



WOZA MOYA

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WOZA means 'Come forward'. By women for women and with women, across race, colour, creed, class or political persuasion. Empowering women to be courageous, caring, committed and in communication with their communities.



Power to the Poor People Campaign causes POLICE to panic and invade WOZA house – shame on them!

WOZA members gathered to finalise their petitions and power cut timesheets in suburbs, Bulawayo on Friday 10 June 2011. WOZA planned to hand these over to the Parliament Committee dealing with the electricity issue. Police officers so desperate to protect their 'power company' - ZETDC from the successful anti abuse of power petition campaign pounced like hyenas (Impisi) threatening women with their baton sticks. They broke the gate and forced their way in assaulting a lodger and are still occupying the house 6 days later. Their weak excuse is that they are looking for documents that oppose the government but we suspect that they have 'planted' evidence over these days they have been in control. As usual at the forefront of the oppression are Law and Order police, namely George Levison Ngwenya, Lindani Mpofu, Chikango, Nkomo, Chuchu, S. G. Ndlovu, known as MaNdlo and another known as Moyo. At Western Commonage Police Station there is Mdawini. At Pumula Police station there is uniformed officer Nhlanhla Ncube. These officers are involved in oppression of human rights defenders and some of them are involved in the torture of members during detention in March of 14 members.

These days police mistakenly look at a petition to parliament as opposing the state when it is a citizens' right to send a petition to parliament. Zanu PF people were not arrested and raided when they were doing their petition??? **WHY?** Anyway, WOZA Human rights Defenders were fighting for a better electricity service for all Zimbabweans. And they will continue to demand power for all poor people no matter what the police do to abuse their power.

We have sent an application to the High Court for the Judge to order the police to pack and go. We are seeking an order compelling Police Commissioner-General Augustine Chihuri, Chief Superintendent P. R Moyo, the Officer Commanding CID Law and Order Section at Bulawayo Central Police Station and the Officer In Charge CID Law and Order Section at Bulawayo Central Police Station to remove all police officers from the house and the yard outside with immediate effect and to bar the police from removing anything whatsoever from the house. We want the High Court to restore back to the organisation full and undisturbed occupation of the house.

Since the beginning of the year, 38 WOZA members have been arbitrarily arrested and 24 detained and charged under the Criminal Law Codification and Reform Act. Threats were made that upon the eventual arrest of leaders Williams and Mahlangu, they would be denied bail and imprisoned in the male prison. This police harassment of WOZA Human rights Defenders provides leaders of the South African Development Community (SADC) with direct proof of Zanu PFs' disrespect and refusal to implement the Global Political Agreement (GPA). This proves there is no political will to implement respect for freedoms of assembly and expression and end harassment of human rights defenders. This practice of persecution and punishment by arrest, detention and prosecution in the absence of any genuine suspicion of criminal activity must stop.

The government messengers targeting of WOZA in this way shows their inability to deliver a new Zimbabwe where people can live a dignified life, free to express their views. It is because of this that the nonviolent social justice movement remains fast expanding and has capacity to mobilise Zimbabweans to demand full enjoyment of all their rights. It is our view that that the raiding of our members' private meeting place means the regime has made the last leap from its 'pretended democracy' and respect for the rule of law into the dark abyss of authoritarianism and militarisation."

OUR DEMANDS:

WOZA call on SADC to immediately enforce implementation of the GPA and protect Zimbabweans from this violent state and bring perpetrators to book.

WOZA call on the Joint Monitoring Implementation Committee (JOMIC) to investigate this illegal raid and force the police to leave our premises forthwith.

WOZA call on Police Commissioner Chihuri to order his officers to cease occupation of our premises with immediate effect and return intact any possessions taken. And to publicly apologise to WOZA.

WOZA call on all police officers to refuse to be used to carry out illegal acts in the name of political supremacy, we call on their family members to prevail upon them to think carefully about their future and personal sanity. There will be a time for their action to be judged if not on this earth then in heaven.

WOZA call on local, regional and international human rights defenders to directly lobby their presidents or prime ministers to put pressure through diplomatic means to stop persecution of human rights defenders and especially women human rights defenders. Special emphasis should be on their rights to peacefully hold their own government to account by direct or indirect street engagement.

WOZA call on Zimbabweans to mobilise themselves to nonviolently demand respect for people will before it is too late. Your mothers need your help.

WOZA as a direct action nonviolent movement, mother of the nation will take action, we will not be silenced.

HOKOYO



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**YELLOW CARD from WOZA and MOZA -
HOKOYO - ZESA you are the DANGER to our Pocket**

Our demands are:

1. Stop cheating fixed meter consumers, we demand prepaid meters.
2. Please provide cheaper firewood, candles and matches, we do not want to destroy our environment by cutting down trees.
3. We are tired of 18 hour power cuts -provide proper timetables of load shedding.
4. Urgently put in place a proper and transparent billing system. Stop sending metered consumers estimates , send ACTUAL bills.
5. Create a smoother process of customer's claims for compensation.
6. Review recruitment policy and bring salaries to decent levels with our current economic record. Professionalise staff performance and honesty. No more luxury cars we need transformers.
7. We will record the exact hours we receive electricity for the last 2 weeks of May while we get petition signatures which we will take to Parliament and demand they review your monopoly and poor service. You have cheated us for long enough, after we submit our demand to parliament we will organise a RED card Campaign.

Be warned POWER TO THE POOR - ZERO service ZERO bill. HOKOYO!!

**Power to POOR people
Hokoyo ZESA!**

The House of Assembly Portfolio Committee on State Enterprises and Parastatals Management is holding public hearings on ZESA. The committee seeks the public's views on ZESA's service delivery to the nation. Interested groups, business persons and civic society organisations, the media and all members of public are invited to attend the hearings, at which they will be given the opportunity to give evidence and make representations.

Contributions made will be considered by the Committee in compiling a report to be tabled in the House of Assembly. The chairperson of the Thematic Committee is Hon Mavima. The committee clerk is Ms Chikuvire. If you are unable to attend a hearing, written submissions and correspondence may be addressed to: The Clerk of Parliament, Attention: Portfolio Committee on State Enterprises and Parastatals Management, P.O. Box CY298 Causeway, Harare. For further information contact the committee clerk, Ms Chikuvire. Telephone 04-700181, 252931, 252941, extension 2282.