



ADDRESS

BY

**THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST SECRETARY OF
ZANU PF, HIS EXCELLENCY,
CDE. E. D. MNANGAGWA**

TO

**THE 130th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

HARARE

26 MARCH 2026

Pamberi neZANU PF.

Pamberi nekubatana.

Pamberi negwara remusangano.

Phambili leZANU PF.

Phambili lokubambana.

Pasi nemhandu.

Vice President and Second Secretary,
Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Dr. C. G. D. N. Chiwenga;

Vice President and Second Secretary,
Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dr. K. C. D. Mohadi;

National Chairman and Minister of Defence,
Cde. O. C. Z. Muchinguri-Kashiri;

Secretary General, Cde. Adv. J. F. N. Mudenda;

Members of the Elders Council;

Members of the Central Committee;

Party Staff;

Comrades.

Since our meeting last December, many gallant sons and daughters of the soil, who fought to liberate our beloved motherland, have passed on. Some of them were interred at various shrines throughout the country, while our departed national heroes were laid to rest at the sacred National Heroes' Acre. These are the late Brigadier General (Rtd) Samuel Mpabanga, Brigadier General (Rtd) Jonathan Willie Hungwe, Cde Elison Mupamaonde, Cde Cosmas Chiringa and Major General, (Rtd) Dr. Hebert Chingono.

Their unwavering commitment to our Party as well as contribution to the independence, development and prosperity of Zimbabwe are immeasurable. As we honour them, we must recommit ourselves to defending the values they fought for, which are, sovereignty, unity and people-centred development.

I call upon the Secretary General to read the summary of deceased heroes and heroines.

Secretary General reads the list.

May I invite the Central Committee to rise as we observe a minute of silence in honour and memory of those that have passed.

May their souls continue to rest in eternal peace.

I thank you.

Comrades;

I am pleased and honoured to welcome you to this **One Hundred and Thirtieth** Ordinary Session of the Central Committee, which is the first Constitutional meeting of the Central Committee in 2026. It affords us yet another opportunity to review and recalibrate our plans for the year ahead. It is most opportune that we convene after the successful High-Level Strategic Workshop held in Gweru.

The importance of our Party ideology, policies and programmes as well as discipline, conduct and decorum, which were amplified during that Seminar, should continue to guide the work of the Central Committee and Party leadership, going into the future.

The responsibility to implement the decisions of the 22nd National People's Conference, along with the National Development Strategy-2 remains the key pre-occupation of the Party. This Session should, thus, see us aligning our programmes and priorities with the evolving aspirations of our people. At the same time, we should also respond decisively to the demands and opportunities presented by a rapidly changing national and global socio-economic environment.

I urge us to keep our membership well mobilised and informed towards increasing production and productivity at community level upwards, in all sectors. We all bear the duty and responsibility to improve our quality of life, household by household and community by community. ZANU PF should lead from the front and ensure that our people keep being focused, vigilant and resilient.

The determination, hard work and willpower that saw us achieve our targets under NDS1 should be scaled up as we implement NDS2.

To do so, it is critically important that we remain united, unwavering in our focus, bold and decisive towards comprehensive progress in every aspect of our economy.

I, further, call on the Party to raise our national consciousness and patriotism, particularly against the wider shocks of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Let us ensure that our people remain motivated to implementing the ongoing national development agenda.

I am deeply encouraged by the sound support prevailing in the Party and the leadership's ideological clarity that continues to define our great Party. Our collective decisions, which are strengthening governance, unity and peace within both the Party and nation should never be compromised.

Together, let us advance our national interests.
Zimbabwe inyika yedu. Tisu vene vayo.

Nyika inovakwa, inotongwa, inonamatigwa nevene vayo/ ilizwe lakhiwa, libuswe, likhu-le-ke-lwe ngabanikazi balo.

Comrades;

Article 7, Section 43 of the Party Constitution, outlines the functions of the Standing Committees of the Central Committee, which are;

- (1) to discuss policy issues relevant to their respective Committees and advise the Central Committee accordingly;**
- (2) to draft strategies related to their Committees for the efficient running of the Party business;**
- (3) to scrutinise and interrogate relevant Government and Local Authority policies on matters affecting the Party and its membership;**
- (4) to monitor and track the implementation of the Party manifesto by relevant Government Ministries and Local Authorities;**
- (5) to report to the Central Committee on all matters dealt with in their Committees; and**

(6) to perform any such function related to their Committees as assigned by the Central Committee from time to time.”

Additionally, Article 7 Section 57 of the Party Constitution provides that: **“The Standing Committees shall meet not less than three times a year or as directed by the Central Committee from time to time.”**

Convening of meetings of the Standing Committees of the Central Committee affords Members of the Central Committee the opportunity to engage in focused, structured and in-depth deliberations on strategic issues of the Party and Government.

The operationalisation of the Standing Committees should buttress our capacity for policy coherence and accountability.

Administratively, structured mechanisms for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Party

Resolutions and Government activities in a manner that directly benefits the citizenry, must be embedded in these Committees.

It is my expectation that regular meetings of the Committees will ultimately deepen internal democracy, promote collective leadership and improve the efficiency and responsiveness of Party structures. It is by continuously modernising our systems that our revolutionary mass Party, ZANU PF, can remain forward-looking, people-centred and capable of effectively guiding the nation towards the full realisation of our shared national developmental Vision of an Upper-Middle-Income Society by 2030.

During the course of today's Central Committee session, we will receive comprehensive reports from each of the Chairmen of these Standing Committees, which should inform the policy direction of the Party and its programmes to be implemented by Government.

Comrades;

ZANU PF remains a dynamic, forward-looking, adapting, and innovating Party, firmly rooted in the quest to realise the aspirations of our people. I commend the National Chairman, Cde O. C. Z. Muchinguri-Kashiri, for successfully holding the Strategic Workshop for Provincial and District Coordinating Committee Chairmen.

Similarly, the ongoing meetings of Party structures, including those addressed by the Secretary General, are applauded. Such initiatives must refine ideological clarity and improve organisational unity. In doing so, I challenge us to always ensure efficient Party administrative systems, promote sustainable resource mobilisation and establish robust membership verification systems, as led by the provincial leadership.

Across the rank and file, all Party cadres have a duty to demonstrate strict discipline and to remain aligned to the correct line of the revolution.

More is demanded of us, the leaders of the Party. We are vigilant custodians of the revolutionary heritage; hence, I urge us to guard against complacency, division and ideological drift. We are a Party of order and rules, which must be adhered to, at all times.

Hakuna mazvake mazvake mumusangano. Tinotevera gwara reMusangano. Mweya wa-rigioni wekutsauka mugwara ngautame, ngaupere, ngaupere-tu. The Party has no room for malcontents and traitors who are bent on advancing self-seeking behaviours.

Pamberi nekubatana.

Pamberi negwara reMusangano.

Phambili lokubambana.

Pasi nemhandu.

Comrades;

The Party's recent victories in the Nkulumane Constituency, Chikomba RDC, Chegutu West Ward 1 and Matobo Ward 13 by-elections once again

demonstrate the enduring trust that the people of Zimbabwe place in ZANU PF. These victories are a result of consistent grassroots engagement, pro-people policies and the dedication of our Party cadres.

I commend all our structures who worked tirelessly, to secure these political successes. However, we must not rest but persistently work harder, hand in hand with our people, to realise a higher quality of life.

With regards to our national events, I was pleased to meet and engage with the youth of our country during the National Youth Day, held in Mashonaland East Province. I congratulate the Youth League and its affiliate organisations for the evident mobilisation prowess they continue to demonstrate, during both national events and Party programmes. Well done.

Rambai muchitsigira Musangano wedu, we ZANU PF; Musangano une nhoroondo, zvekare une muono webudiriro yeNyika yedu.

I also applaud the Party membership as a whole, for supporting the policies of our ZANU PF-led Government, with regards value addition and beneficiation, which are in line with the Conference Resolutions made in Mutare. The value of our minerals and export earnings, must impact our economy and be enjoyed by all of us, the people of Zimbabwe.

On its part, Government and the private sector, are closely collaborating, towards innovative solutions to reduce overall economic vulnerability.

Meanwhile, works to repair and rehabilitate damaged roads and bridges, caused by the incessant rainfall in some parts of the country, are underway.

The general outlook of our agriculture sector is positive, with another bumper harvest expected from the summer crop.

The on-going global disruptions, particularly the negative trickle-down effects of the Middle East conflicts are receiving due attention from Government. We encourage our people to remain resilient and engrossed on driving development, production and productivity across all sectors.

As we look ahead and focus on the commemorations of our 46th Independence Anniversary, this year's national celebrations will be held in Maphisa, Matabeleland South Province under the theme, **“Zimbabwe at 46, Unity in Action, and Development in Motion, Towards Vision 2030.”**

The choice of Venue, is in line with the bold decision by the Second Republic to decentralise key national events. This reflects our commitment to inclusivity and national unity, while giving all regions an opportunity to meaningfully enjoy the fruits of our hard-won freedom, independence and development.

Accordingly, numerous independence legacy projects are underway, not only in Maphisa or Matobo District, but across Matabeleland South Province. Of note is the construction of the J.M.N. Nkomo Vocational Training Centre which will have a positive impact on the empowerment and skills opportunities, for the youth of that region. Other projects include, the construction of an additional block at the J.M.N. Nkomo Polytechnical College in Gwanda.

The upgrade of infrastructure and equipping of science laboratories in schools throughout the province as well as facelifts to historic schools such as Manama High, Minda Mission and Thekwane, among others, are progressing well. Kezi Rural Hospital is also being modernised. Road rehabilitation is underway across all districts. ZANU PF is leaving no one and no place behind.

I, urge all Party structures, throughout all Provinces, to mobilise our people to celebrate this cherished national day. This should not only be in honour of the sacrifices that brought us independence, but also, as a demonstration of the confidence and optimism we all have for a more prosperous future, for our beloved motherland, Zimbabwe.

Comrades;

The journey ahead demands unity, discipline and unwavering commitment. As the Central Committee, we remain the vital cog of our Party, ZANU PF. At this critical stage of our socio-political and economic era, let us continue to provide pivotal leadership, and guidance. Our individual and collective patriotism, loyalty to the Party ideals and clarity of vision, must be unquestionable.

Let us preach unity, peace, hope and development, among our membership and across the communities we serve. These values are central and enduring to our revolutionary mass Party, ZANU PF.

With these remarks, it is my honour to declare this meeting officially open. Let us now turn to our agenda of the day.

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Pamberi nekubatana.

Pamberi negwara remusangano.

Pasi nemhandu.

Phambili leZANU PF.

Phambili lokubambana

Phansi ngabathengisi.