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Government Proclaims 2023 Election Date

Statutory Instrument 85 of 2023.

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Proclamation 4 of 2023

PROCLAMATION

by

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AND WHEREAS, in terms of section 158(1)(a) of the Constitution, a general election must be held so that polling takes place not more than thirty days before the expiry of the five year period specified in section 143;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 38 of the Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13], that in a proclamation fixing dates for the holding of an election to the office of President, a general election and elections for councillors, the President, after consultation with the Commission shall provide for the matters required by the said section 38;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 38 as read with section 45C of the Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13], that the nomination of party-list candidates for the Senate, the National Assembly and provincial councils shall take place on the same day and venue as the nomination for the constituency National Assembly candidates;

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Zimbabwe Gazettes Proclamation Announcing August 23 As Official Election Day

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

Mr. Emmerson Mnangagwa has announced the date for the 2023 general elections in Zimbabwe. He has set August 23rd, 2023, as the official Election Day.

The nomination date was set for June 21.

The proclamation was made through Proclamation 4 of 2023. If required by Section 38(1)(a)(iii) of the Electoral Act, he has named the 2nd of October 2023 as the date for a run-off election of the Presidency.

“...the 23rd day of August, 2023, as the day of the election to the office of President, the election of members of the National Assembly and election of councillors, that is to say, as the day on which a poll shall be taken if a poll becomes necessary in terms of section 46(17)(c) or 125(4)(b) of the Electoral Act [Chapter 2:13] for the election to the office of President or any such members of the National Assembly or councillors; and (e) fix the 2nd day of October, 2023, as the day of the runoff election to the office of President, that is to say as the day on which a poll shall be taken if such a poll becomes necessary in terms

of section 38(1)(a)(iii) of the Electoral Act;...”

He added: “(a) In relation to the election to the office of President referred to in section 92(1) of the Constitution, determine that a nomination court shall sit on the 21st day of June 2023, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning, in the High Court, Court A, Mapondera Building, Samora Machel Avenue, Harare; and (b) in relation to the election of two hundred and ten members of the National Assembly referred to in section 124(1)(a) of the Constitution determines that a nomination court shall sit on the 21st day of June 2023, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning.”

Furthermore, Mr Mnangagwa has set August 3rd as the day in which Provincial Assemblies of Chiefs will convene to select Chiefs Council members. The council of Chiefs will elect the President and the Deputy President of the Council of Chiefs on August 10th. The announcement has been met with a response from the Citizens Coalition for Change, the biggest political party in Zimbabwe, who said, “With the proclamation of the election date, the 2023 harmonised elections are scheduled for the 23rd of August 2023.

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CCC members Tour Voters' Roll Inspection Centres in Bulawayo

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin

Zimbabwe's biggest political party, the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), took a voters' roll inspection tour around Bulawayo on Tuesday ahead of the upcoming watershed elections. Several members of the party, including sitting MPs and the deputy spokesperson, led the tour.

The exercise was prompted by reported anomalies in the

voters' roll which saw some top members' names missing from the register.

Among the top party members who led the touring team in Bulawayo were MP Nicola Watson, MP Jasmine Toffa, Deputy Spokesperson Gift Ostalos Siziba, and former Senator Gideon Shoko.

They assured citizens that they would do everything in their power to resolve the

issue. The CCC delegation spoke to several residents of Bulawayo who expressed their concerns about the voters' roll inspection process.

The team encouraged citizens to inspect the voters' roll to ensure their names and other crucial details were correctly captured, emphasizing the importance of an accurate voters' roll in a transparent and fair election.

Speaking to reporters, the party's spokesperson Gift Ostalos Siziba expressed disappointment at the anomalies in the voters' roll and called for transparency in the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission's process.

He also criticized what he perceives as a lack of transparency on the part of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), which oversees the process.

This inspection exercise by the CCC signifies a significant step by this political organization towards ensuring that the electoral process is free and fair.

As the 2023 elections approach, the push for transparency and accountability in the electoral process must be emphasized to ensure the integrity of the democratic process and respect for the will of the citizens.

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CCC MP Calls For Disbanding Of RBZ And Establishment of Currency Board

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Honorable Tendai Biti, a Member of Parliament for the Citizens Coalition for Change, has called for the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe to be disbanded and replaced with a Currency Board.

Following the latest series of economic measures announced by Mthuli Ncube, Tendai Biti suggested the disbanding of RBZ and the establishment of a Currency Board.

He criticized Ncube's new measures as desperate and illegal, requiring parliamentary approval.

"Mthuli's new measures are the latest expression of a desperate regime arrested by a panic attack, schizophrenia and cluelessness.

"In the main they are illegal measures which require Parliament not only that they reflect a cataclysmic fall out between the Central Bank and Treasury," Hon Biti said.

Biti called for the government to dollarize while floating the

ZWL, scrapping the auction system and replacing the Central Bank with a Currency Board.

"We have consistently argued that de-dollarization has failed and therefore the government needs to dollarise while floating the ZWL.

"Anything short of this will not work. We have also argued that the auction system should be scrapped and therefore reducing the auction to US\$5m will not work.

"We have also argued that the Central Bank has gone rogue and needs to be replaced by a currency board," he said.

Economist Gift Mugano also called for the auction system to be shut down as the economy has dollarised.

"Auction allocation limited to a max of US\$5m per week? That little? Why can't you shut it down," Mugano said.

"In view of the fact that the auction system has been reduced to US\$5m per week, isn't this clear evidence that the economy has dollarised."

However, Biti warned that



deeper reform is necessary to stop the RBZ from conducting illicit gold dealings and other questionable financial activities.

"The new measures will not stop RBZ from conducting

quasi fiscal activities or its illicit gold dealings. Deeper reform is required. We have also made it clear that the Treasury has no powers of assuming any debt from anyone; only Parliament has this

power.

"Imposing on the taxpayer RBZ debt is immoral and illegal. The RBZ over the years has been at the center of major extractive behaviour

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Change Champions In Masvingo Demand Removal Of FAZ From ZEC Offices

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By Citizen's Daily Bulletin
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Members of the Citizens Coalition for Change in Masvingo confronted the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) and demanded that Forever Associates of Zimbabwe (FAZ), a notorious Zanu PF linked group, be removed from all voters' roll inspection centers in the province. FAZ has reportedly been involved in the chaotic voters' roll inspection exercise that is currently underway.

There are concerns that this outfit, which is linked to ZANU PF, is discharging the duties of ZEC across the country without a constitutional mandate.

They take down details of the voters who visit the inspection centers to inspect the roll, and this illegal operation has left many citizens, especially those in the countryside worried.

In Masvingo, CCC members confronted the electoral au-



thorities about the presence of FAZ and demanded that they be removed with immediate effect. Change Champions Tichona Chiminya and Pedzisai Chifamba were among the citizens who voiced their concerns over the presence of FAZ. They demanded that the members of FAZ be removed from the electoral processes immediately.

In another incident, there was outrage after it emerged that Masvingo Resident Minister's wife, Euphrasia

Muvengwa, is part of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, which is currently facilitating the voters' roll inspection process.

Muvengwa has been deployed at Gatshime Hall, ward 5, Mashava, where she teaches at the local primary school.

Her husband is contesting as a Zanu PF member of parliament in the area, which has raised concerns over potential conflicts of interest during the voter inspection

process. Chiminya demanded that Muvengwa resign from ZEC because she is an interested party.

"Chadzamira's wife must resign from ZEC because her husband is a contestant in the forthcoming harmonized elections. She may remove CCC members from the voters' roll," said Chiminya.

Chifamba has also condemned the presence of Muvengwa and FAZ members in the ZEC inspection

process, citing concerns over conflicts of interest as they are supporting Chadzamira, a Zanu PF candidate.

"The presence of Chadzamira's wife at ZEC Voter inspection venue has caused serious outcry among CCC members. Chadzamira's wife and FAZ members must not be allowed to be part of ZEC's Voter inspection process. They are conflicted members as they support Chadzamira, who is a Zanu PF candidate," Chifamba said.

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Masvingo CCC Councillor Acquitted On Charges Of Holding Feedback Meeting

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin

News In Masvingo province this week is that our CCC Councillor Acquitted of Charges for Holding Feedback Meeting.

Masvingo Urban Ward 7 Councillor for the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), Richard Musekiwa, was Wednesday acquitted of charges related to holding a council feedback meeting at his home in Rujeko, Masvingo few months ago.

The magistrate declared that the councillor had the right to hold feedback meetings, thereby absolving him of any wrongdoing.

Advocate Collen Maboke represented councillor Musekiwa during the trial, where hundreds of CCC supporters attended to show their solidarity. The decision was met with great relief and joy from CCC members, as they confessed to being happy that the councillor was found not guilty.

"We are happy that our councillor Musekiwa was found not guilty," said a CCC member only identified as Mai Hazel.

The acquittal of councillor Musekiwa highlights the importance of the right to free assembly and freedom of speech in a democracy.





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Soldiers Misallocated In Voters' Roll Inspection Exercise

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

An investigation by a Bulawayo-based media group, Cite, has uncovered serious anomalies in the ongoing voters' roll inspection exercise conducted by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC).

The findings reveal that several soldiers were inexplicably moved from their allocated

polling stations to vote in Umguza.

A soldier stationed at Look-out Masuku Barracks, previously known as Llewellyn Barracks, reported that most military personnel were affected by the redeployment.

Furthermore, his polling station at the Roman Catholic Church in Paddonhurst was relocated to Mbizo Grey tent in Umguza, raising concerns

over the transparency of the electoral process.

The misallocation of these soldiers prompted a wave of protests from approximately 40 other soldiers who had also been relocated to other stations.

While it remains uncertain whether these moves were an innocent mistake or an attempt to undermine the democratic process, citizens

have demanded ZEC to fix its mess before the election date is announced.

In light of these discrepancies, the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) - Zimbabwe's largest political party - has called for an extension of the current voters' roll inspection period by seven days to enable ZEC to rectify the errors.

"Given the extent of the irregularities that have been un-

earthed, we call for a longer extension of at least seven more days," CCC said.

For a fair and transparent democratic process, it is essential to address these issues promptly to avoid contested election outcomes.

Zimbabwean citizens deserve an electoral process that respects their voices and upholds the integrity of the democratic system.



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