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‘Delay, deceive and destroy’ is how Welshman Ncube describes Zanu PF’s tactics as it fights to maintain Zimbabwe’s status as the third poorest country in the world. (Poor, that is, for the people – not the rulers. Indeed, for the Zanu PF mafia it is a land of ‘indigenised’ milk and honey.)

We at the Vigil were glad to hear Morgan Tsvangirai insist that reforms laid out in the GPA must be implemented before the elections (see: <http://www.zimeye.org/?p=79494&cpage=1> – [Zimbabwe: Tsvangirai Performs U-turn on Elections](#))

. But the Vigil wants him to go further and spell out that, if the reforms are not made, he will not take part in the elections and be the donkey in a new Government of National Unity. (As Professor Ncube might put it, ‘the fourth D’.)

Mr Tsvangirai says he is to tour the region to seek support. The message the Vigil gets is that support is there – particularly from South Africa – but what is needed is the determination and courage he showed ten years ago. He must know that the region cannot allow another rigged election.

The Vigil believes that if SADC can help to level the electoral playing field and control Zanu PF intimidation there is little doubt that informed voters would not support a party that has destroyed the economy and shows no sign of changing its ways. As the economist Eric Bloch pointed out, foreign direct investment slumped to about \$33 million in the first quarter of the year (see: [http://www1.zimbabwesituation.com/apr27a\\_2013.html#Z17](http://www1.zimbabwesituation.com/apr27a_2013.html#Z17) – Massive slump in foreign investment). To put this in perspective, a single house in London is on the market for more than ten times this figure (see: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2313036/The-250MILLION-home-London-house-set-UKs>)

[-expensive-property-sold-sale.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](#)

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The £250MILLION home: London house set to become UK's most expensive property ever sold as it is put up for sale

). Perhaps Mines Minister Mr M'puffed-up might be interested in buying it . . .

## **Other points**

- Thanks to Rose Maponga for mending our banners 'End murder, rape and torture in Zimbabwe' and 'No to Mugabe, no to starvation'. We have had these banners since the start of the Vigil more than ten years ago and sadly they are as relevant as ever. We are also grateful to Rose for taking charge of the front table. Others who arrived early to help us put up the tarpaulin in the rain were Peter Sidindi, Nkosikona Tshabangu and Ishmael Makina. Thanks to Ishmael for looking after the back table.

- Check: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUym9P64Rpg&feature=youtu.be> to view Martin Chinyanga's video of the Vigil on 20th April when we marked Independence Day.

FOR THE RECORD: 40 signed the register.

EVENTS AND NOTICES:

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- **Zimbabwe Action Forum (ZAF).** Saturday 4th May from 6.30 – 9.30 pm. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. The Strand is the same road as the Vigil. From the Vigil it's about a 10 minute walk, in the direction away from Trafalgar Square. The Strand Continental is situated on the south side of the Strand between Somerset House and the turn off onto Waterloo Bridge. The entrance is marked by a big sign high above and a sign for its famous Indian restaurant at street level. It's next to a newsagent. Nearest underground: Temple (District and Circle lines) and Holborn.
- **ROHR Executive meeting.** Saturday 4th May from 12 noon. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. For full directions check entry for Zimbabwe Action Forum.
- Vigil supporter Kudaushe (formerly of the Bundu Boys) Matimba's band Harare is performing in a concert 'Zimbabwe meets Congo' on Saturday 4th May from 9 pm – 3 am. Venue: Bedroom Bar, 62-68 Rivington Street, London EC2A 3AY. Tickets: £6 advance, and £8 on the door. Special guest: DJ J P Kairo playing the best African urban music.
- **ROHR Birmingham Branch meeting.** Saturday 11th May from 12.30 – 3.30 pm. Venue: All Saints Centre, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath B14 7RA. For more information, contact: Zenzile Chabuka 07951418577, Anne Chikumba 07857528546, Petronella Mapara 07903644612, Jane Mary Mapfumo 07412310429, Pedzisai James 07428180518 and Tecla Bandawe 07450507650.
- **ROHR Southampton Branch meeting.** Saturday 11th May from 12.30 – 4 pm. Venue: Swaythling Neighbourhood Centre off Broadlands Rd, Southampton SO16 3AY.  
  
For more information contact: Wellington Mukucha 07450264733, Sally Mutseyami 07969029752, Manfred Mambo 07774538359 and Taylor Madondo.
- **ROHR Central London Branch meeting.** Saturday 18th May from 12 – 1.30 pm. Venue: Strand Continental Hotel (first floor lounge), 143 Strand, London WC2R 1JA. Contact Fungayi Mabhunu 07746552597. For full directions check entry for Zimbabwe Action Forum.
- **ROHR Reading Relaunch.** Saturday 25th May from 11 am – 5 pm. For more information

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- **Zimbabwe Vigil Highlights 2012** can be viewed on this link:  
<http://www.zimvigil.co.uk/the-vigil-diary/467-vigil-highlights-2012>.

Links to previous years' highlights are listed on 2012 Highlights page.

- **The Restoration of Human Rights in Zimbabwe (ROHR)** is the Vigil's partner organization based in Zimbabwe. ROHR grew out of the need for the Vigil to have an organization on the ground in Zimbabwe which reflected the Vigil's mission statement in a practical way. ROHR in the UK actively fundraises through membership subscriptions, events, sales etc to support the activities of ROHR in Zimbabwe. Please note that the official website of ROHR Zimbabwe is <http://www.rohrzimbabwe.org/>. Any other website claiming to be the official website of ROHR in no way represents the views and opinions of ROHR.

- **Vigil Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8157345519&ref=ts>.

- **Vigil Myspace page:** <http://www.myspace.com/zimbabwевigil...>

- **Useful websites:** [www.zanupfcrime.com](http://www.zanupfcrime.com) which reports on Zanu PF abuses and [www.ipaidabribe.org.zw](http://www.ipaidabribe.org.zw) where people can report corruption in Zimbabwe.