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PRESIDENT Nelson Chamisa yesterday met Australian Ambassador To Zimbabwe Minoli Perera and they held wide ranging talks on the benefits of international partnerships:

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Australia Ambassador Minoli Perera Meets President Nelson Chamisa

■ Australian Ambassador Minoli Perera Meets President Nelson Chamisa in Harare in diplomatic contact which focussed on wide-ranging matters

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

Zimbabwean social media was set ablaze yesterday after Australian Ambassador Minoli Perera tweeted pictures of herself meeting Change Champion-In-Chief Advocate Nelson Chamisa in Harare.

Zimbabwe is facing watershed elections on August 23 and President Chamisa has all but implemented a strategic campaign, election and power takeover as soon as his impending victory is announced by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission.

The international community has committed itself to observer status, supervising and declaring a free and fair election in which President Chamisa will unlock a new future for the country - and change millions of our citizens's life and fortunes.

Ambassador Minoli Perera posted warm pictures of the President meeting her and the accompanying caption which showed how the Ambassador appreciated the opportunity.

"Good to meet with opposi-

tion @CCCZimbabwe leader @nelsonchamisa for a wide ranging conversation in this very important year for, recognising the benefits of international partnerships and the strength of the relationship," the tweet said.

There was positive feedback to the meeting on social media - with Change Champions commenting that Ambassador Perera's caption after meeting President Chamisa revealed the multiple approach that the countries of the world are taking in re-engaging with Zimbabwe after the disastrous policies of Zanu-PF resulted in former President Mugabe pulling the country out of organisations such as the Commonwealth.

Zimbabwe has since been fighting a battle to be re-admitted to a number of international organisations and institutions and the meeting with Ambassador Perera was widely seen as a strategic approach by independent observers.

Analysts on social media hailed the important meeting as a sign that the international community is pushing through with guiding the readmission of Zimbabwe into important international partnerships with friendly nations and everyone else in the world through diplomacy.



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Calls Grow Louder For ZEC To Clarify Role Of FAZ In Elections

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

As Zimbabwe prepares for its landmark elections in August 2023, concerns are mounting over the shadowy organization Forever Associates of Zimbabwe (FAZ) and its involvement in the electoral process.

With links to ZANU PF, FAZ has been accused of disturbing voters' roll inspection exercises and rigging internal party polls.

Citizens and political institutions across the country have been campaigning for ZEC to clarify the legality of FAZ's involvement, as it undermines the transparency and credibility of the national electoral process. FAZ members stationed at polling stations during the recently ended voters' roll inspection have been accused of illegally collecting the names of voters in an alleged attempt to manipulate the election.

The Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) has taken the lead in calling for FAZ's disbandment, raising concerns over the potential for a military coup and demanding explanations from the defence minister.

CCC legislator, Hon Tendai Biti, on a point of national interest recently requested that Defence minister Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri come

and explain who FAZ is as a matter of urgency.

"In terms of Chapter 11 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe, our constitution recognises our security forces and security agents, which consist of the military, police, prisons and correctional service and intelligence.

"We respect these institutions and we are proud of these institutions who by virtue of Section of 208 are bound to respect this Parliament as an elected civilian authority.

"During the ongoing voters' roll inspection exercise which commenced over the weekend, we are seeing at polling stations a creature and individuals coming from a creature called FAZ.

"They are virtually in every polling station. We read that they purport to come from the intelligence service but we know the intelligence service and our intelligence authority," said Biti.

He added: "What is this creature called FAZ, why is it interfering with our elections? I know from the ruling party Zanu PF that FAZ even interfered in their primary elections. "If we create parallel structures, it will lead to a disaster and military coups.

"May the minister of Defence come and explain what FAZ is doing in our polling stations when in terms of the law



only ZEC officials, political parties and candidates are allowed to be in the polling stations."

During a press briefing after inspecting the voters' roll, CCC leader Advocate Nelson Chamisa fumed over FAZ's behavior of intimidating rural citizens.

He stated that the sinister operations of FAZ must stop immediately, as it is causing undue fear among Zimbabwe's vulnerable populations.

"We know FAZ is intimidating citizens in rural areas. FAZ sinister operations must stop with immediate effect," said CCC leader Advocate Nelson Chamisa recently.

In the face of growing public pressure, ZEC must provide transparency and accountability in its handling of FAZ.

Failure to do so can result in a contested election, erod-

ing what little trust remains in the democratic process of Zimbabwe.

The call for FAZ's fall and disbandment has become a national issue, with the hashtag #FAZMustFall trending on social media platforms.

ZEC should act to ensure that the electoral process is free, fair, and devoid of any illegal activities by shadowy organizations like FAZ.

The Citizens Coalition for Change's spokesperson, Advocate Fadzayi Mahere also has demanded answers, asking ZEC to unveil what role FAZ plays in this election and why they are allowed to take over voters' roll inspection at polling stations unlawfully.

In a tweet, Mahere said, "#ZECMustExplain what role FAZ is playing in this election. Why are they allowed to take over voters' roll inspection at polling stations? Why are they abusing @PoliceZimbabwe to cause the arrest of CCC members who challenge their illegal conduct? #FAZ-MustFall"

As Zimbabweans gear up for the upcoming elections, they require full disclosure and transparency in the electoral process.

The onus is now on the ZEC to act decisively and bring an end to the menace of illegal organizations like FAZ.

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Citizens' Coalition For Change Denies Confirming Candidates Yet

■ **The process, which required the nominated candidates from the metropolitan province in both council and parliament to present their manifesto or program of action to the people.**

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

Zimbabwe's biggest alternative party, the Citizens Coalition for Change has dismissed rumors of final candidate selection results despite a selection process taking place in Bulawayo over the weekend.

CCC spokesperson, Advocate Fadzayi Mahere said that the party has not announced any confirmed candidates and is still awaiting the release of official reports.

In a tweet, Mahere said, "CANDIDATE SELECTION: The @CCCZimbabwe has not announced any candidate as confirmed, in Bulawayo or otherwise. The multi-stage process is almost complete, and once formal reports on each stage have been submitted to the CISP, formal decisions will be made &

announced officially."

Mahere clarified that the Bulawayo Province has conducted a citizens consensus, but the final results are yet to be released through

Official announcement on candidates for the forthcoming August elections will be made once reports on each stage of the selection process are submitted to the party's independent electoral body, the Citizens' Independent Selection Panel (CISP).

The party Saturday successfully conducted and concluded its citizens' caucus in Bulawayo metropolitan province, which brought forth a new wave of hope among the people of Bulawayo ahead of the 23rd of August 2023 elections.

The process, which required the nominated candidates from the metropolitan province in both council and parliament to present their manifesto or program of action to the people, had a significant impact on the community.

The citizens of Bulawayo were not only given a platform to

endorse their preferred candidates but also an opportunity to understand the candidates' vision and plans for the province.

"We are delighted with the process that gave us the chance to physically interact with our preferred candidates. It provided them with the opportunity to share their manifestos and gave us a platform to choose the candidates who will represent us in council and parliament after the 23rd of August 2023 elections. The process was peaceful and gave us hope as citizens. It's a clear indication that our leaders recognize us and are willing to engage us in the national conversation and deci-

sion-making process," shared an enthusiastic and optimistic citizen from Cowdry Park.

The CCC is committed to a transparency and fair democratic processes and the final list of the candidates

to be released in due course will represent the will of the people.

The party's commitment to transparency and fair democratic processes provides hope for a brighter future.



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Civil Servants Suffer As Zimbabwean Dollar Continues To Fall

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
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The Zimbabwean dollar has continued to fall after reaching a new record low today when the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) auction system recorded a weighted average rate of 3673.7718 against the US dollar.

This is a significant drop, compared to last week's rate of 2577, indicating the continued sharp decline of the country's currency.

Civil servants are among those who feel this decline most acutely, as they are paid part of their salaries in the local currency, ranging from ZW\$85,000 to 200,000 for the general civil servants.

With the official exchange rate, they are now earning between \$21 and \$50, which is barely enough to cover the

basic cost of living.

This situation has caused immense frustration among the civil servants, who are struggling to make ends meet.

Civil servants are left to bear the brunt of the falling Zimbabwean dollar, with no viable alternatives.

The RBZ has attempted numerous times to stabilize the local currency with no success.

In response to the latest decline, the central bank has announced that Zimbabwe's exchange rate will be determined by real market forces from 7th June this week.

Additionally, foreign exchange will now be sold in banks, instead of the controversial Foreign Exchange Auction system that was used to loot public funds by politically connected individuals and companies, mainly from ZANU PF party.



Despite this latest development, many Zimbabweans remain skeptical about the government's ability to fix the country's economic problems, given their long-standing history of corruption and mismanagement.

Zimbabweans continue to call for transparency and accountability from their leaders, as they look for a way out of the current economic quagmire.

This comes at a crucial time as Zimbabwe approaches

elections in August this year. The opposition party, the Citizens Coalition for Change, led by Advocate Nelson Chamisa, has pledged to tackle the current economic crisis head-on if they are elected.

The party has made a commitment to pay civil servants decent salaries in USD while working towards ensuring that the Zimbabwean economy benefits everyone, not just a select few with ties to the government. They're focused on improving the lives of the majority of citizens by imple-

menting policies that bring about economic growth and prosperity for all Zimbabweans.

These promises are resonating with Zimbabweans, who are tired of living in an environment of economic uncertainty and instability. The upcoming election provides an opportunity for the country to elect leaders committed to positive change, addressing the issues of corruption and financial mismanagement that have plagued the nation for too long.



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Outrage As Zim Police Beat Up Man For Exercising His Rights And Freedom Of Speech

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The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has yet again come under scrutiny for the brutal assault of an innocent citizen exercising his rights.

Identified as Itayi Makombe, was the victim of the latest assault, one that has sparked widespread public outrage.

In an unprovoked attack that occurred on Monday morning, Makombe allegedly parked his car at the corner of Sam Nujoma and J Tongogara and proceeded to jump on top of his car and shouted 'Free Zimbabwe, Free Zimbabwe.'

Shortly after, members of the Zimbabwe Republic Police in uniform and plain clothes began assaulting him in broad daylight while he was in a white Ford Ranger belonging to members of the Central Intelligence Organization (CIO).

Advocate Fadzayi Mahere, the CCC spokesperson, took to Twitter to express her outrage and condemn the police's disproportionate use of force.

She questioned the motive behind the violent attack, stating that if the police suspected Makombe had committed an offence, they should have taken him to

court instead of punishing him on the spot.

"Why were you beating this man early this morning? Is this not a disproportionate use of force? What offence did he commit? Why are you "punishing" him instead of taking him to court if you suspect he's committed an offence? What law is this?"

Mahere's sentiments were echoed by hundreds of thousands of Twitter users who viewed the tweet.

Many expressed their disgust at the barbaric act, with

some likening the police's actions to those of the colonial-era British South Africa Police (BSAP).

"ZRP is behaving like the colonial BSAP if not worse! Police brutality in "independent" Zimbabwe," one Twitter user said.

"This is disgusting what does Zanu-PF govt want to say when they see such barbaric acts by @PoliceZimbabwe Zimbabwe is going nowhere with this. I urge the masses not to vote for Zanu-PF by all means. It's a primitive barbaric party

#ZanuPFMustGo" another one added.

"The @PoliceZimbabwe thugs only stopped because they got tired and had become breathless from their abusive act."

"The guy is already arrested and packed in the car. This is evil. And they wonder why we hate Zanu-PF. They should remain in power otherwise revenge is inevitable."

Assaulting citizens without provocation or due process is unconstitutional and criminal.

The police violated Section 52 of the Constitution, which protects freedom from violence from public sources, as well as Section 53, which enshrines freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.

Furthermore, legally, the police cannot punish anyone suspected of committing a crime. Due process must be followed, which includes informing the accused of the charges, adhering to their rights, and finally bringing them before a court of law for adjudication.



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