Robert Mugabe and Enos Nkala are reported to have met recently to catch up on happenings in each other’s world.

So chuffed was Enos Nkala on meeting his very “old friend” that he decided to tell assembled journalists of what had transpired at the so-called “private meeting”.

In fact a few days later Nkala was endorsing Mai Mujuru as his preferred candidate to replace Robert.

Is this an indirect way of getting the message across? Could this be an answer to the number 12 man who had indicated his willingness to take Robert’s job?

It is a clear indication of the problems in Zanu PF that two men in their 80s meet to talk about the future of ZANU instead of talking about their relative success or failure in retirement.

One thing is for sure though, Robert Mugabe is the last president of Zanu PF.

The undertakers who elected him at their last conference in Bulawayo made sure of that.

MDC SA Holds Provincial Council Meeting

The MDC SA External Assembly held a successful Provincial Council meeting in Johannesburg on the 5th of May 2012.

The well attended meeting had representations from all the 9 districts of the Province including delegates from Matebeleland South who had travelled to SA on Party related business.

The following resolutions were made at the Council

1. To send a delegation Harvest House to seek guidance from national leadership on the New Constitution (chapter 6.10.8).
2. That the provincial organiser’s structure audit programme and dates be adopted.
3. That the price of membership cards be reduced to R10.00 per annum to encourage mass mobilisation
4. That the Treasurer be confirmed as a substantive appointment
5. To demand that all organs of the party to meet at scheduled times with reports as per national calendar.
The MDCSA Information and Publicity Department has launched its blog on the Wordpress platform. The address is www.mdctsa.wordpress.com. The blog will be the basis from which all Party related information is disseminated and has a wealth of information and documents that concern the Party in particular and Zimbabweans in general.

Some of the documents on the site include the following:

- MDCSA Today Newsletters
- Real Change Times – Mzansi Edition newsletters
- The latest MDC Constitution is available as a download in .pdf format
- MDC Policy documents which have been broken down into the individual policy areas. This makes it easier for the reader to identify the particular area they are interested in and read it separately.
- GPA Documents including the Memorandum of Understanding and the Agreement itself. Unfortunately one of the documents was spoiled by Arthur Mutambara’s signature!
- The Conditions for a Sustainable Election in Zimbabwe (CoSEZ)
- MDCSA Press Statements

Other documents will be updated as they become available especially in relation to the draft constitution and any discussion documents that arise from the interrogation of the draft document.

This is in conjunction to our other platforms on twitter www.twitter.com/mdctsa and on Facebook www.facebook.com/MDCTSA

Make sure you visit the blog regularly to keep in touch with events happening in Zimbabwe.

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Rugare Gumbo was Right!!!!

Rugare Gumbo, the current ZANU PF spokesman should have taken up a career as a clairvoyant. The article below shows how he accurate he was with a demolition job on his boss.

He is quoted in the Herald published on an otherwise happy day of the 21st of February 1980 making the statement below:

“When we were detained, Mugabe would come to see us in the pits where we were kept like animals. He would laugh at us, taunt us, we were tortured.

He laughed. He enjoyed seeing us suffering. He is ruthless. He uses people like Joshua Nkomo to build himself up and then he tries to destroy them.

He cares nothing for the masses or for the country. All he cares about is Mugabe.

“ When he joined the party he had only a dirty shirt and trousers. Now he has money – a lot of money. He is wealthy. He built a fortune on the backs and the sweat of people like us. He takes his wife all over Europe and spends thousands.

Those who vote for Mugabe will do so out of fear, and it is wrong. They must be told not to do it. Mugabe’s intimidation must be stopped”

32 years later, three million Zimbabweans in South Africa totally agree with his analysis. Rugare has, however, since supped with the devil without the appropriate long stick!!

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Hon. Lovemore Moyo Graduates

The Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of the Party Hon. Lovemore Moyo graduated with a BA (Human & Social Studies) Development Studies from UNISA graduated on the 4th of May 2012.

Congratulations are in order, continue to make us proud Sir.
In light of the recent visit to the country the UN Commissioner for Human Rights, we would like to state the MDC’s own principles on human rights violations.

First Principle – The Right to Know

Applicable to both victims of human rights violations and also the rest of society. This is meant to ensure that violations are recorded in history so as to prevent their recurrence. Full disclosure is a prerequisite.

The Second Principle – The Right to Justice

This implies that all victims will have an opportunity to assert their rights and receive fair and effective remedy, ensuring that the perpetrators stand trial and that the victims obtain reparations. It also places an obligation on the State to investigate, prosecute and punish the guilty.

The Third Principle – The Right to Reparations

This involves both individual and collective measures. At the individual level, victims, relatives and dependants must have an effective remedy, and for this to happen the applicable procedures must be circulated widely. The right to reparation must cover all injuries suffered by the victims. It focuses on restitution, rehabilitation and reparation.

The Fourth Principle – The Right to Non-recurrence

This will be crucial and will include the disbanding of all militias and repealing of all emergency laws, abolishing emergency courts and other pieces of legislation used to deny citizens their inalienable rights.

Ken Saro Wiwa, Final Statement to the Military Tribunal

A Nigerian activist Ken was executed at the hands of the Nigerian military government in November 1995 after a farcical trial. His final statement to the fake court is immortalised below:

My Lord,

We all stand before history. I am a man of peace, of ideas. Appalled by the denigrating poverty of my people who live on a richly endowed land, distressed by their political marginalisation and economic strangulation, angered by the devastation of their land, their ultimate heritage, anxious to preserve their right to life and to a decent living, and determined to usher to this country as a whole a fair and just democratic system which protects everyone and every ethnic group and gives us all a valid claim to human civilisation.

I have devoted my intellectual and material resources, my very life, to a cause in which I have total belief and from which I cannot be blackmailed or intimidated. I have no doubt at all about the ultimate success of my cause, no matter the trials and tribulations which I and those who believe with me may encounter on our journey. Nor imprisonment nor death can stop our ultimate victory.

I am not one of those who shy away from protesting injustice and oppression, arguing that they are expected in a military regime. The military do not act alone. They are supported by a gaggle of politicians, lawyers, academics and businessmen, all of them hiding under the claim that they are only doing their duty, men and women too afraid to wash their pants of urine.

In my innocence of the false charges I face here, in my utter conviction, I call upon the Ogoni people to stand up now and fight fearlessly and peacefully for their rights.

History is on their side. God is on their side. For the Holy Quran says in Sura 42, verse 41: “All those that fight when oppressed incur no guilt, but Allah shall punish the oppressor.”

Come the day.
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am living in Cape Town. I just want to know when are the elections because I really want to vote and it will be my first time.

Sihle

Hello Sihle

Thank you very much for your inquiry Sihle. We encourage first time voters, especially young people, to take the struggle into their hands and vote in the next election. We should all vote for the MDC to guarantee a better life for all.

Once all the necessary reforms; media, human rights, the constitution, security sector and electoral are all done, the Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Morgan Tsvangirai and Robert Mugabe will sit down and decide a date for elections. What is currently holding currently holding back elections is ZANU-PF which is dilly-darling on key reforms because they would rather have a violent election than a peaceful free and fair poll because they know that they will never win a free and fair election in Zimbabwe.

However, keep your ears open Sihle. There is a very great possibility that elections will happen before March next year because the current parliamentary term expires.

Quick Facts

- Robert Mugabe met old friend Enos Nkala in Bulawayo recently, the average age at that meeting was 84 years.
- In 2009 Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai promised to pay workers in USD. It was unimaginable when he said it; ZANU-PF even said it was impossible.
- The 29 MDC Glen View activists arrested last year on false and malicious charges of murdering a policeman are still in custody for almost a year now.
- A senior figure from ZANU-PF and former Deputy Labour Minister Tracy Mutinhiri joined the MDC. She noted that people are misled about the MDC because the Party has good policies focusing on real bread and butter issues.
- Former Liberian President Charles Taylor was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment for arming and supporting murderous rebels in Sierra Leone in return for blood diamonds.
- Robert Mugabe has been promising to retire after elections since the first Zimbabwean election in 1980. He is reported to have made the same promise yet again in his 7th forthcoming election.

Survey of the Month

If an old man, in his late 80s came to your rural home with an entourage as long as the eye can see and asked for to marry your sister in her early 30s.

What would you do or say?

We asked our readers to respond to the our Survey of the Month question. Below are some of their responses:

i. Surely he must be sick; I would refer him to a psychotherapist in Singapore.
ii. That old man might not only be old but also a mad old man. Why would you want to marry my so beautiful and young sister to waste her and die soon after?
iii. I won’t allow my sister in the hands of such a lunatic.
iv. An 80 year old person must be in an old people’s home. He has had his time already and he must admit that it’s time for him to rest.
v. No ways, kanenge kari ka tsotsi kemudhara ikako. How can a person without a future want to attach himself to my youthful sister? The only thing I can think of is the old man does not have my sister at heart.
vi. Ahhh haamukwanise!! Handina hangu mashoko anokwanisa kupfuura ipapo.
vii. The other people accompanying the old man must be even worse fools as well.

If you cannot entrust your sister’s life & future to an 80 year old man. How then can you trust a 90 year old person with the running of your country?

Please be very careful a trickster is on your doorstep. Register to vote and vote for the MDC for a better and brighter Zimbabwe.

Lets finish it....