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Vote For Citizens' Coalition For Change On August 23: Job Sikhala

By Citizens' Daily
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Job Sikhala, a Member of Parliament of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), has been detained for a record 365 days for a crime he did not commit.

Despite his struggles, Sikhala remains steadfast in his beliefs and has called for Zimbabweans to vote for change in the upcoming elections.

In a very long letter commemorating his year of imprisonment, Sikhala urged Zimbabweans to support the CCC and its leader, Advocate Nelson Chamisa.

"The time to vote for change. As Citizens we made a pact for change. We must remain true to the cause. I urge you to go and vote in your numbers. I urge you to vote for the Citizens' Coalition for Change. I urge you to restore Zimbabwe's lost pride through your vote."

Sikhala acknowledged the challenges facing the country but implored Zimbabweans to vote in their numbers for change to restore the coun-

try's pride in equality and fairness.

He implored the citizens not to endure another five years of soaring inflation, economic instability, injustice, and oppression, warning that another term of what Zanu PF was only capable of offering would result in failure.

"We cannot endure another five years of soaring inflation. We cannot endure another five years of economic instability. We cannot endure another five years of injustice and oppression. We cannot endure another five years of what the oppressors in Zanu PF are only capable of offering – FAILURE. We are the jewel of Africa. We cannot allow Zanu PF to make us a failed state," Sikhala said in his letter.

He reminded Zimbabweans that their country was the jewel of Africa, and it could not be allowed to become a failed state by the oppressors in Zanu PF.

Sikhala acknowledged the challenges Zimbabweans faced, but he urged them not to be defined by their situa-

tions but to define themselves in the situation and to remain true to the cause.

In his letter, Sikhala recounted his experiences.

He urged Zimbabweans to pray for a better future for himself and the country.

Recalling Nelson Mandela's speech at the Rivonia Trial, Sikhala reflected on his philosophical outlook despite his travails, a democratic and free society in which all persons live in harmony and with equal opportunities.

"Let me leave you for now. Let me leave with you with an extract of Nelson Mandela's speech at the Rivonia Trial, which has largely moulded my philosophical outlook despite my travails: – "During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to



live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

As the election date approaches, Zimbabweans are determined to vote for change. On August 23, the citizens will go in their numbers to the polls, in full confidence that the Citizens Coalition for Change will emerge as winners.

Under the new leadership led by Advocate Chamisa, Zimbabwe will begin its journey to economic stability, social equality, and justice for all, restoring its pride as the jewel of Africa.

And Job Sikhala will finally be a free man, able to continue his pursuit of a democratic and free society.

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Zimbabweans Show Solidarity With Job Sikhala On One-Year Anniversary Of Unjust Imprisonment

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

On Wednesday, Zimbabweans both locally and abroad participated in various activities to show solidarity with Job Sikhala, who has been imprisoned for a year on false charges.

Sikhala was arrested on June 14th, 2022, after being chosen to represent the Ali family in court following the brutal murder of their daughter, Moreblessing.

A member of Zanu PF, the ruling regime, was responsible for the murder but has not yet been convicted.

As an opposition lawmaker, Sikhala is being persecuted for seeking justice for Moreblessing Ali and criticizing the regime's brutality.

Zimbabweans took to social media to demand Sikhala's release and condemn the political persecution he is facing.

Those living abroad organized a solidarity demonstration, which even attracted democracy champions like Kate Hoey and Jonny Oates.

"Today (Wednesday), Zimbabweans living abroad organized and participated in a solidarity demonstration

protesting against the continued pre-trial detention of Job Sikhala, who has spent one year behind bars for a false crime. Democracy champions, including Kate Hoey and Jonny Oates, also joined the campaign. #WiwaOneYear," CCC tweeted.

"We protested #FreeJobSikhala today as he clocked 365 days as a political prisoner in Chikurubi Maximum Prison. Thanks to all who organised, participated, turned up, protested on social media, those who prayed and to @CatharineHoey and @jonny_oates for the solidarity with the persecuted people of Zimbabwe," said Makombore-ro Haruzivishe in a tweet.

"Joined with @jonny_oates to support the protest. Job Sikhala held for 1 year without bail. A brave opposition MP in Zimbabwe where the rule of law is broken and @edmnangagwa allows corruption and uses violence to silence critics #FreeJobSikhala," tweeted Catherine Hoey.

Locals also showed their support online, using trending hashtags like #WiwaOneYear, #FreeWiwa, and #EndPoliticalPersecution to spread their message.

"Using the hashtag #WiwaOneYear, please share a message of solidarity to

Hon @JobSikhala1 as he clocks one year of wrongful imprisonment today. His persecution is a dark stain on our democracy. Until he is free, none of us is free. We continue to demand his immediate release. ", tweeted CCC spokesperson Fadzayi Mahere.

"#WiwaOneYear It is evident that the ZANU PF regime in Zimbabwe is using the law to persecute @JobSikhala1. This is unacceptable and goes against the very fabric of democracy. Bail is a constitutional right that must be respected. Let

us stand together and demand justice for @JobSikhala1 and @Zinasuzim leaders who have been denied their constitutional rights. Our voices must be heard, and we will not be silenced. We will not sit back and watch as our fellow citizens are persecuted for exercising their right to free speech.

#FreeWiwa," CCC lawmaker Joanah Mamombe tweeted.

In commemoration of his 365 days in unjust detention, Sikhala wrote a lengthy letter in which he expressed his determination not to be divided from his party colleagues or

to be silenced by his persecutors.

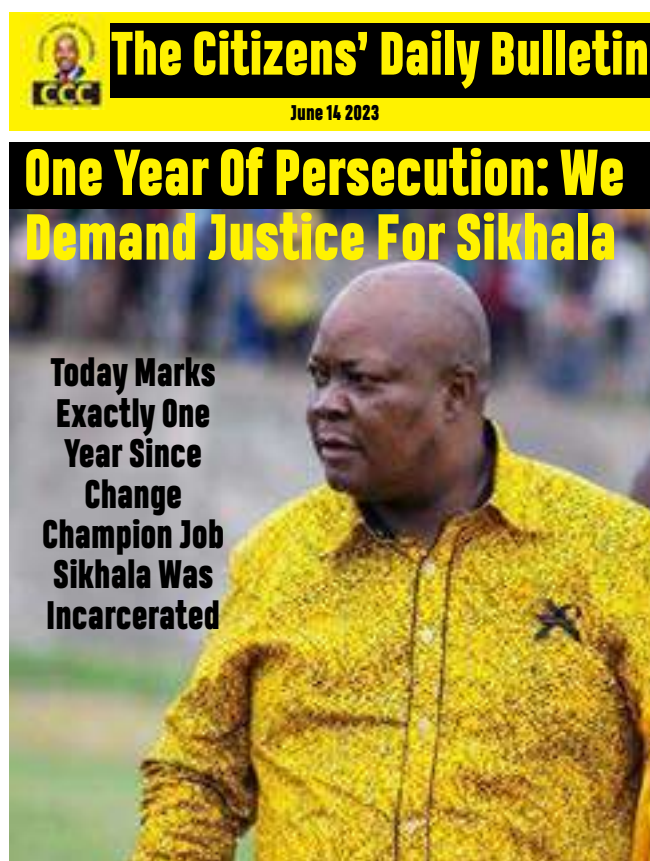
"The dumb and punitive attempts by the authors of my misery to divide us through my persecution will not deliver their anticipated results. Chain me all you want. It won't work. It will not work. I will neither tire nor slumber. I will never waive from speaking against injustice," he wrote.

He urged Zimbabweans to vote for change in the upcoming 2023 elections and to support the Citizens' Coalition for Change, led by Advocate Nelson Chamisa.

"The time to vote for change. As Citizens we made a pact for change. We must remain true to the cause. I urge you to go and vote in your numbers. I urge you to vote for the Citizens' Coalition for Change. I urge you to restore Zimbabwe's lost pride through your vote. We cannot endure another five years of soaring inflation."

The country cannot afford another five years of soaring inflation, Sikhala warned.

Zimbabweans will continue to show solidarity with a man who has been unjustly imprisoned for seeking justice for a grieving family.



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CCC Youth To Commemorate International Day Of The African Child In Bulawayo

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

The youth task force of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) is set to hold a significant event in commemoration of the International Day of the African Child.

The event which has been approved by the local authorities including the Zimbabwe Republic Police is scheduled to take place this Friday at Bulawayo's Tshabalala Hall, with thousands of young people from the region expected to attend despite their political affiliations.

The International Day of the African Child, which aims to highlight the rights, needs, and challenges faced by African children, honors those who participated in the Soweto Uprising in 1976 and advocates improving education for African children.

The theme for the 2023 International Day of the African Child is "Education for Empowerment: Unlocking the Future," emphasizing the power of education to transform the lives of African children positively.

The theme seeks to provide accessible, quality education to equip children with the knowledge, skills and opportunities required to build a better future for themselves and the community.

CCC's youth task force spokesperson, Steven Sarkozy Chuma, stressed the importance of the event, as it aligns with Zimbabwe's crucial August election.

"We are going to have a massive program commemorating the Day of African Child. The day comes at a time when Zimbabwe is facing a critical

election in August. An election that will transcend the course of this country if citizens, particularly youths turn up in big numbers to vote for change," said Chuma.

Inviting all young people to come in large numbers, he stated that the event would present the young people roadmap to the August 23 elections.

Chuma highlighted the significance of voting for change in upcoming elections and the need to shield the African child in Zimbabwe.

"The African child in our motherland cannot breathe hence there is need for young people to stand up and elect big in the upcoming general elections."

He urged young people from Bulawayo and its environs to play their role in altering the course of the country's history for the right reasons.

"Our message to youths in Bulawayo and surrounding areas is that they must come in their numbers as we will also share youth roadmap to 23 August elections."



#JUSTICEFORJOBSIKHALA



**"365 days later and still
no fair trial for Job Sikhala –
join the fight for justice ."**

#365DaysOfInjustice



**"One year of injustice –
stand with Job Sikhala
for lawful representation."**

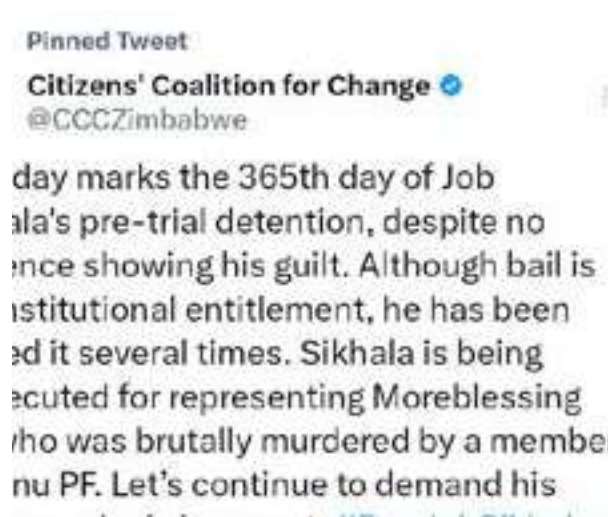


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Letter: My dear Zimbabweans, Regional and Worldwide Friends

Chikurubi Maximum
Security Prison
Chikurubi Farm
Harare

14 June 2023

DEAR Zimbabweans, Re-
gional and Worldwide
Friends!

Re: One Year Under Ar-
bitrary Detention in My
Oppressor's Prison

*My dear Zimbabweans,
Regional and Worldwide
Friends!*

Where ever they may be found

The 14th of June 2023 marks
the end of one full twelve-
month cycle of my
incarceration. It also marks
the beginning of another
cycle.

I do not know how many
more twelve-month cycles I
shall endure in this dungeon.
Only my oppressors know.

I do not care at all. They can
confine my physical being,
but they can never confine
my spirit. My resolve remains
unshaken. I have not lost
hope. I will never lose hope. I
do not hope for justice in
my own matters. Oppressors
never serve justice.

Oppressors have no shame. I
have hope, that one day, the
spirit of Moreblessing Ali
will finally find rest and be at
peace. I have hope that one
day the family of
Moreblessing will be comfort-

ed. I have hope that one day,
Zimbabwe will be counted
among the family of progres-
sive and democratic nations.
The oppressor's reign is nigh.

For it is darkest when dawn
draws near. When-ever the
drum beats the loudest, it is
about to burst.

My Arrest and Detention
The story of my arrest has
been told countless times. My
detractors have yarned so
many tales and woven so
many versions of why I was
arrested and remain in
detention.

They have invented the big-
gest lie to cover their shame
for jailing an innocent man.
Lies have short legs. They
claim that I violated a bail
condition. What nonsense! If
I did, what has stopped them
from holding an inquiry in
accordance with the law, to
establish whether any bail
condition was violated or not?

What has stopped them,
from bail estreatment in that
matter in accordance with
the law. They have not done
so. They cannot do so! For,
no bail condition was ever
violated!
My dear Zimbabweans,
Regional and Worldwide
friends, it has often been said
that

there are two sides to every
story. Today I tell you that
that there are always three or
more sides to any story.
Oppressors have their own
carefully crafted narrative that
they harp on about. The vic-



365 Days Of Persecution: We Demand Justice For Job Sikhala

By Citizens' Daily
Bulletin Correspondent

Job Sikhala, a prominent
member of Citizens Coalition
for Change, has been
incarcerated for 365 days
in pre-trial detention for a
crime he did not commit.

His plight underscores the
deep-seated abuse of human
rights in Zimbabwe, as the
regime in Harare continues
to persecute opponents be-
fore a crucial election.

On the 14th of June 2022,
Job Sikhala was arrested on
fabricated charges of incite-
ment to public violence.

He had been representing
Moreblessing Ali, a CCC
member who was brutally
killed by a Zanu PF party
member, Plus Jamba.

Moreblessing Ali was dis-
appeared in May 2022, only
for her mutilated body to be
found weeks later in a well
belonging to the mother of a
Zanu PF chairman, Simbar-
ashe Chisango, in the Nyat-
simba area.

Job Sikhala's long pre-trial
detention is evidence of the
abuse of human rights in
Zimbabwe by Mr Mnangag-
wa's regime.



continued to pile on addi-
tional trumped-up charges,
including the charge of de-
feating the course of justice,
in an effort to silence the
CCC member.

Although bail is a constitu-
tional right for Zimbabwean
citizens, Job Sikhala has
been denied bail more than
10 times, highlighting that
he is being persecuted for
his political beliefs.

His family, wife, and chil-
dren have been deeply
affected emotionally by his
detention.

Advocate Nelson Chamisa,
the CCC leader, has on nu-
merous occasions called for
his release, but the regime in
Harare has refused to release
him.

On many occasions, Pres-
ident Chamisa has been

denied access to see Job
Sikhala. Even international
organizations and indi-
viduals have called for his
release, but the regime in
Harare has turned a deaf ear
to their demands.

Today marks exactly one
year of unjustifiable de-
tention. CCC and other
groups have come together
to demand the release of Job
Sikhala through demonstra-

tions and digital campaigns
under different hashtags.

University of Zimbabwe
students who have been ac-
cused of staging a #FreeJob-
Sikhala demonstration are
also languishing in jail.

Sikhala deserves justice, and
his long pre-trial detention
has spotlighted the absence
of justice in Zimbabwe.
Courts are being used to
persecute innocent citizens
who do not agree with the
regime in Harare.

This is the first time a po-
litical opponent has been
detained for such a long
time since the days of the
late Zimbabwean president
Robert Mugabe, signaling
a slide back to the days of
political persecution.

Sikhala's persecution is a
stark reminder that Zim-
babwe's current rulers seem
to be walking down the same
path that Mugabe - who was
notorious for his persecu-
tion of political opponents
- walked on for thirty-seven
years.

The continued detention
of Job Sikhala, after a year,
is a clear indication of the
deteriorating human rights
situation in Zimbabwe. Let's
continue to call for change
in the country and press for

thing of posterity; that when
you do write of these
events, as Othello [The Moor
of Venice] beseeched in his
dying speech, speak of me as
I am, nothing extenuate, nor
set down aught in malice.

I am but just a lawyer, jailed
for representing his client's in-
terests and seeking justice
for his murdered client's fam-
ily. I am an opposition law-
maker, jailed for criticizing
the brutalities of the ruling
regime.

I am a simple farmer, who
seeks not only to produce
crops but, tend to the Zim-
babwean fields to produce
prosperity, justice, freedom
and equality for all, not for
the elite alone. This is the only
crime that I know, and the
only crime I accept as having
committed.

The Allegations Against Me

I am facing a myriad of alle-
gations. None of them hold
any substance. I am no
stranger to contrived allega-
tions bearing no substance. I
have been arrested for over 68
times now.

Hitherto, I had never been
convicted of any of the allega-
tions brought to bear against
me. When I raised this in one
of my bail applications, I was
accused of boasting that I had
never been convicted for any
of those offences and this was
used as a pretext to deny me
bail. I was not boasting.

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I Am With The People. I Will Die With The People: Job Sikhala

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I was merely presenting facts as they stood. My oppressors felt hard hit, and they orchestrated a false conviction to blemish my hitherto untainted record.

That conviction is as strange as the allegations were. They said I obstructed the course of justice. They said I did so by recording and posting a video. They said the utterances in that video diverted police attention from pursuing their suspect to pursuing Zanu PF members.

All their witnesses were police officers! None of them had evidence that I recorded any video. None of them had evidence that I posted any video. None of them could prove that I uttered any of the alleged statements.

None of them proved that the police actually pursued any member of Zanu PF following the alleged utterances. None of them could prove that the murder suspect was not in fact aligned to Zanu PF.

Nonetheless, they convicted me. They did not need any evidence. They only needed to send a message. Unfortunately for them, I am hard of hearing if they want me to hear that there will be no justice for a slain woman, callously murdered in cold blood in the most horrendous fashion possible. Their message will never reach my ears.

They need to seek a new

audience.

The only message I am getting, and capable of getting, is to never tire toiling for justice and freedom. It will come one day. The night is always long, but the morning will always bring joy.

My dear Zimbabweans, Regional and Worldwide Friends, when shame deserts a people, they behave in a strange way. My oppressors have no shame. They have no face. They have no trace of ubuntu in them – BUT – their days are numbered.

For nothing lasts forever under the sun. I am facing yet more allegations. I wish I could speak about them in better detail – but the matters are still pending in court.

While the choreographed outcome is plain for all to see, I will abide by higher wisdom and refrain from commenting on matters that are still to be concluded. I reiterate my innocence – but my innocence is clearly not enough to save me from the clutches of my oppressor's jaws.

I will abide by the belief that my oppressor's are just like sandpaper, they will hurt and bruise me for the time being, but they will leave me polished and brighter as they become worthless, and worn out.

The Motivation for the Current Epistle

This epistle comes after a long time without me communi-



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Today Marks Exactly One Year Since Change Champion Job Sikhala Was Incarcerated



cating with you. In that long period of non-communication, I have been hearing all the wonderful things you have been doing for me and my family.

I stand in awe of the love and support that you have shown. I appreciate you all. You have shown me the true meaning of love and solidarity. You

have stood by me during a very long and trying period.

You have not forsaken me. You have not deserted me. You have refused to pander to the whims of the oppressor. You have done so out of love. You have sacrificed a lot on my account.

You have made me appreciate

once again that solidarity is a universal principle shared by a people with common love. It developed over centuries to fight against injustices perpetrated upon the innocent and those standing for a just cause.

Doing nothing in the face of injustice is treachery to the human conscience. You have refused to betray the true human conscience.

Thank you Dearest Zimbabweans. Thank you Regional and Worldwide Friends! I hear all about your implacable solidarity. God is watching these injustices. In His good time, He will restore what the locusts are eating.

My Reassurance

Let me reassure you, I will stand with the people even if it costs my freedom. I will stand with the people even if it costs my professional and political career. I will stand with the people even if it costs my blood. No one should be mistaken to think otherwise.

The dumb and punitive attempts by the authors of my misery to divide us through my persecution will not deliver their anticipated results. Chain me all you want. It won't work. It will not work. I will neither tire nor slumber. I will never waive from speaking against injustice. I come from the people. I am one with the people. I will die with the people!

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More Tyrants Will Fall By The Wayside, If They Refuse To Respect The People

My Prison Conditions

There are hundreds of people who have visited me at my oppressor's prison. They were left in shock and disbelief with the level of maltreatment that I go through. I am always shackled in chains like a terrorist even when I am shuffled to meet my visitors.

At one point the prison authorities failed to unlock the chains. They struggled in vain for over an hour. They had to call people from the armory who had to use a hammer and chisel, putting my leg on the hard cemented surface and started pounding on the leg irons until they broke.

My left leg sustained serious injuries and got swollen for weeks and when it started healing, my skin was peeling off. This is the kind of torture I am going through on a daily basis, it's been a full 365 out of 365 days now.

At one point, I requested the Minister of Justice, Ziyambi Ziyambi, as the administrator of the Prisons Act to conduct a prison visit. He did not come. He is unbothered. I wanted to raise a few simple questions to him.

- Why was I being ill-treated like this under his care?
- Was he deriving satisfaction at the treatment prisoners, particularly political

prisoners in Zimbabwe receive?

- Why am I being inflicted pain on a daily basis?
- Why am I always shackled in chains?

I have received information and intelligence of his intimate, active and direct involvement in all my cases. I would have wanted to ask him in person to confirm or rebut these.

I also wanted to know whether this most gruesome torture of exposing me, to inhuman and degrading treatment gives them full satisfaction of sadism.

He did not bother to come. He refused to be answerable to the people. I am told the people of Zvimba recently reminded him of who the true master is – the people – kudos to them for voting out a tyrant. More tyrants will fall by the way side if they refuse to respect and honor the people.

Shackling someone in chains because of being opposed to them is an anathema in the 21st century. In Zimbabwe, they still practice it, 43 years after independence! Let them keep me in this prison for as long as they wish. They cannot mute the fundamental human rights issues arising out of my detention.



I have written to the Speaker of Parliament Jacob Mudenda to have the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Justice Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and the Senate Committee on Human Rights to come and see the shackling administered on me on a daily basis.

I have also requested the International Red Cross Society and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to visit me and witness for themselves, the pain I am going through, the chains of torture I am shackled with.

My question, dear friends and Zimbabweans, am I the biggest criminal in Zimbabwe to be treated worse than a terrorist?

New Cause for Concern

While shackled in solitary confinement, I received information that there are some university students who have been arrested on my account and are being denied bail.

University students! They have been deprived of the opportunity to write their examinations. Their right to education hangs at peril. All this is on account of what is alleged against them.

They are alleged to have called for my release! This was done through some graffiti calling for my release which was allegedly spray painted on the walls of some buildings in Harare's Central Business District.

That graffiti, has been termed

malicious damage to property! For that, at least six university students are languishing in jail. All of them have been arrested, simply because they are part of the University of Zimbabwe Student Representative Council or Executive Members of the Zimbabwe National Students' Union [ZINASU].

It has become that dangerous in Zimbabwe to call for my release. The full wrath of the State machinery will descend upon you. It would appear that the CID Law and Order Section no longer has any work to do except monitoring social media handles to ascertain what either I or people sympathetic to me say, and follow this up with arrests, malicious charges and refusal of bail.

That section of the police must simply be renamed the Job Sikhala and Sympathisers' Arrest and Detention Police Department. Shame on them. Shame on those who rob students of their future by depriving them of their education.

Shame on those whose thirst vengeance makes them know no boundary and target university students. I pray for the release of these students. They have a future. They are the future.

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Keep the Prayers Coming

To those who pray for me without ceasing, I say thank you. Thank you all for remembering me in your prayers. Nothing surpasses your supplications to the Almighty. Your prayers are being heard. Your prayers shall be answered much to the shame of my oppressors. Keep your prayers coming.

Keep them flowing. History has taught us that, the world awakened to the Jewish Holocaust, though long after Hitler had massacred 6 million Jews.

The world came to the rescue when nearly a million innocent civilians, mainly of Tutsi origin had already been murdered in Rwanda. The world is now a global village. It has always been. We have always been one people.

The response may take long, but it will come. Many casualties may be experienced before the response comes, but it will come. Never lose hope.

Their silence on Moreblessing Ali's murderers

I am today treated as the biggest criminal in Zimbabwe. You have constantly heard about my perceived crimes all year round. I have been brought to trial and am defending my innocence – BUT - I ask you today: What became of Moreblessing Ali's murderer?

They tell us he confessed to his crime and made indica-

tions on how he killed and dismembered her. They have all the evidence they want, including a confession.

They have made this public knowledge – BUT – what became of his trial? They arrested him on 16 June 2022 according to the information they made publicly available. Barely four days after my own incarceration. How far have they gone with his matter? Where are they?

Why are they silent about it for a year now?

Why are they obsessed with Job Sikhala and his perceived sympathizers?

Why should they rush to court and manufacture a conviction based on video clips shared on social entertainment sites like WhatsApp, Facebook and YouTube – platforms created for social entertainment – and ignore the evidence of what they tell us to be a voluntary confession about the most gruesome murder of a woman in our lifetime?

This is the criminal justice we have here in Zimbabwe, dear friends.

A criminal justice system where you are told that downloading a video from YouTube is the same as creating, generating or originating the video. It is public knowledge that I will never be granted bail.

It is public knowledge that



anyone arrested for showing or suspected of showing sympathy with me will never be granted bail.

It is common knowledge that the cases against me are choreographed by hidden hands meting out their political vendetta against me. My heart bleeds at the nasty turn our criminal justice system is taking. We used to be a pride among the nations. Jurisprudence from Zimbabwe was quoted in many foreign jurisdictions in praise.

We have now become a laughing stock and being quoted for purposes of ridicule. This too, shall pass. We shall once again be the torchbearers of an independent and progressive justice delivery system.

Appreciation of Legal Team

I am deeply indebted to my legal team for the excellent services they render.

I am grateful for the privilege of having been represented by Zimbabwe's finest legal minds in the form of Advocate Eric Matinenga, Advocate Thabani Mpofu, Beatrice Mtetwa, Alec Muchadehama, Harrison Nkomo, Blessing Nyamaropa, Jeremiah Bamu, Obey Shava, Tinomuda Shoko, Doug Coltart, Rutendo Muchenje, Paul Mutsatsa, Emmanuel Zellers Gumbo, Anna Muchena, Marian Tafadzwa Nyaruwanga and many other talented legal minds that have been part of my legal travails over the years.

I am also greatly indebted to my international team of lawyers, led by Bob Amsterdam and Maya Dagan

for the sterling work they have done in representing me in line with the mandate I bestowed upon them.

There are no sufficient superlatives that I can muster to thank my lawyers for their outstanding and splendid service to me, during the most difficult journey of my life. Many may not know that the services they have rendered are largely without compensation.

Many may not know of the many sacrifices they have made on my account. Many may not know how they have lost better paying clients as they continued, on an almost daily basis, to render me legal representation, most times without getting any form of compensation at all.

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Your dedication and fine representation leaves me speechless and draws tears down my cheeks. I salute you, and the love that you have bestowed on one of your own in this profession.

The burden of my children being orphaned during my lifetime, the challenges and difficulties I face while I am in my oppressors prison is too heavy to bear.

You have never complained for a second in all these months of your dedicated service in my cases. I thank you.

I am a witness to your great performance in court, tearing apart the lies and falsehoods of my oppressors as was done by other lawyers in the past such as George Bizos, Hebert Chitepo, Vernon Derange and Bram Fischer among others.

In victory you have many friends but in failure you are an orphan. Friends flock to you in their multitudes when your sun shines on you and during your prosperity, but when trouble visits you, it comes with an exodus of friends. Only those who stand with you in truth will continue standing by your side. Hypocrisy is part of human nature and it is a shame without bounce. My long stay in Chikurubi Maximum Prison has helped to sift the genuine from the hypocrites.

Looking into the Future

My dear Zimbabweans, Regional and Worldwide Friends!

Despite the circumstances I am currently in, we must always look into the future. We must never be defined by our situations, but define ourselves in every situation. We are together in the agonies of this moment. There is no fruitful journey that ever came easily in the history of mankind. The bread that we enjoy is baked in a very hot oven.

The diamonds, rubies, gold and other minerals that give us wealth are produced through blood and sweat. The challenges may seem insurmountable but be assured nowhere in life have tears and sorrows of many have gone unanswered. Our nation shall be a home of happiness where all of us shall enjoy the fruits in it in equality and fairness.

They may plan to kill us, but it will not end well for the murderers.

Elections in Zimbabwe are beckoning. I yearn that they be free and fair. I pray that they be peaceful. Your time is at hand dear Zimbabweans. The time to vote for change.

As Citizens we made a pact for change. We must remain true to the cause. I urge you to go and vote in your numbers. I urge you to vote for the Citizens' Coalition

for Change. I urge you to restore Zimbabwe's lost pride through your vote.

We cannot endure another five years of soaring inflation. We cannot endure another five years of economic instability. We cannot endure another five years of injustice and oppression.

We cannot endure another five years of what the oppressors in Zanu PF are only capable of offering – FAILURE. We are the jewel of Africa. We cannot allow Zanu PF to make us a failed state.

Salutations and Farewell

Dearest Zimbabweans, Regional and Worldwide Friends!

My travails are being chronicled. I have been chronicling each and every abuse I

ever experienced at the hands of my oppressors.

I am trying, in those chronicles, as much as is humanely possible, not to be too subjective and present on the first part, an entirely undiluted record of the proceedings against me, and where necessary, infuse my own commentary. I plead with all of you to read it and come to your own conclusions.

Read and decide for yourselves. You shall have the opportunity to read all the details of my travails.

Let me leave you for now. Let me leave with you with an extract of Nelson Mandela's speech at the Rivonia Trial, which has largely moulded my philosophical outlook despite my travails: -

"During my lifetime I have

dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

I love you all! Please pray for me and pray for a better Zimbabwe!

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Yours, in chains
Job Wiwa Sikhala





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