

## Zimbabwe Weekly Update 25/2011 – 20 June 2011

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### Overview

1. **Elections:** SADC Secretary General Acknowledges Endorsement of Livingstone Communiqué
  2. **Natural Resources:** Marange Diamonds High on the Agenda of Kimberley Process Meeting In Kinshasa
  3. **International Relations:** Xenophobic Attacks Against Zimbabweans in South Africa – One Stoned to Death
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### 1. Elections:

- The recent Southern African Development Community (SADC) Extra-Ordinary Summit in Johannesburg continues to be the focus of ZANU (PF) propaganda. State media in Zimbabwe continues to argue that the Summit “rejected” the Troika’s Livingstone Communiqué of 31 March – pointing to the wording of the Summit’s Communiqué. The Summit “notes” the Troika’s stance. But SADC Secretary General, Tomaz Salomão said that the SADC Summit had factually “endorsed” the Troika’s Communiqué. Also Lindiwe Zulu, President Jacob Zuma’s facilitator, has said that not much should be read into the use of the words. The state media propaganda seems to have prompted Jameson Timba, Cabinet Minister in Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai’s office, to call President Mugabe and his Ministers “liars”.
- Reports this week indicate that when President Zuma presented his Johannesburg report at the SADC Summit, he confirmed that the report would be “supplementary” to the Livingstone one, rather than a new one.

The Livingstone report calls inter alia for the cessation of violence and intimidation, the adoption of a new Constitution and the appointment of a 3-member panel from the SADC Troika to assist the Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee (JOMIC) in assessing compliance with the Global Political Agreement (GPA). The three shall be drawn from the Troika member states South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique - according to remarks attributed to the SADC Secretary General. It is also reported that during his presentation, President Zuma referred to progress made since Livingstone, citing the Elections Roadmap



(reportedly signed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April), the Review Mechanism Report (reportedly signed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April), several JOMIC Reports and a report on a workshop held by the negotiators in Cape Town, South Africa on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

## 2. Natural Resources:

- Mines Minister Mpofu this week reiterated that Zimbabwe will sell Marange diamonds even if a decision is taken against Zimbabwe in Kinshasa where the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (KP) is to meet - starting today. The statement comes amid calls by African countries and India for the ban to be lifted, while civil society organisations such as the Centre for Research and Development (CRD), Green Advocates Liberia, Global Witness and Partnership Africa Canada want the ban to remain in place until minimum standards regarding human rights and smuggling prevail. Civil society organisations have said that if the situation continues and Zimbabwe is allowed to resume exports, it would be important for traders to take action.

## 3. International Relations:

- Zimbabweans in South Africa are facing the brunt of their country's continued economic and political problems as xenophobic attacks resumed this week. Over 3 000 have fled their homes in Seshego, Limpopo Province after a Zimbabwean was stoned to death by a mob of South Africans accusing him of committing crime in the area. The mob then proceeded to burn 6 houses that were occupied by Zimbabweans. In yet, another attack, a Zimbabwean national was stabbed to death in Belmont Park in Cape Town this week. Many now fear that the scourge of xenophobia will reach the proportions that were witnessed in 2008 when 63 foreigners were murdered and more than 30 000 displaced.

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