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Zimbabwe Inflation Soars Into The Four-Digit Range

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

Zimbabwe is currently grappling with an unprecedented economic crisis, as inflation rates continue to soar at a momentous pace.

The Zimbabwean dollar is now almost worthless as inflation hits the 4 digits.

Steven Hanke, a professor of applied economics, this week measured the Zimbabwean inflation rate and was at a whopping 1220%/yr.

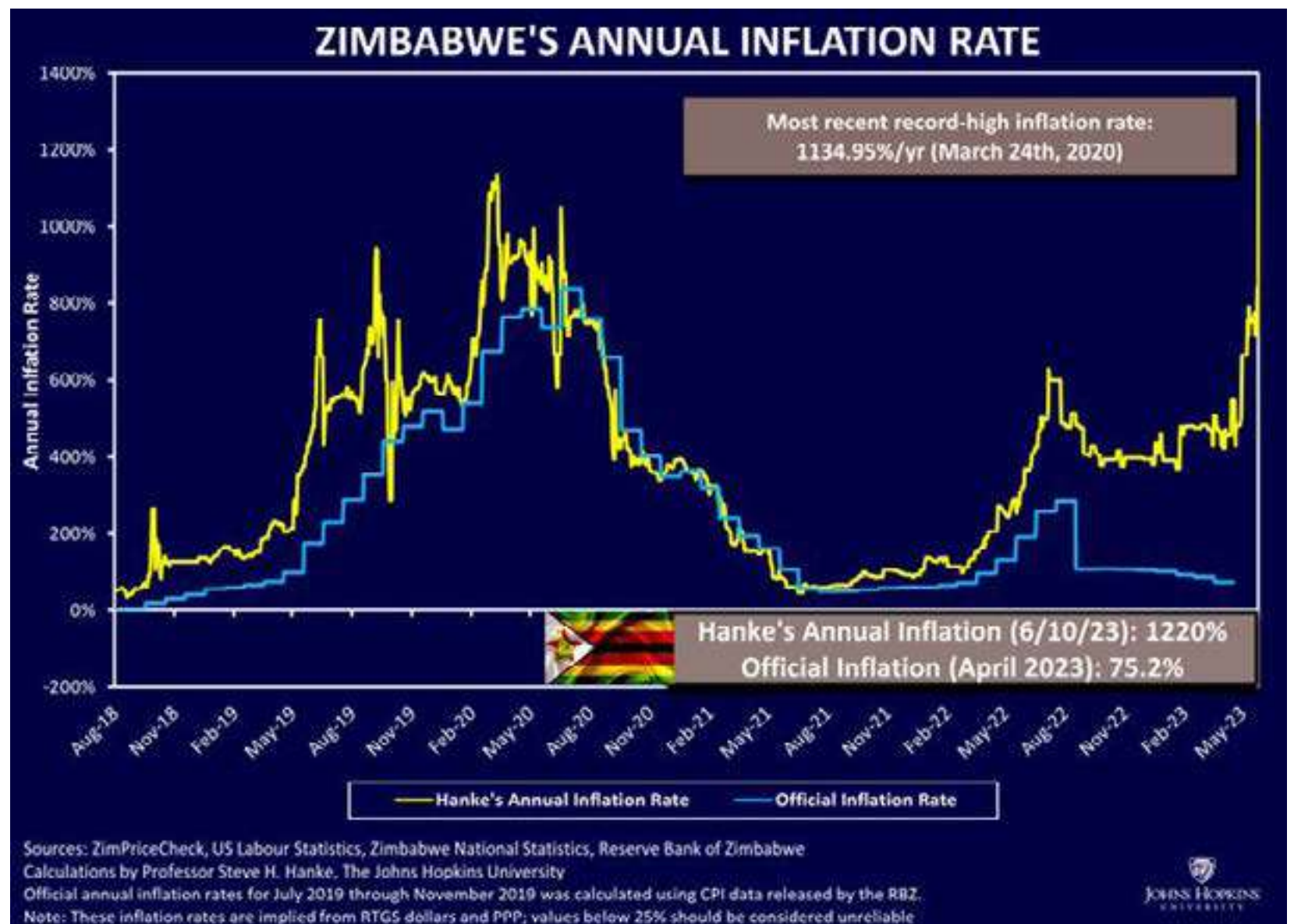
He said, "In #Zimbabwe, the govt is struggling to stop the free-fall of the economy. Today, I measure Zim's inflation at a whopping 1220%/yr. That's the highest inflation rate in the world."

The economic crisis in Zimbabwe has been ongoing since 1998, with a brief period of stability between 2009-2013 following the formation of a government of national unity.

However, since the collapse of the government of national unity, the Zimbabwean economy has remained unstable.

It has recently escalated into a full-blown crisis where Zimbabweans are struggling to afford basic necessities, such as food and healthcare.

The Zimbabwean dollar has taken a severe hit in value; it was trading around 4000 against the United States dol-



lar last week, but as of now, it's trading above 7000.

The rising inflation rate has had a ripple effect on the country's economy, with businesses shutting down, massive job losses and poor wages for workers particularly the civil servants.

The Zanu-PF government which has been running the country since independence in 1980 has dismally failed to curb the current economic turmoil.

Their poor economic and monetary policies have failed to stabilize the local currency, in short they have had little effect on the hyperinflation.

This crisis has put the citizens' lives at risk, with hospitals experiencing severe shortages of medical supplies and the government being unable to pay civil servants decent.

Apparently there seems to be little optimism for the average Zimbabwean under the current regime. Businesses

have been forced to close, jobs have been lost, prices of basic commodities have gone up and healthcare systems are on the brink of collapse.

The only hope lies in the creation and implementation of effective policy measures to stabilize the country's economy and bring inflation rates under control before it's too late.

With Zimbabwe's forthcoming election approaching in August 2023, citizens have a

crucial opportunity to bring about a positive socio-economic change by voting for leaders with sustainable and effective policies.

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Happy CCC Members In Masvingo Get Rewarded For Registering New Voters

■ A winner from Bikita East expressed excitement for the recognition, stating that it gave him satisfaction to see people responding positively to the call to register to vote

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

The Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) members received recognition and rewards over the weekend for their commendable efforts in mobilizing people to register to vote for the upcoming elections under the Register to Vote and Win Big Campaign.

The CCC registered more than 80,000 new voters in Masvingo, which was one of the participating provinces. The award ceremony was led

by CCC member, Ms. Vimbai Mavherudze, who thanked all those who took part in the initiative across different constituencies.

The tokens of appreciation given included high-end smartphones and winter blankets.

During the ceremony, Mavherudze urged all the people in Masvingo province to vote for President Nelson Chamisa, CCC MPs, and Councilors in the upcoming elections.

"The register to vote and win big campaign closed this weekend and we want to thank those who participated in this initiative from different constituencies that

include Bikita South and East, Masvingo Central and Gutu Central.

We want to thank you all and we must make sure that we all vote for our President Nelson Chamisa, CCC MPs and Councilors in the upcoming elections," Mavherudze said.

Mavherudze went on to share that the initiative arose after they noticed a significant number of people were unaware that Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) offices were still open for voter registration before the election date proclamation.

She expressed her conviction that the province would perform better in the upcoming elections as a result of their

initiative.

The campaign winners expressed their appreciation for being recognized and rewarded for their efforts to increase voter registration.

One winner from Bikita East expressed excitement for the recognition, stating that it gave him satisfaction to see people responding positively to the call to register to vote.

"I'm very much excited to have been recognized and rewarded for the work that I have done in making sure that people are registered to vote in the upcoming elections," he said.

Another winner, a Masvingo resident, expressed gratitude

for the reward, saying that she was glad and deeply honored to receive a winter blanket for registering significant numbers of new voters.

"I'm very happy for being rewarded with a winter blanket after I registered a significant number of new voters," she said.

The voter registration exercise concluded two weeks ago with the proclamation of the election date by Mr Emmerson Mnangagwa.

The CCC's efforts brought about a significant impact by increasing the number of registered voters, setting the stage for a change in the political and socioeconomic situation in Zimbabwe.



Patriotic Bill Signals Grave Assault On Human Rights: Amnesty International

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

Zimbabwe's recent passing of the 'Patriotic Bill' has sparked concerns over the country's human rights, with Amnesty International's Deputy Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, Flavia Mwangovya, calling it a "grave assault on human rights".

The bill, which criminalizes acts of "wilfully injuring the sovereignty and national interest of Zimbabwe" and participation in meetings promoting economic sanctions against the country, has been deemed overly broad and vague by critics.

Mwangovya has voiced concerns over the bill's potential to unduly restrict human rights and impose the death penalty against those critical of the government, including political activists, journalists, and human rights defenders.

"The passing of the 'Patriotic Bill' by the Senate is deeply concerning and signals a disturbing crack down on Zimbabweans' rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association. The weaponization of the law is a desperate and patent move to curtail the rights to freedom of expression and to public participation in elections due in August this year.

"The Bill's deliberately vague and overly broad provisions

on damaging Zimbabwe's interest and sovereignty, including by calling for economic sanctions, flies in the face of Zimbabwe's international human rights obligations. All laws must be defined precisely, allowing people to know exactly which acts will make them criminally liable.

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"The Bill, if passed into law, could give authorities greater powers to unduly restrict human rights, and worryingly, it would allow for imposing the death penalty against those perceived as being critical of the government, including political activists, human rights defenders, journalists, civil society leaders, opposition parties, and whistle-blowers. We are deeply concerned that the Bill adds to the existing plethora of offences punishable by death in Zimbabwe.

"We are deeply concerned that the Bill adds to the existing plethora of offences punishable by death in Zimbabwe," he added.



Amnesty International opposes the use of the death penalty in all cases and has called on the President Mr Mnangagwa to reject the bill, urging Zimbabwe to abide by

its obligations under international human rights law.

The bill has already been passed by the lower house and the Senate and now awaits the President's assent.

"We call upon the President to reject this bill. The government of Zimbabwe must urgently ensure that it abides by its obligations under international human rights law."

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Mutsvangwas Flaunt Life Of Luxury Amid Sea Of Poverty

ZANU PF spokesperson Mutsvangwa flaunts extravagant lifestyle as Zimbabwe's economy suffers

ZANU PF Spokesperson Chris Mutsvangwa has faced criticism for his extravagant lifestyle, which he recently flaunted by showing off a private jet in the company of his wife, Monica Mutsvangwa.

The lavish display comes at a time when the Zimbabwean economy is struggling, with civil servants earning minimal wages and citizens grappling with sky-high inflation - a staggering 1220%, to be precise.

Prices of basic commodities have soared beyond the reach of many, making it difficult for Zimbabweans to make both ends meet.

While the country's economy is in dire need of stabilization, the Mutsvangwa family is busy showcasing their controversial wealth, which has reportedly been obtained through questionable means.

To make matters worse, the ZANU PF spokesperson has been accused of hypocrisy for accusing the opposition parties of being puppets of the West while splurging millions of ill-gotten wealth in Western countries.

The Mutsvangwa family's behavior has been criticized, with many calling for them



'Haizi nguwa yeku svotesa neku slayer...says former Zimbabwe Minister Dr Walter Mzembi

to redirect their focus towards helping the struggling Zimbabwean economy.

The Citizens Coalition for Change spokesperson, Advocate Mahere said, "It's unpatriotic to destroy a national airline then fly around the US in a private jet. They denounce America by day but love going there in obscene luxury by night. We need new leaders."

"It's insensitive for leadership presiding over a failed economy to fail to read national mood & flaunt what is read as extravagant lifestyles after raiding national treasury through loans of USD1million as a couple . Haizinguva yekusvotesa nekuSlayer," said former Zimbabwe minister Dr Wal-

ter Mzembi.

"These Zanu PF leaders dont respect the ordinary citizens. That's why they want the Patriotic Act so that they can do whatever they want," another Tweeter said.

Another Tweeter added, "They must be arrested under the patriotic act bill even those who steal natural resources and stash the money in foreign lands must be arrested also."

As the citizens of Zimbabwe continue to bear the brunt of the country's economic woes, the situation is made even more challenging by the flagrant display of wealth by the Mutsvangwa family. - Citizens' Daily News Correspondent





Zim Police Suffer As Economic Crisis Causes Mess Price Chaos

■ A sandwich in the police mess now costs \$30 600

By Citizens' Daily Correspondent

The ongoing economic crisis in Zimbabwe has caused prices of basic commodities to soar beyond the reach of many.

Among those affected are the Zimbabwean police, who have seen prices of food items at the mess hall rise exponentially. The police have been struggling to make ends meet, with their salaries unable to keep up with the skyrocketing prices of commodities in the country.

The situation has been a challenge for the entire police force, already grappling with insufficient resources.

The rise in mess hall prices has further compounded their woes, and the police are reportedly finding it difficult to feed themselves adequately.

A notice issued to ZRP Consolidated Fund Messes Stop reveals that the prices of food have increased by more than 400%. For instance, the cash price for plain tea that was initially sold at ZW\$1000 has risen to ZW\$4250, and the same tea is now sold at ZW\$7650 from ZW\$2000 under a credit facility.

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ADDRESSEES ARE BEING ADVISED THAT MEAL PRICES OF ZRP CONSOLIDATED FUND MESSES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED UPWARDS WITH EFFECT FROM 09/06/23 AS FOLLOWS:-

CASH PRICE/ ONLINE PAYMENT PRICE	EXISTING ZWLS PRICE	NEW ZWLS PRICES
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SANDWICH	4000.00	17000.00
LOW STANDARD PLATE	2000.00	17000.00
ORDINARY PLATE	4000.00	8500.00
STANDARD PLATE	6000.00	25500.00
BUFFET PLATE	10000.00	42500.00
STANDARD SNACK PLATE	14000.00	68000.00
BUFFET SNACKS COMBO	20000.00	127500.00
CREDIT / REQUISITION PRICE	EXISTING ZWLS PRICE	NEW ZWLS PRICES
PLAIN TEA	2000.00	7650.00
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ORDINARY PLATE	8000.00	30600.00
STANDARD PLATE	10000.00	45900.00
BUFFET PLATE	15000.00	76500.00
STANDARD SNACK PLATE	21000.00	122400.00
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MESSES ARE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT THE PRICES IMMEDIATELY STOP STOP

The situation has also affected their families, with many struggling to put food on the table.

The ZANU PF government has dismally failed to stabilize the economy and paying the civil servants decent salaries.

The police and other civil servants continue to grapple with minimal wages, which are not enough to sustain their basic needs.

The situation at the mess hall is just one example of how Zimbabweans are suffering

due to the economic crisis caused by Zanu PF's failure to implement effective policies.

Basic commodities such as bread, milk, and cooking oil have become unaffordable, leaving many citizens struggling to make ends meet.

With Zimbabwe's forthcoming election approaching in August 2023, citizens including the police have a crucial opportunity to bring about a positive socioeconomic change by voting for leaders with sustainable and effective policies.

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Change led by Advocate Nelson Chamisa, has been campaigning for a new government that would ensure better conditions for its citizens. The party aims to address the expensive cost of living, joblessness, and an insufficient social service structure.

CCC also pledged to address the needs of the police and other civil servants, ensuring that they are adequately paid and can afford basic necessities.

"Dear @PoliceZimbabwe, A sandwich in the police mess now costs \$30,600. How

much do you earn? How many sandwiches can you buy on your current salary?

Vote for a government that will pay you a decent wage. Eating a good meal won't be a luxury under a CCC Govt," said CCC spokesperson, Advocate Fadzayi Mahere.

The upcoming election presents a critical moment in Zimbabwe's history, and the decision of the citizens' vote will have far-reaching implications for the country's future. With responsible and capable leaders, Zimbabwe can overcome the economic trouble and guarantee prosperity and stability for the country's citizens including the police.

A senior Zanu PF leader has issued a reprehensible statement saying that rural citizens who purportedly support his party are ignorant and uninformed.

A recent statement by Obert Mpofu has sparked outrage, as he referred to rural citizens who purportedly support his party as ignorant and uninformed.

Mpofu claimed that even if the local currency were to continue its downward spiral, as it currently is, these supporters would still vote for ZANU-PF.

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