of **January 2019** which led to Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions ZCTU calling for national stay away beginning on the **14/01/2019**. The authorities responded with a massive national crackdown to suppress the rights to freedom of peaceful protest and expression. Brutal human rights violations including torture, rape, beatings and killings of civilians took place during the crackdown. Civil society leaders, Activist and opposition leaders had to abandon their homes fearing for their lives. **12 people were killed**, and dozens injured. According to Amnesty International's report up to 700 people including minors were arrested and detained on trumped up charges. They were multiple instances where women have gone to the police to report the rape cases by the army, but police would openly indicate that they don't want to get involved. A lot of those women indicated that they don't feel safe to report leading to a small percentage of rape victims reporting.
- Hopewell Chin'ono a prominent Zimbabwean journalist who is one of the most critics of President Mnangagwa's administration exposing corruption and human rights violations has been arrested three times in a space of 6 months in 2021 on trumped up charges. These includes accusations of communicating falsehoods, inciting violence after he voiced support of an anti-government protest in July 2021 and also on contempt of court charges for allegedly claiming corruption within the country's national prosecution agency. Chin'ono had published an expose on his twitter handle in which he alleged corruption involving \$60 million by Minister of health Obadia Moyo and Mnangagwa's son was the director of the fraudulent company where some of the funds were transferred to. Mnangagwa later fired the health minister who has been formally charged with corruption in the case. Hopewell was denied bail and he stayed in prison for 45 days. The High court later said the law used by police to arrest him no longer exist.
- Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) Zimbabwe opposition leader Nelson Chamisa was attacked twice in October 2021 on his way to CCC political rallies. On the 19 of October CCC Spokesperson Fadzai Mahere confirmed that a bullet hit Chamisa's vehicle in Manicaland province where he was expected to hold meetings with traditional leaders and locals. She also reported that several vehicles carrying armed, rowdy thugs were trailing Chamisa's Convoy. Chamisa's convoy was initially attacked in Masvingo town when ZANU-PF supporters who were waving anti-sanctions placards stoned Chamisa's advance party in Masvingo the previous week. The attempted assassination and use of gunshots on the opposition leader's vehicle are a cause for grave concern.



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- The abduction, forced disappearance of CCC political Activist Member of parliament Joana Mamombe, Cecilia Chimhiri and Netsai Marowa on 13/05/2020. The state-owned newspaper the Herald, the national police spokesman, Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi, confirmed the trio's arrest, although he was still to find out where they were being held. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights searched more than eight police stations to establish their whereabouts with no luck. The MDC (CCC) three women were part of a demonstration organized by then MDC-Alliance (CCC) Youth against the state's failure to provide social protection for the poor during the current COVID-19 lockdown. The three women were found on the 3rd day badly injured and traumatised 60 miles from Harare. They described the torture, humiliation, forced to drink each other's urine and repeated sexual assaults after being abducted by state securities services. The three women were later arrested on 11/07/2020 for lying about the abduction and torture. To date the three women are still being dragged to court on the issue.
- 30 July 2020, Tawanda Muchehiwa was abducted by State Security services in Bulawayo who bundled him in an unmarked vehicle and transferred him into another vehicle 400 metres down the street. This abduction was caught on camera. They tortured and sexually assaulted him accusing him of being one of the protest coordinators and additionally they wanted him to reveal the whereabouts of his uncle, Mduduzi Mathuthu, the editor of online newspaper ZimLive.com. They then released him far from his home four days later. Tawanda's body was battered, he suffered from incisions on his chest and the skin from his buttock had been removed. Hospital records show that his kidneys were barely functioning
- Makomborero Haruzivishe a pro-democratic Activist and CCC youth leader was arrested on 17 February 2021 on charges of inciting violence. He was arrested for blowing a whistle during a protest in February 2021 demanding the government to provide more support to poor Zimbabweans. He was detained and unjustly incarcerated for 90 days before he was sentenced to 14 months in prison. This was Haruzivishe's 38th stint in prison in the past decade. In all previous arrest he was never found guilty of any crime. All cases of wrongful arrest are a clear indication of judicial capture, police capture and prisons capture
- Jacob Ngarivhume, who is the leader of a small opposition party called Transform Zimbabwe was arrested on 20 July 2020 and charged with inciting the public to commit violence He had called for July 31 street demonstrations against widespread state corruption. he was unlawfully detained in prison for 45 days on grounds that if realised he would continue to promote violent protest. He was later granted bail but was barred from posting on twitter, surrender passport and report to a police station three times a week.
- Itai Dzamara was abducted on 9 March 2015 by five men while he was at a barbers' shop in Harare's Glen View suburb. His abductors are said to have accused him of stealing cattle before arresting him, forcing him into an unmarked white truck and drove off. He has not been seen since then. Itai Dzamara was a well-known Journalist and Activist who had campaigned to improve accountability in Zimbabwe. He had called for former President Robert Mugabe to step down and openly criticized his handling of Zimbabwe's economy. Itai's family and the Zimbabwean community to date are calling on the Zimbabwean authorities to conduct a thorough, independent, effective and transparent investigation into his disappearance. We need to see an inquiry with findings that are made public, and suspected perpetrators brought to justice.