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Open letter to the government of Zimbabwe

Dear state actors and fellow Zimbabweans,

I trust you are all gripped with apprehension considering current political developments in our troubled nation. As ZAPU it is our collective position that there are several considerations that need to be made particularly by state actors and all who wield the levers of power. There is still opportunity to prevent our country from sliding into violent chaos and complete anarchy. We have summarized and listed these considerations as follows:

1. President Mnangagwa must seriously take note that no amount of force can resolve the crisis already existing in Zimbabwe. Instead, this will be adding petrol to fire instead of being sincere and bringing leadership with solutions to the plight of weary Zimbabweans.

2. The state might lose its control over the people and affairs of the nation of Zimbabwe.

3. The Executive, led by President Mnangagwa, must take off its foot from the pedal because they seem to be speeding towards a cliff where everyone especially civilians might fall off and perish. From our point of view, President Mnangagwa and his executive have failed to manage the nation's affairs to keep citizens safe from economic triggered chaos. By doing so, the President and his cabinet have become a threat to the state's stability and national security.



4. No amount of violence or use of mercenary-like payments to police, army or youth will remedy this situation. Instead, find lasting solutions to this dog-eat-dog, cut-throat and jungle law circumstances you have put nation into. Arrest the rot and not innocent people or it's over.

5. While it might seem easier for you to use repression on the masses in Central Business Districts or towns without addressing underlying causes of the crises, the outcome might end up being worse than South Africa's xenophobic attacks or the Rwandan Genocide. Out of fear and suspicion, people in the same farms, villages, streets and communities might become uncontrollable enough to kill each other.

6. You might lose control over national security and drive the country into unimaginable chaos and unnecessary deaths. We demand constitutionally protected human security for all Zimbabweans now. No amount of heavy boots and guns can deliver such security for our people.

Patriotically,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical scribble on the left and a long horizontal line extending to the right, ending in a small oval. Three small dots are visible below the horizontal line.

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