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## I. INTRODUCTION

What boggles the sane mind of any person with Zimbabwe at heart is how the ZANU PF<sup>1</sup> government misses the whole point to explain the reasons behind the punitive economic sanctions in the battered Zimbabwe as below:

- The United States of America and the European Union want regime change in Zimbabwe which from the looks of it is ridiculous and attention seeking from sympathizers' in the East in particular China. The West<sup>2</sup> wants to make way for regime change via the MDC-T<sup>3</sup> who are the Western Imperialist stooges in the SADC<sup>4</sup> region, another hyperbolic, laughable and dismissible excuse by the then beleaguered ZANU PF political party.

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<sup>1</sup> ZANU PF is an acronym for Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front the ruling party in Zimbabwe since independence from Britain to date not so much because of popularity but because of some electoral shenanigans which are the subject of this Paper.

<sup>2</sup> West as used in this context refers to the United States of America, European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

<sup>3</sup> MDC-T is an acronym for Movement for Democratic Change formed in Zimbabwe in 1999 to bring political pluralism then desperately lacking in Zimbabwe.

<sup>4</sup> SADC is an acronym for Southern African Development Community comprising 14 member states among which is Zimbabwe. Built around peace, security, development, among others, are the core values of the Southern African Regional bloc.

- The West wants to collapse the economy of Zimbabwe to find an excuse for regime change in Zimbabwe. But how, makes the idea as delusional as it is stupid. The list of stupid and silly explanations goes on and on the constraint of space is the limiting factor.

But the sober truth which hurts sometimes is that the United States of America, the European Union (EU) and the rest of the Western World want democracy in Zimbabwe. And Zimbabwe as we shall find out sooner than later, has none of this. The USA, the EU and the rest of the Western World want the rule of law to rule supreme in Zimbabwe. And among other good governance issues none of this exists in Zimbabwe to create this more than a decade long face off between Zimbabwe and the West to create the necessity of a full throttle discussion of this so much abused concept of sanctions in Zimbabwe. Up next is to find out the real reasons and not the fantasy which as above is obtainable from ZANU PF.

## II. WHAT HAS CAUSED ZIMBABWE'S ONCE STABLE ECONOMY TO SO SPECTACULARLY COLLAPSE

For the information of the Reader a number of very good reasons have been cited to explain why the Zimbabwean economy, once touted as the "Switzerland" of Africa to be the not only laughable basket case in the SADC region of modest economic growth but a victim of severe criticism from both political and economic analysts and pundits in the same regional bloc. Below are now the much awaited reasons for Zimbabwe's spectacular fall from grace.

- Many in this modern world of increasing complexity place the pivotal blame on none other than His Excellence President Mugabe, who has been for some strange reasons been the only President known to Zimbabwe for now an uninterrupted 34 years and 38 years in 2018 before the next harmonized elections scheduled for this date as on the country's political calendar.
- Among the sabre-rattling issues usually cited for His Excellence President Mugabe's long history of poor

performance are the chaotic land reforms of 2000 embarked upon with so much political zeal saw the +/- 6 000 mainly white commercial farmers lose their farms to His Excellent President Mugabe who then wasted little precious time to redistribute same to the then landless black farmers who to spite His Excellence President Mugabe have to date failed to utilize the so compulsorily acquired land to stoke fears of nationwide starvation in Zimbabwe (Mahove, 2013)(Museve, 2013).

- Zimbabwe's involvement in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) war fought in the late 1990s and to which Zimbabwe, more out prestige than need, sent its army to fight in a war which posed no threat real or imagined, to Zimbabwe.
- Absence of rule of law

The period after every general election in Zimbabwe has witnessed an increase in the absence of the rule of law as ZANU PF supporters take to the street to celebrate their flawed victory in every general election in Zimbabwe (Nikisi, 2013) (Amato, 2013) (Bambazonke, 2013).

### III. OTHER SHENANIGANS BY HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT MUGABE TO CONTRIBUTE THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC MALAISE

That there is more excitement by way of more drama and theatrics from His Excellence President Mugabe is certainly on its way for the enjoyment of the beloved Reader. It is also argued that Mugabe's political intolerance of anything which is an opposition political party in nature eg, the opposition MDC-T, electoral fraud, and gross human rights abuses have all contributed to the country's economic malaise. In other words the pain that he is always crying and mourning about is in fact 'mazvokuda mavanga enyora' (meaning suffering a pain from a self-conflicted wound). To expound on this to benefit the Reader the Author will carry out a bit of relevant Literature Review on these other shenanigans to show that His Excellence President Mugabe of Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980 is in fact an analogue president in a digital era (Rusvingo 2008).

a) *Mugabe's political intolerance of political pluralism sees him crossing swords with the USA and the EU time and again as below:*

A tacit demonstration of His Excellence President Mugabe's political intolerance of political pluralism went a gear up in 2007. According to Rusvingo (2008) Morgan Tsvangirai of the opposition MDC-T political party was savagely attacked while in police custody at a Highfield police station and then later on proudly paraded on Zimbabwe Television (ZTV) screens with a battered face covered in blood. His crime?

Innocently holding a prayer meeting with his supporters in the Highfield Zimbabwe Grounds without permission and clearance from the partisan and ZANU PF aligned police force. In fact where in this modern world of increasing complexity at least in this 21st century would anybody still in command of his five senses butcher a legitimate leader of an opposition political party with a sizeable representation in parliament and proudly stand before the world cameras to proudly announce that:

"Tsvangirai deserved the good bashing from my cowboy policemen. While others have diplomas in political violence against political opponents, let the world know I, Mugabe has several degrees in violence".

Where in this world again at least in this 21st century would anybody deny his people food, (Mahove 2013 and Museve 2013) water from the perennially bungling Harare City Council (Langa 2014) and electricity from the equally bungling Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (Mavhunga 2013) and fraudulently ask the same starving and water and electricity deprived Zimbabweans to give His Excellence another 5 year term to 2018 and yet another 5 year term for the same president until 2023 who at 100 years old will be still in power. 'Mwari neVadzimu venyika ino rambidzai' (meaning God and the Ancestral Spirits of this country, please forbid). In the body language of the Author's rural 85 year old grandmother, Mbuya ngazvichipera (Meaning grandmother let it be over) a surviving resident in the Author's rural home in Marondera West, she summed it up succinctly for the inquisitive Author when she said with tears welling up in her eyes:

'Hatichada, taneta, tapfidza' (meaning we no longer want to continue with this status quo. We are sick and tired. We have had enough of this suffering) (Rusvingo 2008).

While Tsvangirai was being subjected to this humiliating treatment at the hands of the politically intolerant His Excellence President Mugabe a horror script certainly awaits the Reader as far as electoral fraud is concerned. Up next is this horror script.

b) *For more than a decade the unrepentant His Excellence President Mugabe is caught in electoral fraud*

Politically speaking, the coming of Tsvangirai in October 1999 drastically changed the political landscape in Zimbabwe. But for His Excellence President Mugabe, he had other irons in the fire in readiness for that political challenge. Since 2000 the series of elections that were held in Zimbabwe were:

YEAR	TYPE OF ELECTION
2000	Parliamentary Elections
2002	Presidential Elections
2008	Harmonized Elections
2013	Harmonized Elections

From the irrefutable evidence gathered from the above four sets of elections it cannot be denied that all the four elections could have been stolen. The under-listed electoral shenanigans do not bode well for democracy in Zimbabwe:

- The heavy presence of the military and the partisan role that they played in these elections
- The presence of the Israeli company called Nikuv and the obscure role that it played in those elections particularly the 31 July 2013 harmonized elections.
- The voter slips with a water mark which had the potential of a light X against the ZANU PF inscription.
- The opaque manner in which the voters were registered in urban areas compared with rural areas.
- The higher number of assisted voters in the rural areas compared with urban areas. Even literate headmasters claimed to be illiterate to attract attention from the partisan assistance givers.
- The non-partisan West had no observers in these elections
- Busing of voters to vote in areas in which they were not resident
- Additional polling stations were done outside the requirement of the law. Nobody knew how many they were to prevent ballot stuffing.
- All the SADC guidelines were not complied with
- The opposition parties were denied access to the voters roll, print or soft copy
- Two members of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission resigned citing irregularities in the manner the electoral processes were conducted
- The list of shenanigans goes on and on the said elections could have been brazenly stolen to give the incumbent party an unfair advantage over the other parties. And finally are the gross human rights abuses which characterized the elections before, during and after as below:

c) *His Excellence President Mugabe commits gross human rights abuses in the lead up to the June 27, 2008 run-off*

In the lead up to the 27 June 2008 run-off election 200 of the MDC supporters were reported killed by ZANU PF and its supporters countrywide to force Tsvangirai of the MDC-T party to withdraw citing more of his supporters being killed at the hands of the ZANU PF political party and its supporters (Takaona, 2014). Many

people had their houses razed to the ground for their support for Tsvangirai and many more were left homeless in what the international community condemned as gross human rights violations against the MDC supporters countrywide (Tagarepi, 2014). With his human rights abuses His Excellence President Mugabe did not stop here. He instead went a step further to rebuke the West. And below coming your way are the graphic details of those rebukes.

d) *How did His Excellence President Mugabe rebuke the West to earn economic sanctions from the West?*

On too numerous occasions, His Excellence President Mugabe had been caught offside on the need to maintain good relations with the West, chief among them the USA, the European Union and Australia, among others. Unknown to our analogue President in a digital era is that whether he likes it or not the USA, EU and Australia have suddenly emerged to be the prefects of this modern world of increasing complexity. And you only ignore this fact at your peril. After experiencing a torrid time at the December 2007 Lisbon EU-Africa Summit where His excellence had attended the said Summit but was not welcome to most European Heads of States in attendance, he waited for his turn when he touched down at the Harare International Airport. Emerging a lot pampered from the same summit he had been invited to attend but certainly not welcome to most European Heads of State the recalcitrant His Excellence President Mugabe had wasted little precious time to throw brickbats at the then British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who had even boycotted the same summit in protest at His Excellence President Mugabe's presence as below:

"We defeated the British, we were the victors over the British. What is Britain after all? They think the Empire still runs. The Empire is no more, it has collapsed. If the British understood this, they would not behave like the Empirical power they used to be", proclaimed His Excellence President Mugabe at the Harare International Airport much to the applause of a few of his rag tag supporters who had been frog marched to the airport to welcome him back from the said summit (Rusvingo 2008:4).

For the first ever time His Excellence President Mugabe and his ZANU PF had emerged looking tired and bruised after the 2 000 parliamentary elections in which he had been given a good run for his money by the emerging Tsvangirai and his up-start MDC political party. The shocked President Mugabe who had won the said election by the narrowest of margins was so shamed to throw yet again some brickbats this time targeting the EU. In broad day-light and using the most unsavoury and undiplomatic language unbefitting a Head of State and Government and before the world cameras had this to say:



“To hell with the EU Observers and Monitoring Teams and their biased reports on the parliamentary elections. After all we Zimbabweans do not send observer and monitoring missions to oversee elections in Europe let alone Britain.”

The lead up to the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections in which His Excellence President Mugabe had for the first ever time been defeated by an opposition MDC party was certainly a free comedy of theatrics and drama to the people of Zimbabwe then used to pay expensively for same. Against an unprecedented move by ZANU PF supporters that they no longer wanted His Excellence President Mugabe as their Presidential candidate in the 29 March 2008 but a young candidate capable of reviving the Zimbabwean economy then in a decade long free fall, little did they know that His Excellence President Mugabe had other irons in the fire. To pre-empt the elective ZANU PF congress His Excellence had resorted to a self-serving strategy of numerous provincial solidarity marches in support of His Excellence President Mugabe's candidature. Spearheaded by the once suspended Jabulani Sibanda who would utter undespicable words in contempt of any members in ZANU PF who dared challenge His Excellence President Mugabe for the leadership of the party at the then forthcoming extraordinary party congress, the ZANU PF party aligned to His Excellence President Mugabe had organized several solidarity marches in support of His Excellence President Mugabe. These provincial solidarity marches culminated into the so-called “One million men and women” march on 30 November 2007 (Rusvingo 2008). On this historic day several thousands of his (His Excellence President Mugabe) rural supporters had been bused and rail-roaded to Harare started their 10 kilometres march from the Harare City Centre to the Highfield Zimbabwe Grounds where they were to be addressed by His Excellence President Mugabe who, as is always his tradition, would pour bucketfuls of scorn and rebuke on Britain and its EU allies and the opposition MDC political party for their daring attempts to bring regime change in Zimbabwe. The scathing verbal attack would go thus:

“Zimbabwe will never be a colony again”.

His Excellence President Mugabe would declare, to thunderous applause from the hungry marchers (Mawani, 2007).

Come the internal election day, His Excellence President Mugabe, in what was described by the Zimbabwe Independent weekly newspaper as a big fraud to nominate him as the sole presidential candidate, Mugabe was by show of hands elected as the winning candidate to stand again as the ZANU PF sole presidential candidate. Period. (Rusvingo 2008:110). Up next is to find out what punitive measures the West took to reign in the errant His Excellence President Mugabe.

e) *The miffed West imposed targeted punitive sanctions on His Excellence President Mugabe and his cabal*

The West, miffed by the under-listed shenanigans had no choice but to impose a raft of punitive sanctions on His Excellence President Mugabe and his cabal:

- A long history of intolerance against political pluralism in Zimbabwe dating back to the early days of Gukurahundi against Dr Joshua Nkomo of opposition ZAPU in the early 1980s had taken centre stage. From Dr Joshua Nkomo of opposition ZAPU who had fled Zimbabwe disguised as a woman, Tsvangirai of MDC had his fair share of the intolerables from His Excellence President Mugabe. In the SADC region the exemplary man for His Excellence President to take a cue from is Jacob Zuma, the President of South Africa. Julius Malema of the opposition Economic Freedom Fighters can heckle Jacob Zuma at any time and place for spending tax payers' money on his Ikandla private residence but Zuma does not order the non-partisan South African police to arrest him for illegal detention.
- Taking South Africa and its elections as a benchmark for Zimbabwe, elections in South Africa are a hallmark of democracy. In Zimbabwe, the long history of cheating and stealing of elections, let alone the political violence and the loss of life and limb is so unsettling banning of elections in Zimbabwe, if it is democratically allowed, is better than to have them at the expense of so much loss of life and property.
- Benchmarked against the South African elections of 07 May 2014 people heard of no reports of gross human rights violations for the entire duration of that election i.e, no reports of homes burnt down in political violence were received nor were reports of people displaced because of political violence. Elections in Zimbabwe are so violent all the rural areas of Zimbabwe are no go areas for the duration of the election. The rule of law ceases to take effect so that nobody is held accountable for any death or gross human rights violations during election time.
- Compared with Zimbabwe, Zuma does not rebuke the West. And this explains why Obama's 2013 three African nations visit, had South Africa as one of these countries. It was good governance that attracted Obama to visit South Africa where he pointed that bad governance had destroyed Zimbabwe. Up next is the nature of these punitive sanctions which torched the crying and mourning by His Excellence President Mugabe and his cabal.

#### IV. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE PUNITIVE SANCTIONS ON ZIMBABWE BY THE WEST THAT HAD TORCHED THE CRYING AND MOURNING BY HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT MUGABE AND HIS CABAL

In broad outline the sanction package for His Excellence President Mugabe and his cabal was made up as outlined below:

- A travel ban to the countries that had imposed the punitive sanctions. These countries are the USA, the EU, Australia and Canada, chief among others. The targeted sanction victims were His Excellence President Mugabe and the First Family, Cabinet Ministers, Generals of the armed forces, chief among others.
- The closure of their foreign accounts and the automatic loss of all the proceeds contained therein at the time of the closure of the said foreign accounts.
- A trade embargo on certain goods and services eg, the Marange diamonds.
- Exclusion of His Excellence from the first ever USA-Africa Summit held in New York on 5 – 8 August 2014.
- After the USA-Africa summit Obama pledged US\$ 33 billion in financial and development assistance and Zimbabwe stood not to benefit from that. Up next is how the various stakeholders said about the punitive sanctions imposed on the Zimbabwe's political leadership.

#### V. WHAT THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS SAID ABOUT THESE WESTERN IMPOSED SANCTIONS ON ZIMBABWE'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO CONCLUDE IT'S A MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

From the relevant short literature review carried out by the Author, his findings on the crying and mourning by ZANU PF about the Western imposed sanctions on the ZANU PF political leadership were all rubbished as drivel from a ZANU PF suffering from a poverty of conscience. Some enterprising stakeholders accused ZANU PF of behaving like cry babies while the Author accused ZANU PF of engaging in thoughtless child play while the economy was burning like a veld fire. Having said this let us hear what Chimakure of the *Newsday* had to say to confirm whether or not ZANU PF should be taken seriously. It is over to Mr Chimakure.

a) *Chimakure urges ZANU PF to "Stop the 'Sanctions' Chorus.*

The burning question of food security, endemic corruption and the chaotic land reform in impoverished Zimbabwe was fiercely debated on 15 October 2013

following heated exchanges in the House of Assembly with all ZANU PF members of Parliament (MPs) choreographing the usual nauseating drivel about sanctions being behind everything that had gone wrong in Zimbabwe including the then looming food shortages which were threatening 2.2 million Zimbabweans with starvation (Chimakure, 2014).

Contributing to a motion on food shortages which had been introduced into the August House of Assembly for debate most ZANU PF MPs rushed to blame the sanctions imposed on His Excellence President Mugabe and senior ZANU PF party officials by the West and former Finance Minister Tendai Biti for contributing to the crisis. What boggles the mind is why the clueless ZANU PF should continue harping on about illegal sanctions when people are suffering and some of them dying. Justice, legal and Parliamentary affairs minister Emmerson Munangagwa left everybody in the House of Assembly dumbfounded when he claimed in a crazy fashion that potholes on our major roads which in some parts of the country have claimed lives as vehicles tried to negotiate them were caused by sanctions. Sanctions really? (Chimakure, 2013).

Poor service delivery everywhere is the economy is according to the myopic ZANU PF, again caused by sanctions. What hogwash from a political party that claims a long history of being the ruling party in Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980. This excuse repeated with monotonous boredom will not wash now and in the future anywhere in this modern world of increasing complexity. What is now as obvious as the sun rising in the east and setting in the west is that even some people in ZANU PF today are already feeling the heat after overwhelmingly voting His Excellence President Mugabe and his ZANU PF party into power after the 31 July 2014 harmonized elections (Chimakure 2013).

Perhaps this could be the mother of all reasons why His Excellence President Mugabe continues to harp on the sanctions issue with monotonous repetition. It is the people's view that the paranoid ZANU PF quickly realized that they promised over much and that they would not be able to fulfill any of their exaggerated and hyperbolic pre-election promises hence their unsuccessful bid to shift the blame onto the Western imposed sanctions (Chimakure 2013).

The brutal truth of the matter which hurts sometimes is that the current political, economic and diplomatic crisis in Zimbabwe is very much man-made. While the one forefinger points at Western imposed sanctions as the cause of our economic woes the other four fingers point at none other than ZANU PF itself. Period. On the much hyped land reform programme the God-unforgiven sin committed by ZANU PF was to carelessly replace experienced white commercial farmers with inexperienced ones without the required

know how who sold farming equipment. The acquired land was underutilized at the onset of the Fast Track Land Reform programme. 'Nematakanana atiri kuona aya Mwari dai marambidza' (Meaning with all this drivel around us may God please forbid!). (Chimakure, 2014).

The chances are that the clueless ZANU PF can take the country into further abyss. And our only prayer to God if he cares to hear – any more of the man-made drivel from Zimbabwe is to empower the minority opposition parties to keep the recalcitrant ZANU PF under constant check.

Having dismally failed in its bid for blame deflection ZANU PF should be condemned in the strongest of terms to desist from inciting supporters to fight members of the opposition parties in the name of fighting sanctions. If they are real and genuine about the fight they should take their fight to the West and not the countryside where the opposition MDC–T supporters reside (Chimakure, 2013). Coming your was sooner than later is to unravel the IMF sanctions myth by Mushawatu.

#### *b) Mushawatu strives to unravel the IMF sanctions myth*

The fact of the matter is that Zimbabwe has been unable to access loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB), the African Development Bank (AfDB) for over a decade (Mushawatu, 2013).

Various schools of thought in Zimbabwe have given different explanations for the country's inability to access funds. Conflicting accounts of how the sanctions came about caused confusion in the minds of ordinary Zimbabwean prompting Mushawatu to write in an attempt to demystify the issue of sanctions in Zimbabwe in as far as the IMF and WB are concerned.

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, in a document titled 'The Impact of sanctions against Zimbabwe', attempted but failed to explain the real cause of the imposition of sanctions. According to this document Zimbabwe's inability to access loans from the IMF and WB was as a result of the controversial land reform programme which angered the West and consequently led to punitive measures against the country by institutions controlled by the West (Mushawatu 2013).

What boggles the mind is that the document kicks off by telling us that Zimbabwe could not access loans from the Bretton Woods institutions because of its arrears but later somersaults and changes the story to resonate with the myth of the land reform programme in Zimbabwe. ZANU PF offers the controversial land reform as the reason why Zimbabwe could not access funding from the Bretton Woods institutions (Mushawatu 2013).

Simply defined sanctions are measures carried out against one party by another in order to make the party under sanctions behave in a way desired by the

party implementing the sanctions. The measures being carried out by the IMF and WB against Zimbabwe fit the bill of sanctions since they seek to compel Zimbabwe to behave in a certain way ie, to pay up its arrears (Mushwatu 2013).

The IMF and the WB have clearly laid out procedures aimed at standardized remedial actions for defaulting countries. The procedures have timeframes under which defaulting of payment will result in sanctions. When Zimbabwe was barred from accessing IMF loans, it had defaulted on payment for over a year. The governing procedures of these institutions allow them to implement measures against countries that have defaulted on debt repayment for such periods as the ones mentioned hence the sanctions (Mushawatu 2013).

The remedial measures by the Bretton Woods institutions include the suspension of voting rights and barring the country from accessing loans and technical assistance. These were implemented against Zimbabwe solely as a result of the country's inability to service its debts (Mushawatu, 2013).

Those who wrongfully claim that the sanctions against Zimbabwe are as a result of the land reform agenda would have to answer whether other countries that have had such measures implemented against them because of failure to service their debts, such as Somalia and Sudan are also being punished because of the land reform or similar programmes. The truth of the matter was Zimbabwe was barred from accessing IMF and WB loans because of failure to repay its debt (Mushawatu, 2013).

What did His Excellence President Mugabe say about sanctions? The answer on its way coming to you right away .

#### *c) What did Mugabe say about sanctions?*

The message from His Excellence is saying people should not blame sanctions for their failure to pay civil servants when Zimbabwe is endowed with so many natural resources. His Excellence President Mugabe said while sanctions had previously militated against efforts to improve government employees' welfare, it cannot continue to be the reason for failure given the resources the country is endowed with (Tafirenyika, 2014).

"I will ensure that we don't go back to the time of saying "aaah masanctions ndiwo ari kutitadzisa" (meaning sanctions are the reason why we are failing to pay civil servants) said His Excellence President Mugabe. "Ma resources aripo" (meaning we have the resources, the gold sector for example, they are very easy to get the money from unlike diamonds .... With gold we know the price of gold and must be sold to Fidelity" (Tafirenyika, 2014).

Sanctions imposed on His Excellence President Mugabe's government have been blamed by the

clueless ZANU PF as the reason for their failure to honour the promises they made in the run up to last year's elections. ZANU PF has in the past blamed sanctions and its Unity partner, MDC which was in charge of the Finance Ministry for failing to award civil servants salary increments. But a point of correction at this juncture is to remember that when these exaggerated and hyperbolic election promises were made punitive economic sanctions by the West had been there by about 2000 or thereabout. How then are the sanctions of 2000 or thereabout suddenly the excuse for failure to pay civil servants in 2014. That is politicking going too far off the mark (Tafirenyika, 2014). The nonagenarian added that the civil servants had sacrificed a lot under difficult circumstances especially during the hyperinflationary era of 2000 to 2008.

"I don't know makarama sei? Isu vamwe tine minda nemagarden" (meaning I do not know how you made it. Some of us could fall back on our land), but there are some who depend solely on their salaries (Tafirenyika, 2014).

According to the Author the one big problem that underlies everything that the clueless ZANU PF does is lack of discipline. To cause hyperinflation in the 2000–8 period they were printing money 24 hours a day. To cause food insecurity in Zimbabwe they authored the chaotic land reform programme, chief among other irregularities, now they are grappling with the size of the civil wage bill which currently stands at 70%. What does that mean to you? For every \$100 of government expenditure the civil service wage bill is knocking off \$70 of that money. During election time ZANU PF through financial indiscipline go on a senseless recruitment drive to please the electorate. The end result, according to Patrick Chinamasa, the ZANU PF Finance Minister, he cannot reduce the wage bill in which 75 000 of about 230 000 civil servants are ghost workers. These were unearthed by the internationally reputable Ernst and Young (India) in a comprehensive audit carried out at the request of the paranoid ZANU PF government (Mambo, 2014). All said and done what remains for the Author to carry out next is the Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations designed for risk treatment. But up next is the Summary of the Paper.

## VI. SUMMARY

'MaSanctions mu Zimbabwe mazvokuda mavanga enyora' (meaning suffering pain from a self inflicted wound). At the very best ZANU PF is found engaging in child play to conclude that the crying and mourning about sanctions is nothing but attention seeking from a child in a quest of breast feeding from its mother. The usual drivel and hogwash such as the West want to recolonise Zimbabwe to make way for regime change to benefit the MDC-T, the West wants to collapse the economy of Zimbabwe to find an excuse,

chief among others, are a complete miss of the point to confirm that the crying and mourning is in fact a much ado about absolutely nothing. To militate against the above drivel, the real not imagined reasons, for Zimbabwe's long history of failure are placed squarely on His Excellence President Mugabe who for an uninterrupted 34 years has been President of Zimbabwe, the chaotic land reform which replaced experienced white commercial farmers with inept black farmers who sold farm equipment, endemic corruption from ZANU PF kleptocracy always mouthing off historical liberation slogans to justify their continued stay in power, Zimbabwe involved in the DRC war which did not create new wealth for the impoverished Zimbabwe, let alone posing any security threat to democracy and the rule of law. Other negative forces militating against Zimbabwe's economic prosperity are His Excellence President Mugabe's political intolerance of political pluralism, electoral fraud, gross human rights abuses, chief among others. The West was also a victim of vitriol and scorn by His Excellence President Mugabe. In retaliation for this long list of wrong doing by Zimbabwe, punitive economic sanctions were imposed on Zimbabwe by the USA, EU, Australia, IMF, WB and AfDB. As expected Russia and China vetoed.

A short literature review was carried out to sound out what other stakeholders said about the punitive sanctions against Zimbabwe vis-à-vis the crying and mourning from ZANU PF. First to make contribution was Chimakure of the Newsday who rubbishes the crying and mourning by ZANU PF as another act of child play designed primarily for attention seeking from sympathizers' such as Russia and China. Then came Mushawatu who also rubbishes another drivel by ZANU PF to say that Zimbabwe failed to access loans from the Brentonwoods Institutions primarily because of defaulting on payments and not as a retributive action against the controversial land reform programme. His Excellence President Mugabe chipped in with his contribution that people should stop blaming everything including drought and starvation on sanctions. And finally another discovery which was a source of discomfort to any Zimbabwean with Zimbabwe at heart was civil service wage bill gobbling 70% of the government expenditure. Of the 230 000 civil servants, 75 000 are ghost workers employed at the behest of the indisciplined ZANU PF. Having said this up next is the Conclusion.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Let us take the bull by the horns. "Ngatirege kurova imbwa takaviga mupini" (meaning let us not beat about the bush) "amai kana vari ivo muroyi ndizvozvo zvatakaudzwa nemashope shope" (meaning if the mother has been caught as the village witch, so be it). That sanctions are part of the regime change agenda in



Zimbabwe, that the West imposed sanctions to reverse, the chaotic land reform in Zimbabwe, that the West imposed punitive sanctions primarily to hurt the Zimbabwean economy to make way for an MDC government in Zimbabwe through the back door, that potholes on our roads claiming lives of many Zimbabweans through road accidents, that we have drought and starvation in Zimbabwe because of sanctions imposed by the West, chief among other nonsensical excuses is all but cheap ZANU PF hogwash, drivel, manyepo (meaning lies) which will not wash now and in the future. The brutal truth which will hurt ZANU PF is that ZANU PF is not behaving to the expectations of those who have imposed the punitive economic sanctions. Take it or leave it. This modern world of increasing complexity has the USA, EU and Australia as the prefects of this world. They are the custodian of the foreign direct investment for which the impoverished Zimbabwe is in desperate need as testified by its destroyed and damaged infrastructure. That tiny and humiliatingly poor as you are you can have the guts to tell the USA and the EU:

"Keep your money. I will keep my Zimbabwe" as once said by His Excellence President Mugabe.

Uku ndookunonzi kunyebera church chaiko. Hapana kunamata apa (meaning to say, Your Excellence Mr President, you are shedding crocodile tears). Know this fact that you need the USA and the EU more than the two need you. And so the crying and mourning by your party ZANU PF is all but a baby cry from a baby in need of breast feeding from its mother. And there is nothing more or less to it. Period. On that sombre note the Author declares time for the Recommendations.

## VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

'Hanzi navakuru vakare mwana asingachemi anofira mumbereko. Mbudzi kuzvarira pane vanhu kuti itandirwe imbwa' (meaning the baby cry is designed for attention seeking that it is breast feeding time, meaning a goat that gives birth in the presence of a crowd of people did it for security reasons eg, a threat from the predators like dogs in the neighbourhood). The positive side of the crying and mourning by the clueless ZANU PF was designed for attention seeking for a 'save our soul'. And indeed people with a Christian background like the Author will certainly rush to their rescue. From the looks of things ZANU PF are an Ebola suffering patient in the intensive care unit of a missionary hospital in rural Zimbabwe in need of both material and spiritual help in order to survive the Ebola attack.

First and foremost, ZANU PF must learn to behave to the expectations of the blind review of its peers. Forsaking democracy and the rule of law will certainly make you cross swords with the US A and the EU who are not only the custodians of the foreign direct

investment needed by any country in the poor third world of which Zimbabwe is one, but the spiritual home of democracy, Christianity, civilization and the rule of law, chief among others. Therefore, any breach of the above political benchmarks will not only make you an enemy open for military attack by the USA and EU but a hopeless enemy not worth of financial aid. Therefore, Zimbabwe must learn to behave to the expectations of these super powers.

Secondly 'Ushe madzoro, ukatongawo nhasi ini ndichatongawo mangwana' (meaning we must take turns to rule and not for one person to rule for ever). The root causes of the shenanigans by the ZANU PF party as exposed in this Paper is for the love of power and nothing else. Look at Spain, the World Football Champion since 2010 and the current European Champions. The Spanish dominance in World Football was becoming worrisome to everybody with soccer at heart. And look at the cruel manner in which they were dispossessed of their title eg, by a 5-1 score line defeat, chief among others. So, do you want that to happen to you? (Reuters 2014) 'Dambe rinoregwa richanakidza' (meaning too much of everything is not only boring but open to violent over-throws as what happened to Spain in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil which ran from 14 June to 13 July 2014. Those with ears have heard. And for today the Author will park the bus right here to take a breather. "Mwari neVadzimu venyika ino tibatsirei Amen" (meaning God and the Ancestral Spirits of this country please help us, Amen).

## IX. KEY ASSUMPTION

In presenting this Paper would, right from the outset wish to reassure the beloved Reader that all the facts and figures contained herein are stated as they are on the ground. Any offence to any person whosoever was and is unintentional and therefore sincerely regretted.

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