

Zimbabweans demonstrate in London against violence – 21st March 2010

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Zimbabwean exiles in the UK and supporters demonstrated outside the Zimbabwean Embassy and the South African High Commission in London on Monday in protest at the growing violence as Mugabe's Zanu PF prepares for new elections.

The demonstrations were organized by the MDC UK and were supported by other groups including the Zimbabwe Vigil, Restoration of Human Rights in Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Association and Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA) the successor organization to the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Outside the Zimbabwe Embassy prominent demonstrators included members of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers who demanded the release of six Zimbabwean activists on trial for treason for watching a video about the uprising in Egypt.

Amid drumming and singing, over a hundred demonstrators outside nearby South Africa House carried banners reading 'Zuma where is our road map?', 'Blood on Zuma's hands', 'Mugdafi stop selective justice now', 'Zuma publish election dossier now', 'AU act now', 'Zanu PF game is up', 'Mugabe stop torture, false arrests', 'Bloody SADC where are you? – wake up', 'Chihuru, Chiwenga, Shiri – Hague is waiting', 'Bloody Zuma – ungunthakathi' and 'No violence in Zim? Ask Gwisai'.

A deputation was sent to the Home Office to deliver a petition protesting at new moves to send home failed Zimbabwe asylum seekers.

The MDC UK's Interim Organising Secretary Jeff Sango said: 'We realise that the situation in Zimbabwe is not getting any better. We thought the government of national unity was going to change things, but we see an escalation where Mugabe and ZANU PF are very keen on not having a proper road map and free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.' (See:

<http://www.swradioafrica.com/news210311/zimsprot210311.htm>

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Check here: http://www.flickr.com/photos/zimpolitics_net/sets/72157626202312031/ for photos of the anti-violence protest.

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