

**Zimbabwe Domestic Broadcasting, 28 February, 2010 (19 February– 27 February, 2009)**

**by Marie Lamensch, MIGS Reporter for Zimbabwe**

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 19, 2010, in English)**

**“Zimbabwe: 'Media Must Promote Healing'”**

- The Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration criticized the media for trying to create divisions in the GPA. National Healing in the Prime Minister's Office Sekai Holland said the role of the media was to educate and inform, not to be just a watchdog.
- ACLJ director Jordan Sekulow said the media were spreading falsehood about the current situation in Zimbabwe. He also added that people should not think about retribution for past wrongs.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 21, 2010, in English)**

**“Zimbabwe: KP Chair Joins Anti-Zim Lobby” by Zvamaida Murwira**

- Kimberley Process Certification Scheme chairman Boaz Hirsch joined the rank of those called for Zimbabwe to be banned from the KP. He also demanded the release of Centre for Research and Development director, Farai Maguwu, and described his arrest as "harassment and mistreatment of the civil society members." He added that "The Kimberley Process was founded on the basis of respect for the rights of all its members, governments, the diamond industry and civil society."
- "The KP cannot and will not accept injurious actions taken against any of its members, all the more, if they are carried out by a participating government."
- Minister Mpopfu replied that the KP chairman's threats were ill-advised since and his arguments based on false information. Mpopfu said he has gotten his information from those trying to demonize gems from Chiadzwa. He also said the harassment reports had not come to the government's attention and so the veracity of the reports was unsure. He argued that the KPCS is "not an institution that should feed on documents or reports any material protected by the national laws of a participant from disclosure and acquired fraudulently and unlawfully by the civil society."
- Last week, Minister Mpopfu also stated that it was "mischievous for anyone" to link the Maguwu case with diamonds mining or with the ministry.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 21, 2010, in English)**

**“Zimbabwe: D-Day for Outreach” by Paidamoyo Chipunza**

- After being pushed back several times for financial reasons, the constitution-making process outreach programme started Monday 21 June as teams were deployed in various part of the country to gather people's opinions.

- Copac co-chairperson Cde Munyaradzi Paul Mangwana (Zanu-PF) believes everything is ready and under control for the process to start.
- The three principals to the inclusive government called for peace, tolerance and unity of purpose. As they launched the programme on Friday, they called for the police to oversee safety and security.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 22, 2010, in English)**

*SW Radio Africa reports that president Mugabe was cited as the world's second worst dictator in an annual survey of the world's 23 worst dictators (Mugabe Ranked As Second Worst Dictator in the World, Alex Bell, 23 June 2010). Zimbabwe was also cited as the fourth most failed state in the world (annual Index of the World's Failed States 2010). Mugabe is blamed for the country socioeconomic breakdown and political violence. Both surveys seek to show that despite the Global Political Agreement, little has actually changed in Zimbabwe.*

**“Zimbabwe is More Secure, Normal Than Most Nations” by Jupiter Punungwe**

- *The Herald* criticizes the BBC for suggesting that Zimbabwe is not a “normal, happy” country. The writer admits that while some problems exist, Zimbabwe is not an “abnormal” country. He argues that some things are much better in Zimbabwe than anywhere else, including the literacy level, sanitation and housing.
- *The Herald* also argues that Zimbabwe can safely retreat to rural areas and live off the land. In Zimbabwe, people are able own their piece of land and grow their own food.
- Except for political violence, crime rates are said to be low.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 23, 2010, in English)**

**“Zimbabwe: Land - Best Empowerment Tool”**

- The Herald praises the land redistribution programme yet calls for infrastructural development and capital investment. Land and the agriculture industry are described as the best tool for empowering Zimbabweans but it is currently facing important problems that must be solved.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 24, 2010, in English)**

**“Zimbabwe: Mudzuri, Mhashu Fired” by Tendai Mugabe**

- Prime Minister and MDC-T leader Morgan Tsvangirai recalled two of his Cabinet ministers, Engineer Elias Mudzuri (Energy and Power Development) and Fidelis Mhashu (Housing and Social Amenities).
- He also announced 16 ministerial changes. Tsvangirai said the changes would strengthen the Cabinet and performance of the MDC, and denied that they reflected factionalism within the party.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 25, 2010, in English)**

*SW Radio Africa reported that while COPAC was busy deploying its Outreach teams, the army was busy setting up posts for its soldiers in some rural districts. In some regions, soldiers been force-marching villagers to ZANU PF meetings for indoctrination and some villagers have been told what to say to the outreach teams. After protest from other parties, COPAC was also forced to remove from its outreach teams an army officer accused of spearheading the 2008 election violence.*

### **“Zimbabwe: Outreach Begins On Low Note”**

25 June 2010

- The constitution outreach programme started on a low note with some meetings being stopped after security concerns. Participants were worried about the absence of police officers to assure safety.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated June 25, 2010, in English)**

*During the KP meetings in Tel-Aviv, Israel, the members failed to find a consensus over whether Zimbabwe should resume diamond exports from the controversial Marange region.*

### **“Zimbabwe: Israel Backs Zim Diamonds”**

- Israel, the current KP chair, called for everything to be done to ensure that Zimbabwe remains within the Kimberley Process as Chaim Even-Zohar said the country could meet 25% of the global diamond demand.
- Minister Mpopu also declared that Zimbabwe would be exporting diamond stockpiles as he believes Zimbabwe is KP compliant and money is needed. He added that Zimbabwe would be selling with certificates issued by themselves.
- While India, Russia and most African countries backed Zimbabwe, the Herald declares that the US, Australia and the EU believe Zimbabwe has not met minimum requirements.