

Zimbabwe Graphical Workers Union
(Affiliate to ZCTU)

Stop Violence Now

The Zimbabwe Graphical workers Union (Zimbabwe) condemns the arrest and detention of Zimbabwe congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) President Lovemeore Matombo and Secretary General Wellington Chibhebhe on the 8th of May 2008. They are being held for stirring people to rise against the government and for allegedly reporting falsehoods on innocent people being killed by ZANU PF supporters across the country.

The arrest of these 2 workers leaders is unlawful as it is one amongst a hodgepodge of other dirty tactics that Zanu PF is blatantly using to intimidate workers and the ordinary people as we wait for the announcement of date for run-off. Matombo and Chibhebhe did not incite anyone into violence but rather it is Zanu PF, which has unleashed violence and torture on the ordinary citizens of Zimbabwe and some leaders. Since March 29 50 people have so far been killed, more than 4 000 people displaced and some had their homes burnt to ashes.

Accompanied to Mugabe`s post elections chicanery is a deliberate ploy to gag the trade union movement in the country as that is only the organised body that may provide tangible resistance to his tyrant .

Workers and their trade union leaders can not sit with fold hands whilst the Mugabe regime is causing such havoc in the country against a s steeply deteriorating economy that has hit hard on the live hood of the ordinary people .

We vehemently condem the arrest of ZCTU leaders and we call upon all other trade unions and civic groups to call mass action in condemnation of violence .
Hands off our leaders and MPs

We want living wages now !!!

Shinga Musahndi shinga .Penda Mushandi penga . Vote yedu?
