



**ZAMBIA MEDIA BRIEFING ON ZIMBABWE SOLIDARITY FORUM
HELD AT FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY PROCESS OFFICE
SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2013
10:00-11:00HRS**

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Zambia Social Forum(ZAMSOF) a national platform for Civil Society Organizations CSOs,social Movements and Social Individual activist in partnership with Foundation For Democratic Process (FODEP) took advantage of the interim post by election statement at FODEP House to express their solidarity messages prior to July 31,2013 Zimbabwe general elections. On other note FODEP was issuing a press statement on the just ended Zambia by elections which took place in four constituencies namely; Chipata Central, Kafulafuta,Mkushi North and Solwezi East respectively which came about due to defections by some Members of Parliament to ruling party.

This was necessitated due to time factor required to get a police permit to conduct Picketing at Zimbabwean embassy and other places. The fact that the normal time frame could have been 7 working days in advance, However, after consultation with counterpart partners within the network .It was resolved to press media briefing and displaying advocacy placards with assorted messages. The environment was so conducive it attracted 10 media houses of which two were National TV stations and the rest were reputable radio stations namely;

Zambia National Broadcasting Cooperation Services (ZANIS),TBN News, Radio Phoenix COMET Radio, SKY FM Radio, Joy FM 106, Zambezi FM, Millennium radio and Pan Africa Radio. During this time, ZAMSOF National Coordinator had an opportunity to be interviewed on the current state of Zimbabwe forthcoming

elections expected outcomes. This will present people's views through a ballot paper. Furthermore, results should not be disputed because it will depict different nasty scenarios of which majority of people will suffer in the process due to unforeseen circumstances that might arise.

THE PLACARDS HAD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES

“ISRAEL COMPANY NIKUV HANDS OFF ZIMBABWE”!

“NO NORMAL ELECTIONS IN AN ABNORMAL SOCIETY”!

“BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SOLIDALITY”!

“ZIMBABWE ELECTORAL COMMISSION IS NOT FREE & FAIR”!



Some Members of ZAMSOF pitching up the Placards



Zambia Social Forum National Coordinator making statement on Zimbabwe polls



Media Personnel Capturing displayed Placards and Documentation



FODEP Executive Director Briefing on interim post election statement on Zambia Mps By-elections results



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