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■ President Chamisa's appeal to citizens comes as the country prepares for the next election, scheduled to take place in August 2023

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

Advocate Nelson Chamisa, the leader of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), has urged Zimbabweans to take advantage of the ongoing voters' roll inspection process and check their voter registration details. In a tweet, President Chamisa emphasised the importance of this stage as it is the last opportunity for voters to verify their information before the upcoming elections.

President Chamisa's appeal to citizens comes as the country prepares for the next election, scheduled to take place in August 2023.

"FELLOW CITIZENS, Voter inspection is the last stage before voting. It is very important to ensure that your name is on the voters' list. We will not allow any tampering with the voters' roll. Have you checked if your name is appearing on the voters' roll? #ThisTime It's time," the tweet reads.

The Citizens Coalition for Change has been at the forefront of the campaign for transparency and fairness in the electoral process.

Proper voter registration is one of the key tenets of any credible electoral process, and President Chamisa is urging every citizen to ensure that they verify their

voter registration details without fail. The voter registration inspection process began on May 27 and is set to run until May 31, 2023.

During this period, Zimbabweans have the opportunity to confirm that their voter registration information is correct.

Such a process is particularly crucial in Zimbabwe, where there have been concerns regarding the accuracy and credibility of the voters' roll. The need for transparency, fairness, and accuracy in the electoral process is one that is shared by many Zimbabweans and should be upheld by the relevant authorities.

While the citizens have a role to play in ensuring that they verify their information, the expectation is that relevant electoral authorities, including ZEC, shall play their part in ensuring that voters can access up-to-date and credible information.

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Police Disrupt Impromptu CCC Presser

■ The CCC Elections Directorate had earlier submitted an urgent written request to meet with the Chief Elections Officer, Mr Utloile Silaigwana

By Citizens' Daily News Bulletin Correspondent

In a shocking twist of events, the Zimbabwe Police violently dispersed the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) Elections Directorate while addressing members of the media fraternity this afternoon at the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC)

offices.

The CCC Elections Directorate had earlier submitted an urgent written request to meet with the Chief Elections Officer, Mr Utloile Silaigwana and present a dossier detailing voters' roll inspection inaccuracies and other electoral irregularities while proposing a way forward.

"We, the Citizens Coalition for Change, have noted serious anomalies in the voters roll that has been made available for inspection by the public. Our reflective

sample across the ten (10) provinces in the country revealed numerous errors of commission and omission, which suggest a deviation from the constitutional standards of a credible voter roll," reads part of Councilor Ian Makone's letter.

The party then went on to list five major concerns that they had identified before requesting a meeting to address these issues.

"We, therefore, request an urgent meeting to address these concerns."

The circumstance was confirmed by the party through a tweet, which read, "Our press conference at the ZEC offices has been forcefully interrupted by a team of riot police. This unfortunate event is taking place when the country is less than three months away from the elections. As such, we expect the Zimbabwe Police to uphold the principles of impartiality and carry out their duties as stipulated in the national constitution."

Fadzayi Mahere, the Party's

spokesperson also confirmed the development. In addition, Mahere stated that while the CCC Elections Directorate was meeting with the ZEC, armed riot police gathered outside the office, and questioned why such action was necessary.

She further commented, "We come in peace and are solely interested in obtaining the electronic voter's roll. We are also raising an issue with the inspection process, which has been riddled with challenges. Why chose violence?"

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Vigilance Urged As CCC Champions Stand Up Against ZEC's Attempt To Block Them

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By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

CCC Champions Stand Up Against ZEC's Attempt to Deny Them Voters' Roll, Urges Citizens to be Vigilant

Citizens Coalition for Change Champions are urging citizens to be vigilant and stand up for their rights during the ongoing voter inspection exercise.

These calls come after the experience of CCC Champion Gladys Hlatywayo, whose story sheds light on the difficulties that some voters are facing in ensuring that their voter registration details are accurate.

Hlatywayo's experience has brought to light the attempts by ZEC officials to deny voters the right to physically inspect their voter registration

details. According to Hlatywayo, ZEC officials claimed that the law did not allow her to have a look at her own details, a proposition that she rejected vehemently.

"I had a weird experience with the @ZEC voter inspection process today. They denied me access to my details and without mentioning specific provisions of the law they insisted the law did not allow me to have a look at my own details- a proposition I vehemently rejected!" She tweeted.

Despite presenting her ID, the officials insisted on inspecting her details on her behalf, a demand that Hlatywayo rejected.

However, after several phone calls and consultations with the police, the officials finally showed Hlatywayo her details. "The official had just requested for my ID & told me my details were captured correctly. I told them I had come to inspect the roll & not to have the ZEC official inspect on my behalf. After



several phone calls and consultations with the police she then showed me my details," she said in one of her tweets.

Her experience is not an isolated case, as other Zimbabweans have also reported similar difficulties during the ongoing voter inspection exercise.

Hlatywayo urges citizens to be vigilant and ensure that

they physically inspect the roll, which is a constitutional provision.

"It is such that erodes public confidence in @ZECzim. I don't understand why they wanted to inspect the roll on my behalf. I also don't understand why the zanu pf primary election results were outside the inspection center. We need to be VIGILANT!"

Her story highlights the importance of the call for transparency in the electoral process, which has been at the center of recent campaigns by CCC and other civic groups.

In addition, Hlatywayo also exposed the sheets of ZANU-PF primary election results pasted just outside the inspection center. She called this move an erosion of public confidence in the ZEC.



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CCC Steps Up 'Defend The Vote Campaign, Demands Electronic Voters' Roll

■ The call to remain watchful comes as the CCC continues its campaign to ensure a transparent and fair electoral process

By Citizens' Daily Bulletin Correspondent

As Zimbabwe approaches the 2023 elections, the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) has increased its efforts to 'Defend the Vote' Campaign while also pushing for an electronic voters' roll, which they believe will ensure transparency in the electoral process.

During a press briefing this afternoon, the party's spokesperson, Advocate Fadzayi Mahere, urged the citizens to remain vigilant and not leave anything to chance.

She emphasized the importance of physically checking their voter registration details during the ongoing inspection exercise of the voters' roll.

"Our 'Defend the Vote' Campaign is still ongoing, and we must remain vigilant. We are calling on ZEC to extend the voter's roll inspection period, fix their USSD platform,

*265#, ensure it's up to date, and bring the voters' roll up to date. Most importantly, we need a copy of the voters' roll in an analyzable and searchable format. We are not backing down on this demand," said Advocate Fadzayi Mahere, the CCC spokesperson.

The call to remain watchful comes as the CCC continues its campaign to ensure a transparent and fair electoral process. It highlights the need for every citizen to play their part in ensuring that they are registered to vote and that their registration details are accurate.

The party urges the citizens to be active participants in the electoral process to avoid any surprises that could jeopardize their right to vote.

"We are not going to stop carrying out this inspection process because we know that apathy is a win for Zanu-PF. Apathy is Zanu PF's biggest campaign manager. We cannot allow that. Apathy is not an option.

"The citizens are vigilant, and they have identified the anomalies in the voters' roll. We expect the Zimbabwe

Electoral Commission (ZEC) to fix these issues. We are not going to sit back and say elections do not work because they do work, and we are going to vote overwhelmingly for change.

"We can see that our mass voter registration campaign was very effective as we have registered over 2 million new voters since the blitz started.

"This shows that the citizens

are hungry for change and know that elections are the only way forward. We must complete the machine by ensuring that we vote massively during the election.

Meanwhile, the CCC Elections Coordinator, Councilor Ian Makone, stated that the party had identified numerous errors on the current voters' roll during a sample audit conducted across all the provinces in the country.

These errors, according to Makone, violate constitutional standards for credible voter registration.

To address the identified flaws, CCC is demanding an electronic voter roll that will put an end to any inconsistencies.

The party believes that this move will align with the views of the majority of Zimbabweans, who want a transparent and credible election. With just less than three months before the election, the need for an electronic voters' roll is crucial.

The CCC has urged the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to adhere to constitutional standards of a free and fair election, emphasizing that a transparent voter registration process will help avoid any claims of electoral malpractices.

The party has been vocal in its campaign to ensure a fair and credible electoral process.

Their 'Defend the Vote Campaign' has been successful, with the party gaining support and attention from various stakeholders.



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