

His Excellency
The President of Zimbabwe
Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa
Presidential Offices,
State House
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Joanah Mamombe, Netsai Marova und Cecillia Chimbiri

Your Excellency,

I am much concerned about the situation of Joanah Mamombe, Netsai Marova and Cecillia Chimbiri, three opposition party members who were assaulted in police custody in 2020 and who are still facing trial on fabricated charges.

Joanah Mamombe, Netsai Marova and Cecillia Chimbiri were arrested in Harare on 13th May 2020 after leading a protest over government measures during the COVID-19 lockdown and against famine in Zimbabwe. They were abducted, subjected to torture and sexual violence and disappeared for some time. To this day, the authorities have investigated neither the women's abduction nor their allegations of torture. All three are still facing charges for allegedly violating lockdown rules. However, their trial has been postponed indefinitely.

I urge you to ensure that all charges against the three women are dropped. Please conduct a prompt, effective and impartial investigation into their enforced disappearance and their torture and other-ill-treatment, including sexual violence, with the aim of holding the perpetrators to account.

Yours sincerely,