

ZIMBABWE | JOANAH MAMOMBE, CECILLIA CHIMBIRI AND NETSAI MAROVA



Abducted, beaten, sexually assaulted and jailed for protesting

After leading an anti-government protest, Joanah Mamombe, Cecillia Chimбири and Netsai Marova were brutally attacked. On 13 May 2020, they were arbitrarily arrested in Harare, taken to a police station and forced into an unmarked car. With hoods over their heads, they were driven out of the city. Fearing for their lives, the women were thrown into a pit, beaten, sexually assaulted and forced to eat human excrement. They were found two days later – miles from Harare, covered in cuts and bruises, and with their clothes torn – and taken to hospital.

While still hospitalised, Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia were charged with criminal offences relating to the protest. Prison guards and police officers were at the hospital to prevent them from talking to journalists. After stating that they recognised some of their attackers, the women were re-arrested on 10 June 2020 and charged with faking their ordeal. They were detained for 16 days before being given bail.

Their trial is under way. No one has been held accountable for the trauma they suffered.

Send a message of support and solidarity

Address for Cecillia and Joanah:

c/o Lucia Masuka
Executive Director
Amnesty International Zimbabwe
54 Midlothian Avenue
Eastlea, Harare
Zimbabwe

Address for Netsai:

c/o Amnesty Norge
v/ Richard/SFL
PO Box 702 Sentrum N-0106
Oslo, Norway

✉ Joanah: @JoanaMamombe
✉ Netsai: @MarovaNetsai
✉ Cecillia: @ceechimbiri2

Language English and Shona

Suggested message I act with you in your fight for justice

Creative action Draw pictures of butterflies and flowers to accompany your message, take a photo, and post it to your social media, tagging them. Don't forget to follow them, too.

Can I

Send a religious card or message? Yes

Send an Amnesty card or mention

Amnesty? Yes

Include my name and address? Yes

Send an appeal letter

Urge the president to immediately and unconditionally drop all of the charges against Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia and end the harassment against them.

Write to Emmerson D. Mnangagwa

President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
Office of the President
Munhumutapa Building
Corner Sam Nujoma and Samora Machel Avenue
P. Bag 7700
Causeway, Harare
Zimbabwe

✉ info@opc.gov.zw

✉ @edmnangagwa

📘 @EmmersonDambudzoMnangagwa

Salutation Your Excellency

In your letter tell him to immediately and unconditionally drop all of the charges against Joanah Mamombe, Cecillia Chimбири and Netsai Marova and end the harassment they face for peacefully exercising their right to protest.

'Instead of being protected by the state. Victims and survivors of atrocities are being prosecuted, while perpetrators are going unpunished.'

Cecillia Chimбири

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