

**ALERT – CHECK <http://www.zbnnews.com/home/index=121> FOR ZBN NEWS' COVERAGE OF SATURDAY'S MUGABE BIRTHDAY PROTEST ON ZIMVIGIL TV.**

Swigging appropriately from a Methuselah of champagne, a swaggering (or was it swaying) Robert Mugabe, accompanied by Amazing Grace, celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Zimbabwe Embassy in London, receiving presents and birthday cards.

Among the gifts presented by Vigil supporters wearing devil masks (including June Pedzeni, Francesca Toft and Siza Ndebele) were parcels labeled 'Looted Diamonds' and 'Sanctions Eased'. Vigil supporters were puzzled why the EU should remove sanctions against the police officer in charge of beating up Tsvangirai in 2007. The EU spoke of economic reforms in Zimbabwe. What are they . . . looted diamond fields, farm invasions, the threatened takeover of private companies?

Other presents for Mugabe were labeled Giles Mutsekwa (Co-Minister of Home Affairs), Elias Mudzuri (Minister of Energy and Power Development) and Murisi Zwizwai (Deputy Minister of Mines) – the MDC ministers being investigated by the party on allegations of joining the corrupt Zanu(PF) gravy train.

Mugabe, played by management team member Fungayi Mabhunu (in our Mugabe death mask), and Amazing Grace, played by Josephine Zhuga, cut a birthday cake and looked at the birthday messages. Here is a sample: 'We have suffered too long!', 'Enough is enough – go to the Hague', 'We hate you. Wish you the worst for the rest of your life', 'You let us down – betrayed all the liberation ideals', 'Enough is enough – don't you have a heart?', 'To hell with you'.

Earlier in the day Mugabe visited the nearby South African High Commission to pay his disrespects ahead of President Zuma's visit to London. Displaying a sign reading 'No Zumbabwe' he gave a V sign before being wrestled away by Vigil Co-ordinator Dumi Tutani.

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We were glad to have ZBN News with us again and we will continue to link to their broadcasts:  
[www.zbnnews.com](http://www.zbnnews.com)

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

**FOR THE RECORD:** 189 signed the register.

### EVENTS AND NOTICES:

· **ROHR Hayes fundraising party.** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 3 pm till late. Venue: Coronation Hall, Stok  
e Road  
, Water Eaton, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 3AB. Admission £7.50 including food (lots of traditional food: mazondo, maguru mubhoora and all). Fashion show. Zim Music. Raffle: tickets £10. Prizes include: computer, printer, mobile handset, DVD player. To be drawn at 10.30 pm.

Nearest station: Bletchley. Bus number 5 from central  
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ilton Keynes

or Bletchley. For more info contact Rodah Kuhlengisa 07958205544, Charity Nyamuzuwe 07898765091, Snodia Chihowa 07852921523, Martha Jiya 07727016098 or P Mapfumo 07915926323/07932216070.

· **The Role of the Media in Zimbabwe's Transition.** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 6-8 pm. Venue: Royal Commonw  
ealth  
Society,  
25 Northumberland Avenue

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London

WC2N 5AP. Chair: Xan Smiley,

Middle East

and

Africa

Editor, Economist. Speakers: Tabani Moyo, Advocacy Officer, MISA, Zimbabwe, Sue Lloyd Roberts, BBC

journalist

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Innocent Chofamba Sithole, Zimbabwean political journalist

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Richard Bourne, Associate Fellow, Commonwealth Foundation.

- **ROHR Stevenage & Hatfield (Hertfordshire) general meeting.** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30 – 6 pm. Venue: Poplars Bandley Hill Community Centre, Magpie Crescent

Stevenage

SG2 9RZ

. ROHR executive present and respected guests. Contact: Kennedy Mashonganyika 079623838720, Jemtiasi Mare

07909338769,

Bertha Mwatse

07404112684, Clarkson Shumbanhete 07958550506 or P Mapfumo 07915926323 / 07932216070.

- **ROHR Sheffield launch meeting.** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: Ruby Lounge, 35 Carver Street, Sheffield, Sh S1 4FS

. Come and share ideas on how we can tackle the human rights abuses of our fellow countrymen. ROHR President & Executive present together with some VIPs. Contact: Prosper Mudamvanji 07846621050, Raymond B Jonga 07729472879 or P Mapfumo 7915926323 / 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

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.citizensforsanctuary.org.uk/pages/Strategic.html>

or contact:

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

- **For Motherland ENT's videos** of the Vigil on 30/01/2010: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe14veVo0H0> and the

Vigil on

12/2009

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdPsBsief0s>

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