

Is it time to campaign for targeted sanctions against some MDC leaders? The question was discussed at the Vigil with some animation on the day President Zuma of South Africa was supposed to visit

Harare

to discuss progress towards implementing the GPA.

Trouble is there hasn't been any.

The SADC Troika, meeting in Maputo on 5th November, agreed on the urgency of the matter and ordered that talks between the three parties should be under way by 21st November and wrapped up by 6th December. Needless to say nothing has happened. Zimbabweans may be dying but there is Christmas shopping to be done.

While the other negotiators kicked their heels, the two MDC-Mutambara representatives, Welshman Ncube and Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga, made sure they were away on an all expenses paid trip overseas, apparently a ministerial meeting in Europe of the World Trade Organisation. Big deal.

Their intention was clear: delay these SADC talks as long as possible if we still want a job and travel perks. That's why many members of the Vigil favoured extending targeted sanctions against these non-negotiators so that they will be forced to stay at home and do what they are paid to do.

The Vigil appeals to President Zuma to force these self-serving obstructionists to comply with the SADC plan for the liberation of Zimbabwe by early elections. Mr Zuma knows what is at stake – even if Welshman and his pals have their snouts buried in the trough.

As an incentive, the Vigil wishes to notify Mr Zuma that Vigil supporters will be encouraging him onwards every step of the way during his state visit to the UK next year. We are grateful that he has cast aside the discredited Mbeki policies and we will try to make sure that his visit gets maximum publicity for the

Zimbabwe  
cause.

The Vigil was pleased at the publicity given to our petition calling for sanctions against SADC. As you may have seen from our website it was even covered by the Nyasa Times (Malawi). The years we have spent targeting SADC seem to be paying off.

While the Vigil was taking place, one of our supporters Kudaushe Matimba, formerly of the Bundu Boys, was featured on BBC Radio 3's programme 'World Routes' talking about Zimbabwean music and playing his mbira. You can listen to the programme (for the next seven days) via this link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nyf0w> . Strongly recommended.

A welcome visitor was Caroline Elliott from Scotland Yard who is part of the Metropolitan Police's Communities Together Strategic Engagement Team with special responsibility for African communities in London. Her job is to help inform them about their rights. For more information, check the Safer Neighbourhoods Website: <http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/>

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and they deal with all kind of concerns. On the front page of the website there is a red box where people can put in their postcodes – it will then give them contact details for their local team.

In an email sent after the Vigil, Caroline said "It was great to meet with the people I have read so much about over the past months. And thank you for the warm welcome - as police officers we are not always welcomed so kindly!"

We can't imagine the Zimbabwe police operating like this!

We had a surprisingly big turnout on a very sodden day. We were huddled tightly under our tarpaulin while the rain poured down. It was so wet we were unable to form our usual big circle at the end of the Vigil to sing the national anthem.

For latest Vigil pictures check: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimbabwewigil/> .

**FOR THE RECORD:** 197 signed the register.

**EVENTS AND NOTICES:**

• **ROHR Liverpool Demonstration.** Saturday 28th November from 2 – 5 pm. Venue: L

Liverpool  
City  
Centre,  
Church Street  
(outside Primark).  
Contact:  
Desire Chimuka  
07917733711  
, Anywhere Mungoyo  
07939913688  
, Patrick Kushonga  
07900857605,  
Trywell Migeri  
07956083758.

Future Demonstrations: Saturdays 12th, 19th and 26th December. Same time and venue.

• **ROHR Chelmsford general meeting.** Saturday 28th November from 2 – 6 pm. Venue: 3 Stars, Trent Road, Chelmsford CM1 2LQ.  
Present: Amnesty International, Chelmsford Mayor, Chelmsford MP and ROHR Executive.  
Contact: R Mafigo 07944815190, Billy Machezano 07765459538, Martha A Magwaza 07748644911, Tendai Gwanzura 07772192679, Fungai Muzambi 07961635917 or P Mapfumo 07915926323 / 07932216070.

• **ROHR Brighton to participate in World AIDS Day event.** Saturday 28th November from 11 am – 6 pm. They have been invited to cook food and take part with other organisations and have been given a stall to advertise ROHR. Venue:

Brighthelm  
Church  
and Community Centre,  
North Road  
, Brighton BN1 1YD. Free food, drama and lots of entertainment. Contact: Sinikiwe Dube 07824668763,  
Wellington  
Mamvura 07949595506.

• **ROHR Woking general meeting.** Saturday 28th November from 2 – 5 pm. Venue: 11 Raveswood Court

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Hillview Road  
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Woking

GU22 7NR

. Contact: Isacc Mudzamiri 07774044873 or Sithokozile Hlokana 07886203113.

. **ROHR Christmas party. Saturday** 5th December, time tba. Venue: Coronation Hall, Stoke Road, Water Eaton, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 3AB. Stations: Bletchley (nearest) or Central Milton Keynes

. Use Bus 5 from both stations. Parking: additional parking is available in the Veterinary Practice next door and on the gravelled area to the front of the Practice building. Further parking is available in the Plough Public House approx 100metres from the hall. Please do not obstruct the public footpath or highway or hamper access to the neighbouring properties. Contact: Martha Jiya 07727016098, Pamela Dunduru 07958386718, Jemias V Mujeyi 07534034594, Rodah Kulhengisa 07983057533 or P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070.

. **ROHR Brighton general meeting.** Saturday 12th December from 1 – 4 pm. Venue: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton BN1 3XG

Rohr executives present and a well known lawyer. Substantive committee to be elected.

Contact Sinikiwe Dube 07824668763,

Wellington

Mamvura 07949595506 or P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070.

. **Zimbabwe Association's Women's Weekly Drop-in Centre.** Fridays 10.30 am – 4 pm. Venue: The Fire Station Community and ICT Centre, 84 Mayton Street

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London

N7 6QT, Tel: 020 7607 9764. Nearest underground:

Finsbury

Park

. For more information contact the Zimbabwe Association 020 7549 0355 (open Tuesdays and Thursdays).

. **Strategic Internship for Zimbabweans** organised by Citizens for Sanctuary which is trying to secure work placements for qualified Zimbabweans with refugee status or asylum seekers. For information: <http://www.citizensfor Sanctuary.org.uk/pages/Strategic.html>

or contact: [zimbabweinternship@cof.org.uk](mailto:zimbabweinternship@cof.org.uk)

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. **Vote for Betty Makoni of Girl Child Network** as one of CNN's top ten heroes of 2009 via this link: <http://edition.cnn.com/SPE>

[CIALS/cnn.heroes/](http://www.CIALS.org.uk/cnn.heroes/)