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Commission of Inquiry – additional information on violations of Freedom of Association in Zimbabwe:

Dear Mr. Somavia,

Further to our letter of yesterday, we would like to submit additional information concerning serious violations of freedom of association in Zimbabwe to the Commission of Inquiry.

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) informed us Yesterday evening that a total of 69 demonstrators had been arrested throughout the country. The following was the update from around the country at that time:

Harare

Fifteen people, including ZCTU secretary-general, Wellington Chibebe, who were arrested during the ZCTU demonstration in Harare have been released without any charge.

The ZCTU leadership were to meet the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor Gideon Gono at 0900hrs on 4 December to discuss the issue of cash withdrawal limit.

Kariba

Five people who were arrested in Kariba are still in police custody.

Karoi

Three of the four people arrested in Karoi have been released and asked to return to the police station tomorrow. One person, Cherechedzai Rubiwa is still in custody.

Gweru

35 people arrested in Gweru are still in custody after the police refused to release them. The police said they will deal with the matter tomorrow.

Bulawayo

Seven people arrested in Bulawayo are still in police custody with lawyers frantically working to have them released.

Zvishavane

Six demonstrators are still being held at a local police station. The lawyer is still negotiating with the police.

Below are the names of those arrested:

Total arrested around the country 69

Harare(15) (All male)

Wellington Chibebe

Canwell Muchadya

Henry Tarumbira

Joseph Chuma

Nicholas Mazarura

G. Shoko

Mr. Chimhuka

Ben Madzimure

Fungai Kanyongo

Raymond Majongwe

James Gumbi

Madziva

Tonderai Nyahunzvi

Phillip Gavaza

Bulawayo(7) (all male)

Denick Tafamba

Stanley Dube

Nhemachena Kenneth

Titus Marambire

Raphael

Kingstone Musviniwa

Inoch Paradza (Taken By C.I.O)

Kariba (5)

Wilberforce

Shungu Matesanwa

Jacob Magombedze

(Two Other Names Not Confirmed)

Karoi (4) (2 Male And 2 Female)

Cherechedzai Rabiwa

Ms. Tendai Chesa

Ms. Mlemba

Mr. Mufiri

(3 Asked To Report Back To Station Tomorrow. Rabiwa Still in Custody)

Gweru (32) (2 Women And 30 Male)

Isaac Teveteve

Charles Chikozho

Simon Hamadziripi

Martin Tazvivinga

Tendai Siziba

Tombiezani Mabunda

Moses Gwaunza

Bobiani Bhebhe
Zachariah Chikwenya
Ngoni Nyanhete
Kufa Claudio Usheunesu
Webster Murwisi
Clifford Mapwata
Farai Nhere
Moses Mhaka
Geshen Sibanda
Runyararo Rwatimba
Denzel Mushayi
Francis Chindume
Tariro Julius
Harris Magusha
Musapindira Kuzondidini
Peter Takuva
Kennias Havadi
Nathan Madzokere
John Jakarasi
Jacob Manyanga
Simbarashe Lebo
James Sibanda
Noel Mano
Benard Sibanda
Wilbert Muringani

Zvishavane (6)
Elinas Gumbo
Ndodhana Sithole
Isaac Matsikidze
Sarudzai Chimwanda
David Moyo
Nicholas Zengeya

Names of those beaten by Police and injured during the demonstration
Total number (9)

Harare (7)
Mrs. Getrude Hambira
Mrs. Angeline Chitambo
Ms. Martha Kajama
Mrs. Tecla Masamba
Mrs. Dorothy Zulu
Miriam Katumba
Tonderai Nyahunzvi (taken for treatment after release from Police)

All Treated by Doctors For Human Rights. Conditions of each yet to be confirmed by the doctor.

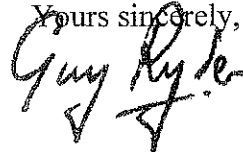
Bulawayo (2)
A member of NUCI (name to be confirmed) sent to clinic

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The ITUC has not received further information at the time of writing, but the situation is still evolving and we will keep you informed about further developments, as they are reported to us.

The ITUC hereby requests that the very serious violations of Convention no. 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, 1948, and Convention no. 98 on the Right to Organise and Collectively Bargain, 1949, described in this letter be taken into consideration by the Commission of Inquiry on Zimbabwe.

In view of the very grave nature of the violations, may I request you, Mr. Director-General, to kindly forward this communication to the Commission of Inquiry on Zimbabwe.

Yours sincerely,


General Secretary