

## Update on arrests

The five people who were arrested yesterday - ZCTU President Lovemore Matombo, Michael Kandukutu, Percy Mcijo, Dumisani Ncube and Nawu Ndlovu - are still behind bars. Indications are that they are going to be charged with contravening POSA - holding a meeting without notifying the police. They are likely to spend the night behind bars again and appear in court tomorrow.

Meanwhile, more than 15 ZCTU activists who were arrested in December 2008 at the height of cash shortages during a peaceful demonstration organised by the ZCTU have been summoned to appear in court tomorrow (10 November). However, according to law the summons are supposed to be issued 14 days before appearance in court but they were only served with the summons today late morning.

It would seem that cases against ZCTU that were considered closed are being revived as also the case that the ZCTU leadership and some staffers were being accused of misappropriating foreign currency is set for court on 23 November 2009. The case had been thrown out for lack of evidence but the matter is now being revived.

We will keep you updated of further developments.

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