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# NPRCWATCH

## NEWSLETTER

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### STAKEHOLDERS, FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

#### In this Edition

There have been a number of considerable transitional justice developments in the country in the month of July. In this newsletter, we capture these developments for you, so that you get the full picture of the transitional justice landscape in the country. We cover the general developments in the country, work done by NTJWG stakeholders and the activities carried-out by the NPRC. We also share some of our activities and other regional or global developments.

*This month we are sharing with you our take on the issue of national dialogue, the role of leadership in national healing reconciliation processes. We welcome your feedback.*



## IN THE NEWS

### NPRC ACTIVITIES

#### NPRC Unpacks its Strategy

In an interview with the Herald on 21 July, 2019 Commissioner Chiradza highlighted that the NPRC is working on finalising its strategy which prioritises Gukurahundi that should be completed by August, 2019. The strategy will address issues such as public hearings, exhumations and reburial of victims.

[The Full Article is Available Here](#)



#### The NPRC Engages Community Members and Stakeholders in Matebeleland South

On 23 July 2019, the NPRC was in Tsholotsho to capture the suppressed voices of women affected by violence and conflict and discuss how to overcome the effects. Main issues raised by participants included sexual violence, economic exclusion, education and political segregation.

From 25-26 July 2019 the NPRC was Maphisa, Bhalagwe engaging stakeholders and community members on Gukurahundi. The outstanding issues discussed were the NPRC's independence, the need for truth-telling, consultations with all stakeholders in TJ processes, protection of reports/documents, an apology from government in relation to Gukurahundi, protection and reservation of sites of memory, among others.

#### Follow-up on the 2018 Elections' Observation Recommendations

On 31 July, 2019 the NPRC represented by the Commission's Vice Chairperson Chigwedere and Commissioner Chiradza met the Zimbabwe Election Observer Mission led by Ambassador Carson to share and follow-up on recommendations made in their 2018 elections observation report given the electoral and institutional reforms needed in light of the 1 August, 2018 shootings in Harare.

### Government delays to Comply with the Motlanthe Commission Recommendations

Towards the end of July, 2019 the NTJWG remembered all those who lost their lives and were injured on 1 August, 2018.

As we approached the one year anniversary of one of the most tragic moments of Zimbabwe's recent past, the NTJWG reflects on the tragic loss of six lives of innocent civilians while over forty others were injured in the post July 30 harmonised elections demonstrations.

The NTJWG notes with concern the delay in rolling-out compensation for victims as recommended by the Commission. The NTJWG calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to expedite this process.

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## NTJWG Activities

### Radio Programme on Star-Fm

On Friday 19 July, 2019 the NTJWG hosted a radio programme on Star-Fm entitled 'The Role of Leadership in National Healing and Reconciliation Processes' to explore the role of leadership in facilitating and catalysing reconciliation and healing processes, provide a platform for key transitional justice actors to extract lessons on leading transitional justice in other jurisdictions and to generate a practice note for Zimbabwe's leadership in efforts at building informed political will in transitional justice processes. The panellists were Mr. Dzikamai Bere (Zimbabwe), Dr. Fani Du Toit (South Africa), Ms. Paula Gaviria (Colombia) and the NPRC Commissioner Patience Chiradza (Zimbabwe).

[You Can Access this Radio Programme Here](#) >

### NTJWG Publications

In commemoration of the Mandela Day, the NTJWG joined the rest of the world in commemorating the legacy of 'Madiba' and published a press statement entitled 'Call for an Inclusive, Transformative and Problem-solving National Dialogue on 21 July, 2019. Drawing on the contributions by Nelson Mandela, the NTJWG encouraged Zimbabweans to enter into dialogue about difficulties facing the country to address the challenges Zimbabweans face today. You can also visit our website for many other reports.

[You can view Mandela Day Statement](#) >

### Stakeholders in Action

On 9 July, 2019 Ukuthula Trust hosted a workshop in Bulawayo working with Gukurahundi victims to unpack ethics of handling Gukurahundi trauma survivors covering issues such as sexual violence in conflict, children of conflict and the need for post-conflict counselling and rehabilitation. The outcomes of the event were the identification of problems encountered by Gukurahundi victims, the solutions to the problems and creation of a platform for victims to share their issues and developed the capacity of participants to co-create the way forward.

On 11 July, 2019 Masakhaneni Trust hosted an advocacy awareness conference on promoting safe education spaces for the rural girl child in light of the vulnerability of young school girls in Matebeleland. The event was attended by CSOs, FBOs, traditional leaders, government and local government officials. The workshop interrogated the importance of advocacy in protecting the girl child, developed the capacity of participants in responding to challenges faced by the girl child in the Matebeleland region and provided useful tools for effective advocacy.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Sudan

Following months of protests, the army and representatives of protestors signed a deal in July 2019 which secured a three-year transition period and a joint sovereign council with rotating leadership. But subsequent talks to thrash out the details of a constitutional declaration have stumbled because of disagreements over the composition of a civilian legislative council and immunity for military figures for past crimes.

Towards the end of July, thousands of people resumed marching across cities in Sudan to

condemn the recent killing of four school children as the country's ruling generals and the opposition said they would resume talks aimed at forming a new transitional government.

### The Hague, Netherlands

On 8 July, 2019 the International Criminal Court on convicted a notorious rebel commander known as "The Terminator" of 18 counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes including murder, rape and sexual slavery for his role in atrocities in a bloody ethnic conflict in a mineral-rich region of Congo in 2002-2003. This is a victory for transitional justice across the world and also puts on notice perpetrators of gross human rights violations.

[The Full Update is Available Here](#) >



### Upcoming NTJWG Activities

The clock is ticking. On 29 August, 2019 the NTJWG shall convene the Annual Stakeholders Conference. The concept has been shared with stakeholders. The programme will feature special sessions that include Breakfast with our Guest of Honour whom we will announce soon, the Unbroken, launch of the NTJWG 5-year strategy, as well as the Movie Night where we will feature a special film from Sierra Leone that will move you to tears and inspire you to invest more in the work of healing

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