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By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

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We are excited to announce that our Daily Bulletin has been rebranded to The Citizens' Daily Bulletin. The decision to change the name of our daily publication was informed by the valuable input and contributions from our fellow citizens.

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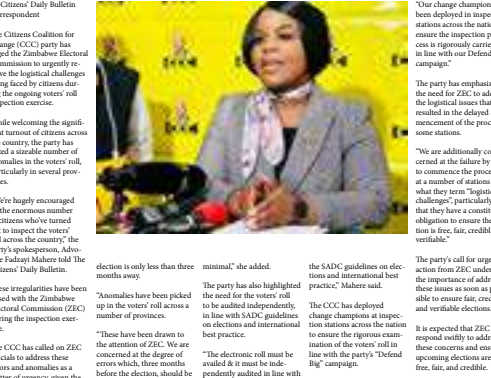
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The publication provides updates on current affairs, CCC party policies, activities, and other crucial national issues.

Our team is committed to delivering accurate and up-to-date news to our readers, and we believe that this rebranding will enhance our engagement with our fellow citizens.

We encourage all Zimbabweans to continue sharing their feedback and contributions as we work together to build a better Zimbabwe.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to providing you with essential news and updates through The Citizens' Daily Bulletin.





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CCC Demands Electronic Voters Roll, Independent Audit and Improved Logistics

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin
Correspondent

The Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) party has urged the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to urgently resolve the logistical challenges being faced by citizens during the ongoing voters' roll inspection exercise.

While welcoming the significant turnout of citizens across the country, the party has noted a sizeable number of anomalies in the voters' roll, particularly in several provinces.

"We're hugely encouraged by the enormous number of citizens who've turned out to inspect the voters' roll across the country," the party's spokesperson, Advocate Fadzayi Mahere told The Citizens' Daily Bulletin.

These irregularities have been raised with the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) during the inspection exercise.

The CCC has called on ZEC officials to address these errors and anomalies as a matter of urgency, given the



election is only less than three months away.

"Anomalies have been picked up in the voters' roll across a number of provinces.

"These have been drawn to the attention of ZEC. We are concerned at the degree of errors which, three months before the election, should be

minimal," she added.

The party has also highlighted the need for the voters' roll to be audited independently, in line with SADC guidelines on elections and international best practice.

"The electronic roll must be availed & it must be independently audited in line with

the SADC guidelines on elections and international best practice," Mahere said.

The CCC has deployed change champions at inspection stations across the nation to ensure the rigorous examination of the voters' roll in line with the party's "Defend Big" campaign.

"Our change champions have been deployed in inspection stations across the nation to ensure the inspection process is rigorously carried out in line with our Defend Big campaign."

The party has emphasized the need for ZEC to address the logistical issues that have resulted in the delayed commencement of the process at some stations.

"We are additionally concerned at the failure by ZEC to commence the process at a number of stations for what they term "logistical challenges", particularly given that they have a constitutional obligation to ensure the election is free, fair, credible and verifiable."

The party's call for urgent action from ZEC underscores the importance of addressing these issues as soon as possible to ensure fair, credible, and verifiable elections.

It is expected that ZEC will respond swiftly to address these concerns and ensure the upcoming elections are truly free, fair, and credible.

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CCC Vows To Fight For Free And Fair Election

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By Citizens' Daily News Bulletin Correspondent

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Speaking at a recent press briefing on Friday, the party's vice coordinator for elections Ellen Shiriyedenga highlighted several areas of concern, including the biometric voter registration (BVR) process, the accessibility of the voters' roll, and the implementation of electoral law reforms.

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The CCC acknowledges that the road to electoral reforms is long, but the organisation remains committed to the fight. "We note the state's lack of political will to implement the reforms, however as a Movement, and also within the limited timeframe before proclamation, we will utilise all democratic avenues possible to ensure the reforms are implemented and the electoral laws are aligned to

the Constitution," said Shiriyedenga.

The CCC urged the government of Zimbabwe to undertake a comprehensive review of the electoral system and to take the necessary steps to ensure that the elections are free, fair, and credible.

The organisation also called on all stakeholders, including the media, civil society organisations, and political parties, to work together to ensure that the electoral reforms are implemented.

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The Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) on Friday held a press briefing ahead of Zimbabwe's 2023 general elections.

The CCC through Ellen Shiryedenga, elections taskforce vice coordinator, highlighted various concerns regarding the electoral process and called for urgent action.

One major issue raised by the CCC was the biometric voter registration (BVR) process.

The CCC urged all eligible citizens to take advantage of the short window of opportunity to register as voters, before the voter registration closes two days after the proclamation.

"Section 26A of the Electoral Act explicitly points out that voter registration, for the purposes of any impending general election closes two days after proclamation. This presser therefore serves as an

urgent call to all unregistered eligible Citizens to take advantage of this short window to register as voters," she said.

Failure to do so would mean that citizens are ceding away their political and democratic right to choose their leaders.

The CCC also raised concerns that two months after the BVR exercise, the updated voter registration statistics have not yet been released.

This lack of critical information has been a worrisome trend throughout this electoral cycle and requires urgent attention.

"The CCC applauded the March 2023 BVR Blitz and the extension thereof. However, of concern is that two months after the completion of the exercise, ZEC has not yet released the updated voter registration statistics up from the 5.8 million it reported before the delimitation.

"At this stage, and primarily in view of the impending closure of the voters roll, Zimbabweans are not privy to the areas where there is high under-registration of voters, hence requiring urgent atten-

tion before the closure.

"This lacuna on critical information has been a worrisome trend throughout this electoral cycle, and there is urgent need for redress by ZEC," she said.

Another pressing issue raised by the CCC was the accessibility, credibility and verifiability of the voters roll.

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that the Zimbabwe Election Commission (ZEC) has made it practically impossible to access the voters' roll. The last voters' roll provided to the CCC was in January 2022.

"The CCC is concerned that ZEC has made it practically impossible to access the voters roll, and at one instance demanding US\$187, 000 for the printed copy of the voters roll. The last voters roll provided to the Citizen Move-

ment was in January 2022," Shiryedenga added.

The CCC raised the issue that ZEC gave ZANU PF the entire BVR database, including phone numbers, to the disadvantage of other political players in contravention of data protection laws.

ZEC has not yet provided satisfactory answers to the questions raised on the matter, hence presenting challenges on the fairness of the electoral playing ground.

The CCC called for the release and accessibility of the voters roll before the proclamation. "The voter's roll is at the core of the election process; hence its unavailability renders it impossible to validate the election processes and outcomes.

"The Voters roll inspection is simply for individual voters checks and cannot be substituted for auditability nor validity, hence the need for an analysable copy."

The CCC also urged all registered voters to take advantage of the Voters roll inspection period between the 27th and 31st of May.

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Inspect The Voters Roll: Your Voice Matters In This Year's National Elections

ZEC unveils Opportunity For Voters To Confirm Accuracy Of Their Details

By Daily Bulletin Correspondent

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission has announced that the Voters roll will be displayed for inspection as the country prepares for the upcoming 2023 harmonized elections.

This period, running from 26-30 May 2023 from 7am to 5pm at advised centres, is an opportunity for voters to confirm the accuracy of their details in terms of constituency, ward, and polling station.

Given the importance of this exercise, the electorate is urged to come out in force to verify their details and ensure that their voices are not left unheard.

It is incumbent upon all registered voters to seize this chance to make sure that they are able to access their voting stations with ease.

In addition to this, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission has gazetted new electoral boundaries following the delimitation exercise for this year's elections.

It is essential that all stakeholders stay up-to-date with this information, as the harmonized elections will be conducted under the new delineated wards and constituencies.

The commission will be conducting a stakeholder engagement exercise at national, provincial, and district levels to publicize the new boundaries.

Meanwhile, registered voters can also verify their registration status by using the BVR link or dialing *265* for NetOne and Econet subscribers.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission at 024 759 130.

Your voice matters in the upcoming 2023 elections. Inspect the Voters roll to confirm your details and verify your registration status.

Keep abreast of the new electoral boundaries.

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The Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) has applauded its Members of Parliament (MPs) for their efforts in debating the Electoral Amendment Bill.

The CCC expressed its appreciation during a press briefing held on Friday.

The Electoral Act Amendments are currently being debated in Parliament, and the CCC has been actively involved in discussions on the Bill.

In a statement at the press briefing, the CCC acknowledged the sterling efforts of its Parliamentarians in guiding the debate on the Bill.

"The Electoral Act Amendments are currently before Parliament and the Citizens

Movement would like to take this opportunity to applaud the sterling efforts by the CCC Parliamentarians in debating the Bill, guided by our PREPARE document."

Since its introduction in the political arena early last year, the CCC has been advocating for electoral reforms to improve the transparency and accountability of the electoral process in Zimbabwe.

In September last year, the party launched an electoral document called PREPARE which outlines various reforms necessary to ensure free, fair, and credible elections. The PREPARE document seeks to address several issues such as making the electoral process more transparent and enhancing the independence of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC).

The CCC's support for its MPs highlights the importance of ensuring that all stakeholders are involved in the electoral reform process. The CCC's involvement in the debate ensures that the concerns of ordinary citizens are taken into account.



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