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welcome one of our leaders

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may his soul rest in

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peace conp

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1961 armed Wing which was called z z and

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then 1980 for election purposes

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1982 to

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87 2008 we started a process of pulling out of Zan PF in9 we pulled out via

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Congress and we went back to being isab so we are still the

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very1 how do you become you swallowed or

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negotiations how do you guys get into that uh this is one of the saddest

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chapters of uh the history of our country because one of the things that you must accept zimb was fought for uh

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primarily by zapu and zepira the zpra forces that is why I mean most of the

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political leaders that you

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have govern at the time knew that there was a lot of chary surrounding the

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Electoral outcome of 1980

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knowing their capabilities the best army that we had at the time was zipra so if you look at

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the developments of uh between 1980 and 1982 you could tell that uh zopf did not

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deserve to be in power for a number of reasons when you look at the uh economic

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front zapu had amassed wealth properties land buildings and arms uh that were

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more advanced even than that of the combined zandler forces and the Rian

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Army you would also discover that at the time zapu had had a government in
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waiting so we ready to govern zap now you then find zopf in power after um
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concessions with the colon at the time
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so going to respect and honor him that's why then he courts a lot of charges
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against zpra commanders and by the way you discover that people like d had
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refused to be in the Army because they now meant to salute their subordinates and so he didn't
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TR and at the time there's also people that have been demobilized so he
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knew so so that he can consoled power uh he found it necessary um uh to kill
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people that's we and by the way considered even though
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we had grievances against how the 1980 elections were run we said we did not go
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to war so that zapo can in power we went to war for black majority rule as long
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as the black man is in charge and and is in power we had hoped that um Zano
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was going to be civil but
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one part State and threatening that Za zpra to
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break their spine so that con a lot of charges against them like the famous ton
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trial ConEd crimes
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they go to court and the courts discover that but guess what for 4 years they
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were sent to to come into so during that period is killing
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people he started off by killing the leadership and the command element of Zap and zebra but he
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discovered they still behind their leaders because if you get to 1985 um in the at the height of K AB
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still voted for the and he then turns around and
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intensifies was killing an armed civilians so that he can force them to
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support him is has always been a part of
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violence record of killing each other during the war so after then josu is given a condition if
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you want the killing to stop joins up joshu is one magnanimous leader who did
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not want to Spill the blood of the black man you discover that zopf has spilled
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more blood of black people than they did of white people during the war but
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people at later
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stage take over where zapu now is set aside
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how do you you guys take that when the the general public is saying failed
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us remember when you are fighting are going to support you and
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you realize that at the time we were supported by the Frontline States and so

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when then before uh um we went to Lancaster many other
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negotiations Geneva Mal and stuff like that so when we then go to
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Lancaster for me I feel he was ambushed in that um he's given an ultimatum the
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ultimatum is that uh go to Independence go to elections uh
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or or else we will not support the war effort so finds himself surrounded uh by
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people that want him to get a lasting solution so even if he had opted to refuse and
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resist there's absolutely no way he would have continued to get support from
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uh from the Frontline States and looking at the geopolitics of the time Russia also was the USSR at the time was had
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problems of their own so I'm going to go to war he needed
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bases in bwana he needed bases in Zambia he needed bases in Tanzania and these people said if there's no agreement you
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you then need to find another country where you're going to set up your bases and also look at the time the um the
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upper government in South Africa as well so by a lot of pressure there's absolutely no way would have uh uh
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prevailed against the geopolitics that were prevalent at the time so even during K you have people say that should
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have said let's go ahead and fight but at the time when we went into Independence and accepted and considered
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that we have been defeated an Army in an independent state the Army
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now belongs to the state so anyone who then keeps an arm as a terrorist that's why to show Good Will that it does not
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have any interest he had to make sure that
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disarms so that does not use that as an excuse not disarming and then it becomes a war but
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by disarming zpra it exposes to be the that he was somebody who goes for unarmed people and kills all of them
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so had no option but over and above that had believed
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that equal practice and exercise tribal politics which was practiced by which
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even if let's just say if he had the means of fighting back he was going to be fighting back zimb was going to be
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killing Zimbabwe he opted for Peace So that we save the lives of zimbabweans
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regardless of who they are whether they were zanu or zand whether they were Tonga kalanga sha black or white thought
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the lasting solution is to make sure that we stop the war we have no peace that is why he capitulated and said uh
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let's go into Unity yeah this is where the unity Accord came came by yes the
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inter was not an agreement that was gotten into willingly remember that when
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we go into Unity most of joshu's commanders are in prison some are killed
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when we luk was dead uh was in prison was actually released as one of the
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conditions of uh uh the setting up of the government after UNT s Mala had been
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in prison J has been had been killed um um and many other leaders had been
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killed or or had been prisoned so goes into the unity talks weend and most of
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his lieutenants are either in jail in Exile or dead his supporters are being
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killed on a daily basis uh by um the fifth Brigade an army that was trained
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specifically to kill supporters of zapu uh primar and secundar to kill speaking
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people so surrounded absolutely has no no no choice he at some point was also
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in Exile in London so you can tell that he's FR M he has to choose between a
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protracted struggle of black versus black or to try and find
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a lasting solution that will bring peace that is why he chose to go into unit so we never went into Unity because we
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wanted we were forced we frog mared frog the barel of the gun just to
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save the lives of people and it was actually a good decision because had that war prolonged a lot of lives would
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have been lost maybe some of us would not have been born or would would not have lived to see this day so they
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sacrificed themselves so this my generation can come in and take the struggle for full democratization and
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liberalization of Zimbabwe further so we are here as a result
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of peace peace over violence was prepared to kill all of
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us how does then zapu at a later stage get like reborn like revived cuz at that
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point masaa we hear of his but it's more like swallowed and it's sort of like a shadow
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of the ruling government at the time and we now see we he we are campaigning we
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see the current
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president what you need to realize we had a congress where we made
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a resolution and the reason why we we went
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because was clear that one day we going to come out that's why
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sayood the people that were going into Unity with these were chachar people these are dishonest people because
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remember we didn't start working with Zano PF or Zano guys at unit uh they
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were in Zab they ConEd a lot of stories against joshuaa that is not willing to
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um to to to go into an armed struggle but just started taking people for
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training for an armed struggle but they ConEd this things they being
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dishonest from zap was dishonest it was motivated by so this is who they are and weed to work
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with them we said okay because we're fighting for the same
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thing and fight the enemy from the same front but when we did
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that havea for instance lot of our people were killed so we know these people are dishonest when 8 going to
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Lancaster by the way people must know when we were going to Lancaster most of Zan leadership was in prison uh for
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killing each other they were in prison

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for count imprisoned them but refused to go and negotiate for Zimbabwe he calls

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them call that call for their release and they release for for the talks and then there's an agreement that if we

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going going Elations let's go as one party as the patriotic front and that

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that's agreed will tell you that the following day when they were meant to go and have a meeting he went into the

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hotels or the rooms where Zan of guys were Zano guys were staying piece of paper they already gone

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gone to Zimbabwe to start campaigning for elections they did not want to meet zap so zap is thinking we're going to go

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there's a patriotic front that's why we uh registered our candidates late because we discovered that is going in

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on their

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own so we went in because we were being killed by but

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we at some point we need to leave so 2009 we had a congress but there were

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lot of other talks that preceded the Congress went into Congress and made a resolution that we are now forming uh

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rather forming are now getting out of um zopf who are Reviving the zapo

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structures this is how we did how did they receive that how did they react to

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that um Z even today still behaves

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like accept divorce that is why there still people

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in Inu that want to identify themselves as zap but the moment we pulled out of

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of of of of of um of zanu PF those that remained in zanu yeah are former zap

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they cannot be zap yeah for they now fully fledged

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members of you must understand that some of

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these people were Junior when you got into un 1987 um some joined

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19 uh 75 73 so they had only been zap members for 9 10 years but they

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for 22

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years like selfish so pull

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out rather come up with excuse but there is no one who is senior

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or Sal when you pulled out the most Senior People pulled out

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one of the first people to be in the high command who had actually never been in

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in in Zan there people that said were not going to into Unity Poli people that are not in Z people that were as I i

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thinky brick Hill no no not brick Hill um I forgot his name but I'll remember

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negotiators they are not in the Pas the chaperons and the PO wab

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people that then became senior because others died but the real people that were in the Forefront

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um before

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was seems to be very good and everyone I me look at the kind
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of people that are in zopf leadership most of them are accused of one thing or another so that's a gathering of
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criminals and Crooks so even us as zap those that are in zanu we view them the same you speak so passionately about all
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that has happened and is this what made you join
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politics uh I I found I I I found myself in politics Maybe by default and not by
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Design I'd never imagin myself uh being a politician or being an SG of zapu I've
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always however been an advocate for justice um but when you look at my life
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you could tell that um maybe God had ordered it that way because one of the
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first people that I worked with uh who was in Zano by the way and
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through him I got to interact with a lot of zapu zepa people and this is before
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zapu pulled out I then began to understand our history as zap understood
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how zop have destroyed our archives and destroyed even the iconography of and the icons of Zap and zepa and I also
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come from a family where uh we are politically conscious we brush shoulders with a lot of zapu and zipra C yeah but
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um I then had a closer uh uh uh
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relationship with police when I worked with uh our former president you would know I set up his
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foundation I started from scratch and on a daily basis I was with him interacting
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with my one thing or the other so I got to be mentored or schooled or exposed to
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politics yeah uh I mean during the coup where president D was heavily involved I
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was with him so I got a bit of exposure into statecraft and boardroom politics
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and things like that um so when and then I mean it is in 2017 where he then said
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to me I know you're working in the NGO space where you're not supposed to be partisan don't you think um it would be
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good for you even to sit at the back and be spectator
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sure that member so I did that and um uh I found myself running his foundation
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which really has a lot of political undertones um and then he passed on when
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he passed on I was asked to speak at his funeral and I spoke from the heart it is
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where I had root Awakening that the system of zopf is vindictive the of some
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of the signs that I had seen in the past there's a lot of things that I got exposed to vindictive in that I spoke
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from my heart but I found myself being pursued by state agents is this when you
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escaped and you went into Exile I went into this is the first time I went to do Exile I came to South Africa um I was
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compromised here I I then went to another country and another country because i' had been compromised uh but
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then at some point I went back to Zimbabwe yeah and at the height of not
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of Co again I found myself in the middle of the night in a team that was called

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the fet team uh coming to try and abduct Me uh with strict instructions to if

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they found me my B is needed dead or alive that's how I eventually scaped the

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country uh over a my my work as an activist so I then thought to myself uh

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let me find a myself in um playing an active political role let me find myself

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a political role because activism particularly if you are from a land I mean people don't um

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value and this is the legacy of robertab this the leg of the Mis governance by

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zanu where everything har is better where everyone from the north is viewed

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as a better leader or is doing something productive I mean Elon mang political party no one ever said is regional or

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tribal is reg tribal Regional or

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tribal part oh it's a regional tribal party but this same part is inherited

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from aamar no one ever say it's Tribal original when aam tambar was running it

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so there is a push to domesticate leaders that are from melland and this is by default from by

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the by the current generation and is by design by Zan PF that pulled out of Zap

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1963 to try and make sure that if you de you uh viewed as a tribal warlord a

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tribal Chief you are not a nationalist so when I saw those things I thought to myself let me then get actively involved

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in politic and because I was already um a cing member of zpu it was easier for

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me uh to join zapu though I could have joined another other the party but the party that I felt resonated with me in

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terms of his Rich history leg iy and this promise to the people of Zimbabwe it was zapu so that's how I found myself

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um in zapo I mean I was asked by a lot of people to come and take over the the

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work that's was being done initially being asked maybe to play a very

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significant role and when we went to Congress I was then given a mandate to be Secretary General so that's how I

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found myself as people of M Midlands and any

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other places that feel or deemed as marginalized do you think we're still

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marginalized you see the issue of marginalization is not a thought it's not a feeling it is a

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reality that a a child born uh in child born in

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Cho in Gua

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mid is that we live um having a

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de in the current calibration of the country marginalization is a reality if you

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listen to the stories of uh the Ordinary People of M in the Midlands it is the

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reality that we we Face uh regardless of how you want to look at I know people

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want us [Music] to and pretend and be modest because you want

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to be accepted as national leaders but unfortunately that doesn't fly with us
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as zapu we fully push for Devolution because we believe in the right to
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self-determination and promotion of cultures and our diversity within the context of a unified State yeah uh a
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unary state must not uh be the um
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victimization of the minority by the majority but go to
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universities um and you must understand that all this has got its roots in kukur
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when other regions were progressing after Independence the first 10 years of
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was was being destroyed first 10 years of Independence was being destroyed teachers were being killed Headmasters
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was being killed nurses were being killed soldiers were being killed the PO the entire civil service was being
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killed so the marginalization of the can be given different context some can
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say but our people were continually on
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flight mode our people were leing for they were living for South Africa they were living for for every other country
27:02
because they were being killed being hunted down by government that's meant to protect them but also there's been a
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deliberate uh program of action by government to make sure that there's no Services uh in in mat land I mean uh
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look at Nast for instance I got pale how many years has Nast been there look at
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rods Victoria Victor Falls Road look
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at look at um you can tell that there's even r that
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lead to some of the best Minds in mat land you can tell that there's a deliberate Ploy and plot by government
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uh to marginalize M land but when this things started was punishing
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people for voting zap as punishment but this thing has become police inste off
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as a punishment to say let's force them to to join Zano PF but success
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government and administrations at whatever level I mean to the extent food a is not distributed
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equ that's reward people for chanting and
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and TW you but if you uh tell them the truth
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if you oppose them if you have alternate views they don't support you the Water
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Crisis in M for me should have been solved a long time ago but because M has
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always been clear from day one we do not support Zano PF for who they are the
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only region that has resisted Zano PF consistently is M that is why ever since
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the formation of opposition uh 1999 when MDC was formed in you will never have a
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zanu MP by elction H if it's not a byelection then it was it is only in 20
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2018 where they to filled double candidates and M became an MP fair and
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square they know so we are being punished I mean if you are going to punish a generation make sure that one

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you don't give them opportunities go to the presidential scholarship look at the list of the people that uh been given

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pres scholarship they tell no they don't apply it's simply because they've been applying for a long time and nothing is

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happening I mean you look at the nursing platforms I mean we have good comp

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likea they started a program of making sure that helping yes of making helping

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people to to apply Kum nursing schools but you were told that the algorithm is so

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complicated they were still not being prioritized you can tell that the

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government of Zimbabwe is honic there is a supremacist kind of of politics and our people are being used as uh porns in

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the grand scheme we have Representatives that and

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or in but they don't represent our people to Zan they represent Zan to the

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people of M and that's a big difference they have no voice balance there's

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nothing that they're pushing there's nothing they're making better because the politics of Zan is an land and that

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people must know that and when we in opposition we expect to see a difference

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of politics we do not expect to see politics of hemony when you see groups

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uh like MP rising up they might be going about it pushing for secession and

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doesn't mean uh that they are wrong or right it means they have legitimate concerns if you engage a lot of our

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people from land to say do they feel they are Zimbabwean very few people will tell you they they zimbabweans which is

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why as Z we feel that let's try and have a system of devolution where people will

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feel like they belong because they in charge of uh their localities where they

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in charge of their resources where they are in charge of the areas where they stay you you you really uh look at

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the employment demograph in M land it's shocking even for the simplest jobs to

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find locals there we can say we're being tribal but that's not being tribal it's being real the that is is a is a

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Cosmopolitan Province so you find everybody but is

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Cosmopolitan and stuff like that they scared to go into those spaces and also

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take part or fill those spaces or those positions because someone can come and

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say we are open also to to allow to come in saying something and really doing

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it is different uh you can't say

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people being called even up to now they being called and now there's about 4,000

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people trapped underground in a mine I can bet my last dollar uh about 500 of

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those people could be Z are zimbabweans so they cannot be more scared of their government and opt to go

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to where they are not known and

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victims of xenophobia stuff like that our people opted to leave one because

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they were killed they were victimized even if you go in there you'll be victimized listen to the stories of zapu
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and zpra people that were in the Army years was never promoted 20 years
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in the arm never promoted you you you go to schools you go to Every Other Place
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they being victimized from being there is a systemic stance in in in most of of um
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these things that are controlled by the state to portray de as people not people
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from that cannot lead that have no skill incompetent that narrative has been run
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so well that even if you find a competent or in a place they never
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promoted second in yeah we we are deputies and that's where
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we have a problem I don't understand why we have our educated people and stuff
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like that but they're always overlooked for appointment every time you see being appointed it's for cosmetics and
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Aesthetics and not necessarily that they are promoted that because they capable it's rare to find that
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soar learning they think they seeing okay it's better for me to grow up and leave the country because this there's
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no opportunities for me here and these are things that as political players especially in the opposition these are
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discussions that we must have I remember one time I think leading into the constitution of 2013 there were
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discussions around an equalization fund because matal has been more much in lied we had people in the opposite rank that
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believed that matal is not marginalized I want you to realize that
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there are places that are underdeveloped in masona land and are underdeveloped in
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my land but the reasons are different in M land is simply because of bad covenants in is because of
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marginalization so you cannot arue and say to
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me because we want to oppress these people look at the the Farms that were
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taken during the the land grab before you go ahead we've got a a
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finance minister is De when allocating funds is he not
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allocating funds equally to all the provinces and and government departments and how do we prove that in
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the funds are allocated but and the funds are not allocated at
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all uh I'll give you simple examples recently Zara gave money to local
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authorities for rehabilitation of Roads the mayor cried foul to say how we
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were given a shorty job I mean the money that were G given is not
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fair and the bulk of the money goes to develop other regions so the fact that
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you see marginalization in um in in
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zopf is a policy is not an issue of uh tribes men so even if you
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are and in zop you are going to be used as an instrument of marginalization
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because marginalization is a police you are there to pacify your people to say

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okay at least we have a position but in terms of what we get out of it there's nothing and that is what must be known

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which is why you always invite people to join zapu because in zapu we don't have tribalism we don't look at people based

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on where they they they come from we look at people on marit that's why we push for Devolution

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so that locals can benefit from the resources that are available within their spaces so this is who we are in

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zopf is is the is the other there can be arguments we can argue and say how funds

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dispar and stuff like that it has never been fair look at simple things like distribution

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of when there's a trout most of of of Mater families are not fed in any case

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mat has always been drought prone from but it only becomes a crisis when

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there's a national drought so the way people are being treated M land is not all about money look at even when

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um our icons die how they are treated recently died hisor he's given State

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funeral some chap who was singing music singing Z Dan here was

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stus is status so these are the things that people must be clear about that um

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we we're second class citizens in Ria because we're black we are second class

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citizens in Zimbabwe because we were from a land and and people must accept that we

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must deal with it

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how does zapu plan to deal with that what is the plan the first plan is to make sure that Z is out of power because

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as not looking at reforming the first step is to make sure

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that zap zanu is out of power but if that fails what we are pushing for is

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devolution not this water down Devolution uh that still there's still no Devolution that

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still must be implemented VI

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Devolution Devolution is the only way to go where we have a fiscal Devolution

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means that IM razor in a place uh we retain some of the money and we uh to

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develop ourselves we remit to National treasury part of the money the opportunities that are there H primarily

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benefit the people that are there there's absolutely no reason why you can tell me okay because there's a mine here

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it's a national cake and the National Cake benefits people from say from manikal

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Land ahead of the people from M it doesn't work like that and by the way we

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have a har rised Nation the people of manand also actually had their diamonds

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go to manikal land you can't tell that province with diamonds so Devolution is not a tribal thing to benefit M land

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it's something that has to benefit the entire region so that we have equitable distribution of resources the people of

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manand need Devolution maybe as much as us or or or or more than us but also

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Devolution is a is an instrument and a tool by which we can develop the country let's just say we build a th schools

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rather we have a Target to build a thousand schools in the country if we happen to build 800 or 900 schools we have met
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our Target regardless of how well spread they are we have

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disenfranchised people of mass or we built 900 million means we have

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disenfranchised people from so Devolution gives us a platform and a mechanism by which we can have equal and equitable

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distribution of resources once you have a centralized

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government you at times are having people making decisions when they are out of touch with the lived realities of the

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people decision about the distribution of funds to rehabilitate

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neverly the of relatives South Africa

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people National disaster they not in touch with the lived realities of the people but when

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you have Devolution that mean the person who's making decisions is in that space

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going there for Retreats they're going there for what you okay they never use that road right

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so these are the people that are making decisions for us but with Devolution it means that the local authorities the

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local people are able to sit down as a people and say this is what we want when now we have to go through some

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structures bureaucratic structures that are centered in and

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after if you look at the resolutions Zan from their last conference one of the things that they

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want they're saying they want to strengthen uh the principle that the party is superior to government superior to

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the country the most important organ in zimbabwe is parliament a PO of

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tribalist a PO of corrupt people parliament of looters and Killers this is their most

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important organ an organ where very few people there are competent to run a government

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if because they been competent Zimbabwe it is are because run with have a country is run by incompetent people in terms of

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capacity numbers strength where is zapu

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currently is zapu ready to govern is zapu ready to take

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over do people have confidence in zapu you see the first thing that you must

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realize zapu does not want to be in power for zapu zapu wants to uh take over power so

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that the people of uh Zimbabwe can have a foundation where they can express themselves on Merit so in the event that

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um zapu does not have uh the skill sets or all the necessary skill set because I

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believe we have uh some some sort of skill set to run a government but in the event that we do not have all the

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required and mandatory skills to run a government uh zapu is willing to work

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with all the other zimbabweans which is why we've always supported coalitions alliances and stuff like that because we

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understand our strength and our weaknesses we work with everyone we have never been um selfish that is why even

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when we came back from the war we had a government in waiting when we came here

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uh when we came to Zimbabwe we had a fully fleshed government right but um we

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offered our services and dismissed us we didn't fight and say okay uh enforce ourselves but in terms of um where we

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are in the political climate and context of Zimbabwe you realize that we have we

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I think we stayed too long in zanu and um a lot of other political parties came into play uh and most of our supporters

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and members that is why you see that the opposition has got the strongest support

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I mean you look at your MTC and their strongest support he has always been where there was a strong

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hold one number two we still have people that are skeptical about zap they

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feel and Zan is running a narrative no Z is in zanu just to confuse the masses so we have started a

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process I mean of U rebuilding the party and you must understand La when

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President D took took zap out of zanu his mandate was to make sure that uh the

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pull out is authentic and is acceptable right and he successfully did that I mean those that would argue I me some

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took us to court to say no still in they lost the court case now if you look at

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uh now very few people will say we areu and genuinely believe it they they can't

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believe it um now after the demise

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of and the change of administration the administ is a

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duty uh to go to the people to go to the masses this is why you find that we've been doing what is called direct

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constitu penetration where president G goes down to the people to explain to them this is who we are and really do

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you find people saying Oh but you are in zanu because president D dealt with that

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that we are not in zanu now we are now building a formidable opposition that is

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in touch with the lived realities of the people that's why you find us we are where the people are that's and it PID

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dividends I mean for the first time zapu won a Council seat shows that there's

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progress if you look at the numbers of the number of people that are voting zapu you see that there there's a

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progression so this is where we're going and uh for now we might not be um the

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alternative opposition in terms of numbers or the or the best opposition but from our numbers we are the third uh

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biggest uh opposition party in the country are people on the ground do they

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have confidence in um unfortunately in zapu we do not

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view er er the party from the lessons of a strong man uh because we are not

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building a a personality cult we are building an institution uh removed

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removed presidenta takes over z z stood we go to

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Congress takes over zap is standing remove today John takes over uh zapu

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will stand remove John Put Peter zap will stand so in zapu we are not running

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a narrative of being um confident in a in a person or personality we have
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always been known for building strong institutions so the confidence that people have is not tied to an individual
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it is confidence that is tied to a party there is no zap who feels uh um zap is
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where it is because of me you are where you are because of zapu and because the people believe in zap and not
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necessarily in you so whether or not people believe in it is neither here nor
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there if zap managed to get back the properties from the current government
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we've heard stories properties that were taken back
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in the day and there's been a process of trying to get those back
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the issue of uh properties is very complex but um Zan is not zap zanu is not giv us
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back our properties um for a number of reasons if
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we got all our properties today in the next elections will be in
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government because we automatically be the richest political party not only in in Zimbabwe maybe in Africa as a
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whole um our assets by now their cumulative value is worth billions of
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pounds with had properties farms and a lot of animals in those farms uh houses
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commercial stands and stuff like that um magnet house Ina is z property vard
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house in Harari is a a zapo property a lot of our our our properties are in the
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hands of Zan and Zan will not give them to us because it gives us political Advantage the reason why they were taken
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was to emasculate so giving us back the
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properties means um that they letting us lose and I'm telling you give us our
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properties today in 2028 When government because politics now is about resources
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so would not make that he can make promises and say I'm going to give you I'm going to give you but that doesn't
49:21
mean as a party we're not fighting uh to get back our properties we are doing everything reasonably possible
49:27
uh to to get our properties maybe as a last result we're going to um occupy
49:33
them forcefully because they ours for status and we should benefit and by the
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way you realize that when we had the unity Accord the UN Court never included
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two things it never said any it is silent about
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zipra silent about our properties and that on it own is telling but now the
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fox and chaps in Zano and now saying okay because you went into Unity Accord it means the properties are
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automatically they belong to the state they belong to the to not to the St the
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state now they saying maybe because you became one party but they don't understand that those properties were in
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as much as they belong to the party there were companies that were formed for the party with non directors so the
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property is a separate issue to the politics and you remember that over and above the properties that were taken

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that belong to the party and the companies owned by the party certain individuals lost their
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properties whenever were simply because wanted to make sure
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that those that went to to fight back or to be
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sustainable create a problem then they want to turn around and and and and be saviors so that's the challenge that we
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have but as Z we are prepared particularly the younger generation of uh zapu uh we are not in the M of our
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fathers who by the way did a very good job in fighting for the country but remember when they went into 1987 they
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had been War for a while and they had been now they now being handed down by their own brothers that they went to war
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with so they to make concessions and choose peace yeah choose peace zanu is dealing with a different
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breed of people zanu is dealing with us who are in the mold of our fathers when
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they went to war not when they came back from more tired we are rebranding the
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party we are ready to do whatever it takes to get
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back our zipra records and documents to get back our properties and to
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sanitize um the iconography of the people of zapu this thing of saying is a out up didn't going to war and stuff
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like that we are going to clean the names of our fathers we are going to make sure that The
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Narrative of of of um the country to but above all we're going to make sure that
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the that we fought for uh the Zimbabwe that flows with milk and honey that we
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we fought for comes back and becomes a reality this is who we are we are in a
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different Revolution uh which does not necessarily need uh guns at the moment when a revolution
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that needs people to be able to articulate policies and to be able to uh
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make the common men on the ground Envision a better Zimbabwe the unfortunate thing is that my generation
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sees the current is normal get an education and not get a job
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the city is normal we must and we have a responsibility to make sure that we are
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able to articulate the proper Zimbabwe approach how a proper country must run a
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country where people have social
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security \$150 work for
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years is less than what they used to come to to get the money these are
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things that zap need to correct zap brings back hope to say when we went to
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this Zimbabwe that we we went for we have responsibility to reverse the bastardization of the leg
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of Liberation Str now if you talk about Liberation because to them the Liberator is a selfish zanu guy who says I must be
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in power in perpetuity because I fought for you but zabu doesn't believe in that
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our fathers sacrificed there today so that we can have a better tomorrow not
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so that they can come and oppress us again tomorrow I always say to
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people they still everything thing like now when competition girlfriends look at all of
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them fired from being vice
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president as a generation you were not angry enough we see now has a new leader
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um 58 years of rule by The Liberation party and we see now the new leader
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coming in and giving hope to some of the opposition parties especially the new
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parties in Africa what's your take on that is up by the way we we attended the
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inauguration of the new president uh in bwana I was there uh we have some sort
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of relationship with um the the leadership in bwan yeah we have been
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studying how they did it one of the key things that you realize is that they
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didn't go It Alone the umbrella for democracy DC that is there is a a
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grouping of like-minded political parties one of the things that will help
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us in Zimbabwe is to make sure that no one owns The Narrative of a better
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Zimbabwe no one owns the right mandate uh to free our people see the
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problem that we have now people are not necessarily looking for salvation they're looking for a savior so as long
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as you do not come in the mold of the Savior that they want they might not listen to you so it is incumbent upon
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those that claim to have numbers to um really support to not use their numbers
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to to consolidate their positions as opposition the must use their numbers to
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attract everybody so that we are able to together become midwives of a better Zimbabwe what has been killing us is
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that we have people that feel H they entitled to govern if you want to be an
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alternative you must work with them listen to them join them support them that does not work with great power
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which comes from the masses comes great responsibility to deliver for the masses and to the masses we need an opposition
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leadership that is magnanimous and is willing to put aside uh EOS for the
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betterment of Zimbabwe this thing of saying so and so is no numbers so and so is no support and stuff like that I mean
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if there's any one person we had all the support uh that is um required to win an
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election whether it's in the Deep state or in the masses because we know that in Zimbabwe having the masses is not good
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enough you can have the masses and still find yourself sitting the opposition benches so we need to come together
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collectively and say to ourselves how do we go about it and we must shift our
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Focus from um opposition strongholds for instance whether you
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campaign or not the people of har and stuff like that they will not necessarily vote for zopf it is high
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time we as opposition collectively develop strategies of going to zopf strongholds and being able to campaign
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build solid structures there so that we can and collectively find our are forming the

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government if you check in countries where Liberation movements have lost you discover that it
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was via Coalition or an alliance of some sort and this is the model that we must
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start looking into this thing of saying let's build as individuals for me based
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on the experiences in bana and uh recently morias uh the change in
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government there where the ruling party got zero seats in moras four I think or five in bwana out of 61 the model that
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has been working is people working together to achieve a common goal let's
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move away from wanting to be number one let's do things for the people of zimb because if we all to and wanting and
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want to be number one uh our independence and freedom might
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not come so my my encouragement M to opposition leaders my encouragement to anyone who dares to want to see a better
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Zimbabwe is to let's start a message of uniting the people that one Freedom
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there is actually more that unites us than that divides
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us we need to find a way of soling our egos and our pride and be able to work
58:51
together to deal with the Enemy called zopf we our people have
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suffered the state of hospitals is unpalatable I
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mean simple things that in normal country should not be killing people are killing people in zimb and if we have a
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leadership if we have a leadership that is a conscience the situation in Zimbabwe should not be
59:28
allowed to continue another day what we are seeing in Zimbabwe is
59:36
unfair we must not allow it to continue but comes for us one one we must find a
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way of coming together for speaking out in Zimbabwe
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WEA for over two years with the mp99 I think level for almost 2 years if not
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more and I life continued normally but we
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must come together if they come for you
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Joy MDC Alliance blue green whatever name as long as we feel that what has
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happened is wrong we should make sure that we support you so that the state knows that the cost of arbitrary arrest
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is too much to pay had we flooded the courts had we protested collectively m M
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would not have been where he is when elections were stolen had we had a joint
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response not
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be from the situation so that's where we have a problem but I pray that God one day will
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raise an opposition leadership in Zimbabwe that has got his people the people of God at heart
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M uh for the people not for themselves people that want to change zopf not
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because they want to replace it with themselves and continue with the zopf
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system but people that are saying we need to change this thing for the people because it's not working for people want something that works for people and

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people that are going to commit their lives not just rhetoric it's easy to talk but we need people that are going

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to work the ground to make sure that we deliver the Zimbabwe that we've always

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envisioned wow

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[Music] think after a while you haven't seen us we've had president from we've had

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journalists and political analysts coming in sharing their views and I think after MP it is our first time

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having someone else from a different political party you are also welcome if you're coming from another political

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party to come and share your views he just did because we believe um that we

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we are a platform that gives you the freedom um to come in air your views if you are from ZF and you feel like what

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he has been saying is not true come challenge it argue State your facts if you are from Triple C and you're feeling

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that there is something that you want to share because as he said they believe in alliances and coalitions because they

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are about the people not just personality Cults or the party zap only

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but this is about you what are your thoughts what are your arguments your

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points comment share like but before we go I want you to give you a platform to speak to the

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people what should people look forward to um here zapu you're the Secretary

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General as you mentioned what is zapu promising the people speak to them yeah

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I think the the first thing that I want to um appeal to the people of zimb

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particularly those of us that are in the diaspora is that number one let's try

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and find a way of supporting the cause uh for the people that are at home

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uh for instance uh let's send money one Rand 10 Rand I mean if we have

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100,000 um people in South Africa giving a poal part of their choice and in this

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case because I'm zap saying zap one Rand a month means you have 100,000 to run

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the poal programs uh that we have number two we need the plight of zimbabweans to

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be known Toth Africa make sure that you

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in so that you know what's going on make it known make it public so that what our

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people going through number three

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years once in years this plan ultimately at the moment solution

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zimb will come from a vote let's plan to go down and register to vote I know we can say let's have a diaspora vote

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but so before it comes let's remember that even this right to vote was paid for PR which was the blood and sweat of

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our father others they PID the timate price for for us it should not be a

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difficult thing to do it should not be a very sacrifice to say once in 5 years you go down you put an x on a zapo

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candidate but a zap we promise people a government a devolved
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government promotes People based on Merit above all we promise to protect
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the citizens of Zimbabwe regardless of uh tribe gender race or any other thing
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that can be to discriminate this is the government that we are promising people we're promising as Zimbabwe where
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there's equal opportunities we're promising people in Zimbabwe where human rights proper land and property rights
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are going to be respected promising people in Zimbabwe where people are free to
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express themselves regardless of uh their language regardless of their culture because one of the things that
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is suppressed in Zim moment the minority cultures and tribes are suppressed
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that's why that's why promo that's why Sing
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Sing promoter we promise the people of Zim to build a a nation out of the state
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that we have we promise the people of Zim that the army of Zimbabwe the police of Zimbabwe will be used to
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defend the citizens not to hunt them down and kill them we promise the people
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of Zimbabwe that the resources that are are being produced in their localities
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will be used to develop them we are going to deal thoroughly with the issue
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of corruption with the issue of looting and and things like that that's why we had a Manifesto called Back to Basics
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I'll share it with you so that you can share it with so they know the Zimbabwe that we
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envision it is a Zimbabwe where everyone regardless of where they come from is
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able to identify with the national flag and say I'm proud uh to be Zimbabwean thank you
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thank you so much o you had it yourself as we have said this is not a
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platform for only musicians but it's a platform for business people for political leaders for activist for
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anyone who has something tangible and valuable to share here you you have it
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today we had hanana the Secretary General of ISU
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thank you so much for joining us today with podcast thank you so much for sharing um all that you
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had to share all the best and
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