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

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated February 27, 2010, in English)**

**“Zanu -PF to Focus On Empowerment – Shamu”** [Author unknown]

- Zanu-PF national political commissar Cde Webster Shamu said the party would soon establish its dominant position in Zimbabwean politics and would concentrate on empowerment politics. He believes Zanu-PF should reclaim its role as the people’s party.
- Shamu also criticized factionalism within the party and called on party members not to build the party along tribal lines but to work on strengthening Zanu-PF.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 1, 2010, in English)**

**“Indigenization - Who is Spoiling Party?”** by Tichaona Zindoga

*Indigenisation and Empowerment minister Saviour Kasukuwere published empowerment regulations without the cabinet’s approval. Industry minister Welshman Ncube said the government was now revising the regulations. Business leaders raised questions about the regulations, particularly one demanding that foreign investors and whites hand over at least 51% ownership to black Zimbabweans. Existing businesses must also submit plans for ensuring ownership by Zimbabweans.*

- Recent criticism of the Indigenization and Economic Empowerment Regulations has led to new hostility from the West, particularly media and foreign interests.
- Angry with the regulations, foreign investors dating from the era of colonialism claim that they will lead to investor flight and allege that this is another tool by Zanu-PF to loot Zimbabwe. Individuals such as former Guyana diplomat Sir Ronald Sanders are criticized for calling the Indigenization regulations an “act of madness” and “flagrantly racist” as well as for calling unto the international community to take action against Mugabe. They still believe that Africans are cannot be self-reliant and fear that black empowerment will mean the emergence of an African business class.
- The Prime Minister meanwhile is criticized for declaring indigenization regulations “null and void.”

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 2, 2010, in English)**

**“Sanctions Must Go – Tsvangirai”** [Author unknown]

- Speaking after meeting visiting Danish Minister for Development Co-operation Soren Pind, Prime Minister Tsvangirai called for the immediate removal of the sanctions. He told Western countries that if they wished to support Zimbabweans they needed to support the coalition government. He added President Mugabe could not be separated from the whole process.

- Pind declared sanctions would not be lifted until Zimbabwe held new elections and Denmark had little influence on decisions concerning the as the decision to impose them was collectively taken by EU member states.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 2, 2010, in English)**

**“Diamond Monitor Arrives”** [Author unknown]

- Kimberley Process monitor for Zimbabwe and founder chairman of the KP, Mr Abbey Chikane, arrived in Zimbabwe on a three-day fact finding mission. He met separately with Mines and Mining Development Minister Obert Mpofu. Mpofu said he was looking forward to a successful mission.
- Chikane will assess the implementation of the Joint Work Plan, a plan adopted in Namibia last year in order to bring diamond mining in Marange in full compliance with the KP’s minimum requirements.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 2, 2010, in English)**

**“Gender Rights Critical in New Constitution, Says Nyamupinga”** by Farirai Machivenyika

- Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Goromonzi West legislator Cde Biata Nyamupinga has called for the inclusion of gender rights in the new constitution, including equal representation of women in leadership positions
- Ms. Fanny Chirisa, director of the Women in Politics Support Unit, believes it is crucial for women to be involved in Parliamentary debates.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 3, 2010, in English)**

**“KP Monitor Visits Chiadzwa”** by Takunda Maodza

- Kimberley Process monitor for Zimbabwe Mr. Abbey Chikane visited the Chiadzwa diamond fields to speak to Mbada Diamonds and Canadile Miners. He will also asses security on the Zimbabwe-Mozambique border following allegations that diamonds were being smuggled across the border. He did not say anything about what he had seen on the ground.
- Mbada and Canadile (A/N: both controversially licensed by the Zimbabwean government) have mined about 2.2 million carats of diamonds, which will be sold once they have been approved by the KP.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 3, 2010, in English)**

**“Sanctions Motion Gets MPs' Nod”** by Farirai Machivenyika

- The House of Assembly adopted the motion urging the Prime Minister to call for the removal of the sanctions. Deputy Prime Minister Mutambara said the sanctions needed to be lifted in order to build a “peaceful and prosperous democratic Zimbabwe.”

- Barack Obama has extended the sanctions on Zimbabwe, arguing that the country posed a "continuing and unusual threat to American foreign policy."
- Prime Minister Tsvangirai is believed to have said that President Mugabe should not be separated from the country's development as he is the leader of the country.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 3, 2010, in English)**

**“Zanu-PF Still Solid, Says Khaya-Moyo”** [Author unknown]

- Party national chairman Cde Simon Khaya-Moyo said that contrary to media reports, Zanu-PF remains the strongest political entity in Zimbabwe. He explained that difference in opinion did not mean factionalism and believes the party is not under threat. He believes difference in opinion only proves that Zanu-PF is a “robust institution and a democratic lot.”
- Cde Khaya-Moyo said Zanu-PF had lined up a number of youth projects.
- He also criticized the MDC-T for concentrating on trivial issues that are not part of the GPA, such as the matter of Roy Bennett, Dr. Gideon Gono and Mr. Johannes Tomana.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 4, 2010, in English)**

**“Diamond Monitor Upbeat”** [Author unknown]

- Kimberley Process monitor for Zimbabwe Mr. Abbey Chikane yesterday described his fact-finding mission to the country as a success after meeting several stakeholders and visiting the Chiadzwa field.
- Mines and Mining Development Minister Obert Mpofu said the Government was satisfied with Mr. Chikane's “realistic” observations and would work to meet KP requirements. Secretary for Mines and Mining Development Mr. Thankful Musukutwa added that the two companies on the ground (Mbada and Canadile) had a complied 100 and 85 percent respectively with KP requirements.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 4, 2010, in English)**

**“Propaganda in Quest to Conquer History” by Reason Wafawarova**

- The West is accused of rewriting and “conquering” history by making false allegations about the GPA, misrepresenting Zanu-PF and portraying white Zimbabweans as victims. Western propaganda is criticized for making false assertions against individuals such as Idi Amin (Ugandan dictator) and for misrepresenting war crimes committed by Adolf Hitler's regime. Indeed, the West is accused of similar atrocities.
- Reason Wafawarova believes that legacy of President Mugabe should not rest in the hands of Morgan Tsvangirai.
- The author makes the difference between the wrong and the right side of history. The wrong side of Zimbabwean history, based on claims by the West, is that Mugabe is a

ruthless dictator for implementing the land reform programme. What is also wrong is the fact the MDC-T represent Rhodesian interests.

- Propagandists and Western puppets within Zimbabwean society should come forward and cease being tool for the destruction of Zimbabwe.

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**“Zanu-PF Youth League Demands More From PM”** [Author unknown]

- Despite the fact that Prime Tsvangirai called for the removal of the sanctions, Zanu-PF’s Youth League thus is no sufficient considering the consequences the embargo has had on the country. Zanu-PF’s Youth League issued an ultimatum last week.
- Youth League national commissar Cde Mike Gava and MP Jonathan Moyo said the MDC-T was responsible for the sanctions and should now confront Western countries and representatives.

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**“VP Nkomo Applauds Govt-Russia Ties” by Ray Bande**

- Addressing delegates during a tour of DTZ-OZGEO Mine, Vice President John Nkomo praised relations between Russia and Zimbabwe and said they should be maintained. The mine is owned by a Russian consortium and the Development Trust of Zimbabwe. Nkomo praised Russia for vetoing a UN Security Council motion calling for the invasion of Zimbabwe. He also thanked Russia for doing business with Zimbabwe and funding several projects.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 4, 2010, in English)**

**“March 4 Pregnant With Meaning” by Tendai H. Manzvanzvike**

- March 4<sup>th</sup> marks the day Zimbabwe first held elections (1980), an election designed to “mark the birth of Zimbabwe,” and therefore the day Robert Mugabe was elected PM designate. It laid the foundation for future elections and the date should be considered as a milestone
- Mugabe should be considered as a pioneer who had to unify people across race and political ideology. He had to political, economic and social challenges, and address issues such as land, education, housing, industry, reconciliation and the armed forces.
- The *Herald* condemns those who criticize President Mugabe, particularly “couch potato critics” and “opportunists” who simply for things to happen and do no contribute to their society.
- Decisions such as the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act should be praised.

**(The Herald, government-owned daily, article dated March 5, 2010, in English)**

**“KPCS Must Give Complete Checklist”** [Author unknown]

*On the same this article was published, President Mugabe defended the controversial mining companies Mbada Diamonds and Canadile Miners accused of dubious deals with the government. Mugabe also tried to deny that Africa Consolidated Resources had any legitimate claim over Chiadzwa and said all the deals with Mbada and Canadile were transparent. According to the Zimbabwe Independent, Mines Minister Obert Mpofu could face court charges over the diamonds dispute if he does not let certain gem packages be kept by the Reserve Bank. Mpofu has been singled out as one of the government officials involved in diamond smuggling.*

- Zimbabwe awaits a checklist of the conditions that need to be fulfilled in order to legally mine and trade diamonds
- The *Herald* accuses some individuals of trying to deny Zimbabwe a chance of marketing diamonds, despite the fact that Zimbabwe is trying to conform to the Kimberley Process' regulations. Some of the tactics used include allegations of human rights abuses.
- While the situation on the Chiadzwa field was chaotic when diamonds were first discovered, the matters are being sorted out in court and a new chairman has been elected to monitor things on the ground.
- The Kimberley Process should not be used to reward or punish states or to advance political agendas and Zimbabwe should be treated fairly.

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**“MDC-T Riddled With Corruption – Chamisa”** [Author unknown]

- According to the *Herald*, MDC spokesperson Nelson Chamisa admitted that the MDC-T is riddled with corruption. Several MDC-T representatives have been accused of corruption, including plundering.

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**“Sanctions - Move From Denial Mode”** [Author unknown]

- The Prime Minister called on the West to remove the sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe. By doing so, Tsvangirai has put an end to the West's attempts to conceal the damage the sanctions have had on the country. Last week, Zanu-PF Youth League demanded the PM to call for the lifting of the sanctions or face action. MDC-T legislator should now press for their removal as well instead of arguing that the sanctions are “targeted.”
- The MDC-T is believed to have benefitted from the damage caused by the sanctions, especially during the last elections as it gained them a lot of votes. The sanctions had therefore been used as a weapon to achieve power.
- The West and NGOs are criticized for spreading “unsubstantiated claims of State-sponsored human rights violations” and for putting the blame for the 2008 election violence solely on Zanu-PF and State security agents. The west's attempt to effect a regime change has failed thanks to Zimbabweans' resilience.

**(The Chronicle, government-owned daily, article dated March 6, 2009, in English)**

**“Govt to withdraw leased farms” by Mkhululi Sibanda**

- President Mugabe said the government would not hesitate to withdraw farms from beneficiaries of the Land Reform programme leasing their piece of land. There have been rumours that some beneficiaries have been leasing their farms to former white commercial farmers.
- Mugabe also explained that a land audit would take place in order to put an end to multi-farm ownership.

On the current drought affecting the country, President Mugabe said farmers needed to start an aggressive irrigation scheme using the country’s numerous dams. (A/N: Matabeleland South, Midlands, Masvingo, Manicaland and parts of Mashonaland Central are apparently particularly affected)