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EDITOR'S MEMO



Reader, welcome to the third quarter edition of Miranda for 2016 which gives glimpses of the great work being undertaken by the Judicial Service Commission in its mission to ensure the smooth delivery of Justice countrywide.

In this edition reader, we have included detailed reports on capital projects the JSC has undertaken in Masvingo and Victoria Falls.

Those with an appetite for pictures, social and interactive stories, this is your best read. Enjoy it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Nemukonye". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive script.

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From the Secretary's Desk

Justice Rita Makarau

Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission

wonder if you all noticed that the last Edition of the Miranda- Just News was in March 2016 and that this edition, for the third quarter, is fairly early and looks very different from past editions. This is because we have a new Editor in the house!

Daniel Nemukuyu joined the Judicial Service Commission as part-time editor of the Miranda- Just News on 1 June 2016 and like all new brooms, he really is sweeping very cleanly, including keeping me on my toes with suggestions of what to include in the newsletter. He has come up with an entirely new way of looking at the Miranda- Just News.

Welcome on board Daniel! We hope that you will find the Judicial Service Commission to be an organisation where you can grow professionally and that the sky is never the limit, (there are footprints on the moon already). One of the ideas that Daniel has brought up in the many discussions that we have had is the possibility of transforming the Miranda- Just News into a “serious” read. In his interactions with you, he has come across a section of the Judicial Service that views the Miranda-Just News as a 10 minute read maximum. I am told that

once you are done with the first read, you do not pick it up again unless it has a beautiful picture of you.

Again, in the absence of a Law Review or some other platform where recently issued controversial judgments are discussed, the idea of turning the Miranda- Just News into a serious legal read is tempting. But, as you may recall, when we launched the Miranda -Just News, we “all” agreed that it would not be about the cases that come before the courts but about us the people who work at and in the courts.

Do we still agree?

Daniel and I would really like to hear from you in this regard because the Miranda -Just News is ours and it must speak to all of us.

Congratulations are also in order for all those who have been promoted since March and are featured in this edition. Well done!

We also wish good luck to all judges and magistrates who are aiming for higher offices in the forthcoming interviews for Supreme and High Court posts. May the best win.



The newly opened Masvingo High Court building

Justice on the stoop for Masvingo folk

Miranda Writer

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Today marks a historic day to not only Masvingo but to Zimbabweans at large. The first ever permanent High Court since independence has been set up in Masvingo.

NOTHING beats the power of a unified and dedicated team committed to one another with a shared vision. Teamwork, determination, sacrifice, hard work and commitment paid off for the Judicial Service Commission which sacrificed the little resources at its disposal and converted the old Masvingo Magistrate's Court structure into a state-of-the-art High Court building.

Defying teething financial challenges stalling progress in other commissions, the JSC managed to transform the old building into an imposing structure to meet High Court standards in a record 105 days. This is part of JSC's decentralisation drive to bring justice to the people. Masvingo residents previously had to travel hundreds of kilometres to Harare or Bulawayo for High Court services.

Only the well-heeled could pursue High Court cases.

High Court circuit sessions would sit for two weeks every term in the province, but only dealt with criminal cases, leaving residents with

no option but to travel to Harare and Bulawayo for civil cases and bail applications.

Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa in May this year officially opened Zimbabwe's third permanent High Court in Masvingo, 122 years after the setting up of the second one in Bulawayo.

The Harare High Court was established in 1891. Masvingo became the first ever post-independence permanent High Court to be set up in Zimbabwe. At the ground-breaking ceremony, VP Mnangagwa showered praises on the JSC for a job well done. "Let me thank the head of Judiciary Honourable Mr Justice Godfrey Chidyausiku CJ and his entire team at the Judicial Service Commission for their commitment to ensure that our people have access to justice at minimal cost.

"With these few remarks, I declare that the High Court of Zimbabwe is officially opened in the cultural city of Masvingo," he said.

The colourful event that took place outside the newly refurbished courthouse along Robert Mugabe Way, attracted

scores of people from all walks of life who gathered to celebrate the landmark achievement, which brought justice to the residents' doorsteps.

Business almost came to a halt in the small town as the spectacular event unfolded.

Chief Justice Chidyausiku said the Commission worked on a shoe-string budget to achieve its desired goal.

"Honourable Vice President (Mnangagwa), we have a big problem as Zimbabweans. We fail to do even the smallest good works while hiding behind the issue of having limited funds.

"There are things that we can afford to do with the little available funds, just like the work we are gathered here to celebrate.

"The funds that we used in converting the old

building into a befitting High Court structure were very little.

"As Zimbabweans let us use the little funds that we have to achieve great things. It is very possible," the Chief Justice said.

He hailed the JSC team together with the Department of Public Works, who carried out the renovations and furnished the building in a record 105 days.

Provincial Affairs Minister for Masvingo Cde Shuvai Mahofa welcomed the development.

"Today marks a historic day to not only to Masvingo but to Zimbabweans at large.

"The first ever permanent High Court since independence has been set up in Masvingo.

"It is a great honour for us the people of Masvingo to be part of this historic event," she said.

Minister Mahofa said the decentralization of the court brought justice to the people and made justice cheaper and accessible to all.

"The people of Masvingo had to travel long distances from as far as Chikombedzi to Harare or Bulawayo only

to attend High Court matters.

"The long distance could sometimes dishearten even those with strong cases, thereby denying them justice. Others would abandon their cases before completion due to financial challenges.

"The High Court has been brought right at our doorstep and residents can now access justice without limitations," she said.

The state-of-the-art building comprises two fully-furnished courtrooms, two judges' chambers, a police post, registry, Registrar's office, prison officers' rooms, kitchen, dressing room for lawyers, and other compartments.

State of the art recording machines were installed in the courtrooms and comfortable seats in the public gallery.

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Inspirational tale of a DEDICATED TELEPHONIST

Miranda Writer

REAL courage is doing the right thing even when nobody is watching. When one calls the Harare Magistrate's Court, a sweet polite voice, with a British accent, is heard from the opposite end.

Everyone who has worked at Rotten Row Building, which houses the courts, or those who have made phone calls on the court's general line, can confirm that the switchboard operator is a talented and dedicated man.

While everyone agrees that he is a vital cog in communication, very few care to give him the pat on the back he verily deserves.

I always thought the reassuring and pleasant voice was that of a white man until the day I set my eyes on the real man behind the voice, Mr Nesbert Chikurupata.

Mr Chikurupata has served the



Mr Chikurupata at work

Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and recently crossed to the employ of JSC for a combined 32 years and is raring to go.

A "moving directory" as he is affectionately known, Mr Chikurupata remains the magical force at the heart of the Harare Magistrate Court's communication system.

He has memorised almost every phone number in the JSC and other stakeholders and most court

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I was born a communicator and God helped me to get the right job. I love my job and I love talking to people. Whatever I do, I do it to perfection and I do not rest until I achieve my goals in life, ...”

officials look up to him for telephone numbers. Mr Chikurupata usually arrives at Rotten Row building as early as 6:30am, a confirmation that he is one of the early birds at the institution.

Countless lawyers, judicial officers and prosecutors testify to the efficiency and satisfactory service offered by the elderly Mr Chikurupata.

The secret behind this, he says, is passion and determination.

“I was born a communicator and God helped me to get the right job. I love my job and I love talking to people. Whatever I do, I do it to perfection and I do not rest until I achieve my goals in life,” he says with a chuckle.

Born 56 years ago in Nyanga, Mr Chikurupata joined the Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on March 14, 1984 as an office orderly.

Mr Dominic Muzawazi, the then provincial magistrate for Harare, identified the talent in him and recommended his promotion to a senior court recorder while performing the duties of a switchboard operator.

But where did he get the British accent?

“I was a gardener after dropping out of school

in Grade 6. I was born in a poor family and my parents could not finance my education.

“I stayed with a British employer and learnt how to speak English through communicating with him and reading newspapers that he brought home.”

After landing a job, Mr Chikurupata furthered his education and completed Grade 7 through the Central African Correspondence College.

He did his Form One and Two through Rapid Results College.

Mr Chikurupata did his Form Three and Four through a night school programme at David Livingstone Primary School in Harare.

He finally obtained Five Ordinary Level passes, including English Language three years ago and he has since enrolled for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Counselling with the Zimbabwe Open University.

He will be completing the degree programme next year.

Mr Chikurupata’s story is inspirational.

While others appear content with their stations in life, few people care to upgrade themselves academically.

VETERAN MAGISTRATE BHILA CALLS IT QUITS

AFTER 35 years of dedicated service to the bench, Bindura regional magistrate MR WILLIAM BHILA (WB) called it quits on July



Mr Bhila

31, 2016 at the ripe age of 65. Miranda editor DANIEL NEMUKUYU (DN) sat down for an interview with the veteran judicial officer a week before his departure. Here, Mr Bhila shares his experiences and gives tips to younger magistrates on how they can live a blameless life in the noble profession, among other things.

DN: Mr Bhila, when did you join the profession?

WB: I joined the Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs in 1981 after completing the magistrate's course at the University of Zimbabwe.

DN: You were posted to various courts countrywide while in service. Can you briefly take us through some of the stations.

WB: I was firstly posted to Marondera Court in 1983 before being transferred to Mutare the same year. I also worked in Gweru and Chivhu in the 1980s. In 1990, I transferred to the Harare Magistrates' Courts and later on to Kadoma where I replaced the now Deputy Chief Justice Luke Malaba who was resident magistrate there. In 1993 I was elevated to be provincial magistrate in charge of Mashonaland West. In 1994, I moved back to Mutare as provincial magistrate for Manicaland. I also worked at Chitungwiza before moving to Harare again where I was promoted to regional magistrate. Bindura became my last station.

DN: Can you share with us some of your happy moments in your employment history.

WB: I can only cite the day I was promoted to be a regional magistrate in 2007. I was extremely happy. The regional bench is the apex of magistracy.

DN: Of all the cases you handled, which one do you think gave you a hard time?

WB: I once presided over an armed robbery which occurred in Chegutu area while stationed at Rotten Row (Harare Magistrates Court). I was convinced that the accused persons had committed the offence, but police and the prosecution had done shoddy work. The investigations were poor and the docket was in shambles. I was forced to acquit those people because the State had not done its work properly. I had no option, but to blast the police and the prosecution.

DN: What challenges did you encounter as a

magistrate?

WB: We used to have transport problems in the old days, but with the advent of the JSC, everything seems to be moving on well. Salaries, yes, we felt they could have been increased. But considering the situation on the ground, they cannot be said to be very bad.

DN: Now that you are going on retirement, how do you feel?

WB: I am leaving employment a happy man. JSC has done its best to take good care of us. At the same time, I feel sad to leave my profession of 34 years.

DN: Do you have any achievements to talk about in your career as a magistrate?

WB: Yes. I am one magistrate who is allergic to backlogs. I have never had backlogs. Wherever I worked, I made sure all work was done to satisfaction. Again, I was never charged for misconduct in my entire career.

DN: You have lived a clean life as a magistrate. What advice can you give to younger magistrates?

WB: They must desist from corruption and mind their company at work or even at home. If you associate with the corrupt, you can easily be corrupted.

DN: What do you think should be done to improve the quality of justice dispensed by magistrates countrywide?

WB: I advise the employer to conduct more training workshops for the magistrates, especially on sentencing. It is not difficult to find out if one is guilty or innocent in court, but the problem is usually experienced in sentencing.

DN: After retirement, what's the next move?

WB: I intend to go into farming. I have a farm in Goromonzi and the infrastructure is already there. I have been planning my future. After all, I still have a lot of stamina and I have no serious medical problems.

Review our salaries, say magistrates



JSC deputy secretary Mr Walter Chikwana (front row in light blue suit) poses for a photo with magistrates at a MAZ meeting in Nyanga recently

Miranda Writer

MAGISTRATES want an upward review of their salaries and working conditions to match their regional counterparts in southern Africa.

Addressing judicial officers at a meeting held in Nyanga recently, Magistrates' Association of Zimbabwe president Mr Ignatio Mhene said local magistrates' salaries were a far cry from those of their peers in the region.

This, Mr Mhene said, was happening despite praises being showered on them by the Judiciary bosses for satisfactory performance.

"We, as MAZ, say it is time a positive stance is taken to show positive support for the magistracy.

"Adequate remuneration is a constitutional requirement as the Chief Justice mentioned in the 2015 legal year opening speech," he said.

Mr Mhene said the magistrates have since submitted to the Judicial Service Commission their position paper on the expected salaries and working conditions.

"The issues of remuneration were discussed long back and are still being discussed unfortunately for magistrates with no results.

"To justify our claims, we prepared a position paper that compared ourselves to other similar Southern African jurisdictions like Mozambique, Namibia, and Zambia. Their gross domestic product is almost

similar to ours. According to the World Bank in 2014, we were at \$14,2 billion, Namibia, where most of our colleagues rushed to for better conditions and salaries, was at \$13,4 billion.

"This inadequacy does not only affect us but the employer as well. They become a hatchery where some of their best judicial officers do not stay," he said. MAZ, which has embarked on a project to provide personal vehicles and houses for its membership countrywide, wants the employer to chip in and support the project to boost the morale of the magistrates.

However, the magistrates hailed JSC for its massive construction project that has seen judicial officers occupying state-of-the-art buildings.

Air conditioned and well-furnished offices and courtrooms are being constructed with over 10 having been completed.

"We would like to thank the employer for efforts to try and improve our conditions of service. Courts are being constructed, moving us out of the tiny structures. Most district courts used to be accommodated at their respective District Administrators' offices.

"Spacious courts and offices are being availed; this also brings about the need for more court staff and judicial officers to help cater for the workload mostly at one-man stations," said Mr Mhene.

VIC FALLS COURT TO TURN NEW LEAF

Miranda Writer

THE newly constructed state-of-the-art Victoria Falls Magistrates' Court, with more courtrooms, has improved conditions of service for Judicial Service Commission staff and will help clearing the backlog of cases there.

Chief Justice Godfrey Chidyausiku on July 18 this year commissioned the new courthouse, which replaced an old dilapidated structure that housed the court.

At the ground-breaking ceremony, the head of the Judiciary hailed JSC's development partners—the Royal Danish Embassy and the Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing—for their unwavering support in the construction project.

Local Government, Public Works and National Housing

Minister Saviour

Kasuku were

attended the function.

JSC, with financial

support from

DANIDA, has

embarked on a

massive project

that has seen 22

new courts being

constructed in

selected areas

countrywide.

On the side lines of

the grand occasion, provincial magistrate in-charge of Mataberland North Mr Aenias Magate was all smiles as he narrated the success story to the Miranda.

"This was a noble development that will benefit us as JSC employees and other stakeholders.

"For those who have worked here, it not news that we only had one courtroom and the two magistrates stationed here used to take turns to preside over cases.

"Magistrates were forced to share one small office and the backlog of cases would balloon due to shortage of courtrooms.

"Now that we have two courtrooms, the two magistrates can now sit at the same time and there will be no excuse for failing to reduce the backlog at Victoria Falls Court,"

he said.

Mr Magate, who oversees Victoria Falls Court among others, said the new structure had two fully air conditioned and spacious offices, which create a conducive working environment for the staff.

"An employee feels motivated when he is operating in a conducive environment.

"That is good news for our staff and those who used to shun the station, will now be attracted to be transferred here," he said.

The courtrooms are also well-furnished and air conditioned.

Previously, the clerk of court, interpreters, typists and accounting assistants were squashed in one small office

but each of them now has a spacious office.

The building has separate offices for the police and the prison officers as well as a standalone records room.

There is now a witnesses' shade and another room where legal aid organisations may use to provide advice to those in



EXECUTIVE TOUR ... Justice Rita Makarau and her entourage assess the new Victoria Falls Court house a day before the official opening

need.

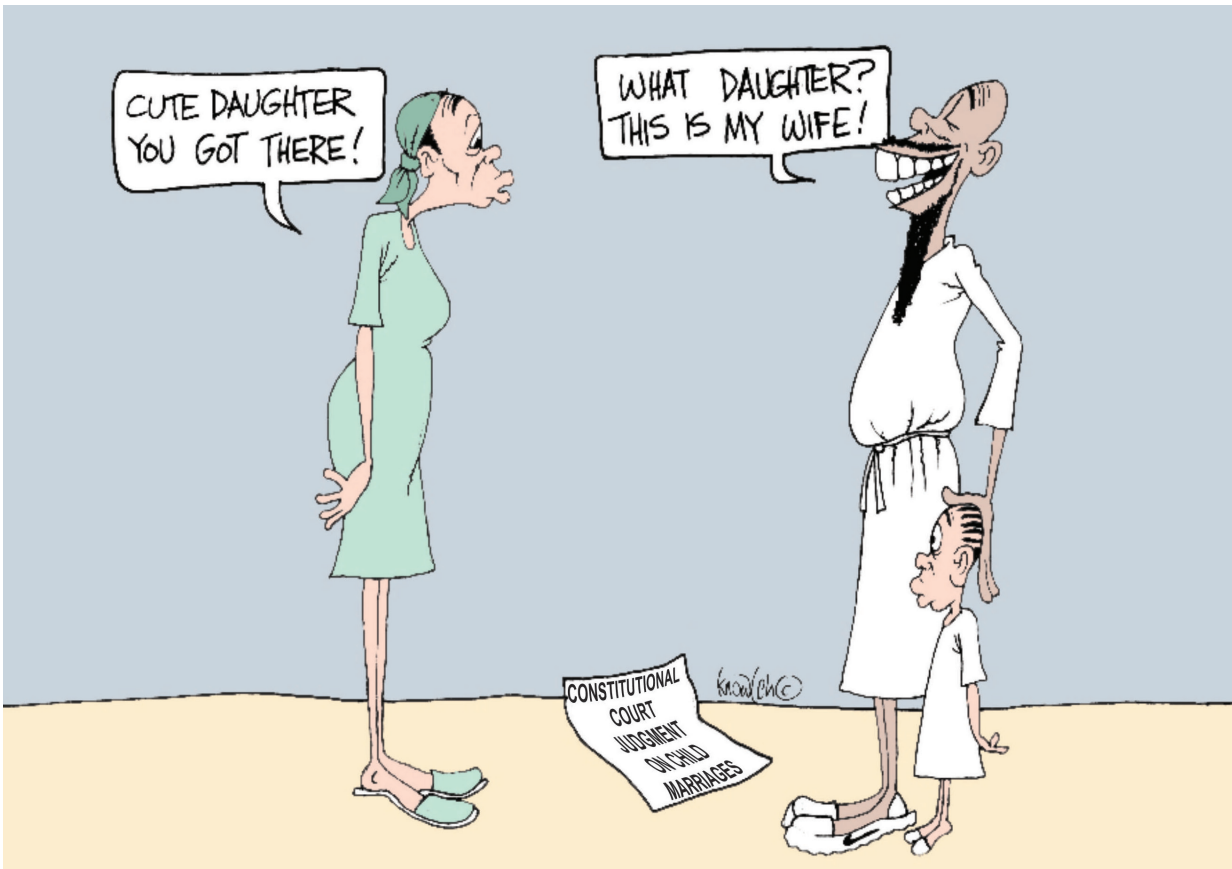
Out of the 22 courtrooms, 12 have already been officially opened while others are nearing completion but at different stages of construction.

Those completed are: Nkayi, Vic Falls, Mwenezi, Beitbridge, Binga, Chivi, Shurugwi, Mvuma, Zvishavane, Goromonzi, Murambinda and Bindura.

At the remaining 10 centres, all the superstructures are complete but most of them are at roofing stage while others are now being polished up.

JSC also partnered Plan International that financed the construction of new courts in Chiredzi and Mutasa.

Chiredzi Magistrate's Court is now complete while final touches are being done on the other structure in Mutasa



IT CORNER

With Obey Manyenga
The Judicial Service Commission has this quarter launched a new official website to provide visitors with up-to-date information on the operations of the organisation. The website that was launched in June this year, is relevant to lawyers, law students, researchers and any other curious visitors. It provides information on latest judgments handed down by the superior courts. It also serves as an archive of past judgments from the same courts. The website gives a brief profile of judges of the Supreme Court, High Court, Labour Court, and the Administrative Court. On the website, one can access information on upcoming cases in the superior courts. An overview of the JSC's



structures and mandate can be easily accessed on the website. The notice board and newsfeed found on the website serve as the most efficient and effective communication platform for the Commission. Those interested in JSC vacancies, can get up-to-date information on the new website. The media section of the site captures all events in the JSC in pictures and in video form. Past events and treaties are also archived on the website for interested visitors to view. For more information, visit www.jsc.org.zw

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ACT NOW, criminalise child marriage

By Sylvia Chirawu

NUNUDZAI sits in a corner at a local clinic. Though she is 15 years old, she looks barely 12. She miserably holds a baby in her lap awaiting her turn to put it on the scale.

She was “married” to a local businessman at the age of 13 on completion of Grade Seven. At 14 she was pregnant and became a mother, one month shy of her 15th birthday.

Hers is a story among thousands of such stories on child marriages in Zimbabwe. They will remain stories unless action is taken to curb child marriages. On January 20 this year, the Constitutional Court handed down a landmark judgment on child marriages in the case of Mudzuru and another Vs Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs (N.O) and others No.79/14.

The judgment effectively outlawed child marriage. The court declared that section 78(1) of the Constitution sets 18 as the minimum age of marriage in Zimbabwe.

Furthermore, it declared section 22 (1) of the Marriages Act which allows the marriage of girls at 16 years or law, practice or custom authorising a person under 18 years of age to marry inconsistent with the provisions of section 78 (1) of the Constitution and therefore invalid to the extent of the inconsistency. The court further declared that with effect from January 20, 2016, no person male

or female, may enter into any marriage, including an unregistered customary law union or any other union before attaining 18 years of age.

The ruling was a welcome development in a country that has one of the highest rates of child marriages in the world. In terms of the law, there are several pieces of legislation that recognise child marriages.

The Customary Marriages Act Chapter 5:07 has no age limit for marriage. Sections 20 and 21 of the Marriage Act Chapter 5:11 recognise marriage of minors with the consent of the legal guardians or the High Court in certain circumstances. The Maintenance Act Chapter 5:09 in section 11 states that maintenance for a child shall cease when they marry, meaning that the Act recognises child marriages. Section 8 of the Matrimonial Causes Act Chapter 5:13 states that a maintenance order in favour of a child shall cease when the child marries. It means the law recognises child marriages.

The Guardianship of Minors Act Chapter 5:08 states in section 4 (1) (b) that a parent who is granted sole guardianship shall also have power to consent to the marriage of a minor child.

The General Law Amendment Act Chapter 8:07 in section 15 (5) permits the operation of laws that grant majority status at an age earlier than 18 years.

This can be related to the Marriage Act

which states that once a girl gets married whilst still a minor, she automatically becomes a major and does not lose this status even if she divorces while still a minor. All these laws have become void due to the Mudzuru judgement. Prior to this judgement, the Domestic Violence Act Chapter 5:16 in section 3 made child marriage a criminal offence and also an act that can result in the issuance of a protection order.

This was under the broad ground of abuse derived from cultural or customary rites or practices that discriminate against or degrade women. But since the Act came into effect on the 26th of February 2007, no single case on child marriage using the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act has come before the courts.

This speaks volumes about the need for a specific legal provision criminalising child marriage.

The Police are not sure of which law to use in cases of child marriage. No one seems sure of where to report cases and indeed what action can be taken. Granted, the Domestic Violence Act can still be used to arrest perpetrators of child marriage but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

The time is now to make child marriage a crime in the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act Chapter 9:23. Harsh penalties need to be factored in as without criminalisation, we will continue to celebrate a progressive judgment but with no progress.

Girl children will continue to be “married” often in secrecy. Criminal law must protect children like Nunudzai who have been robbed of their innocence.

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Masvingo murders worrisome: VP

Miranda Writer

VICE PRESIDENT Emmerson Mnangagwa has expressed concern at the rate at which people were killing each other in Masvingo. Masvingo has over the past years recorded the highest number of murder cases, with the 2014 statistics showing that at least three people were being murdered monthly. Most of the killings were a result of petty issues. Officially opening the permanent High Court in Masvingo recently, VP Mnangagwa, who is also responsible for the Ministry of Justice Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, blasted the people of Masvingo for breaking the murder record in the country. “You have gone popular for wrong reasons. You are known all over the country for killing each other. “People of Masvingo, I am ashamed of you. “You actually deserve trophies and accolades for greater things and not scooping awards for murder,” he said. VP Mnangagwa urged the Minister of

Provincial Affairs for Masvingo Cde Shuvai Mahofa to find solutions to the problem and try to bring peace in the province.

“Cde Mahofa, What is this I am hearing about Masvingo? Talk to your people and make sure they live together in peace,” said VP Mnangagwa.

VP Mnangagwa said the establishment of the High Court in the province would go a long way in speeding up the trials and deterring would-be offenders.

“The opening of this court means offenders will now be quickly tried and convicted, punished and quickly return home. If they commit murder again, they will quickly go back to prison because the court is now here,” said Minister Mnangagwa.

He added: “We have no doubt that there will be expeditious resolution of such cases, now that the court is within the reach of the communities in and out of this city.” Over the years, the High Court used to deal with an average of 12 murder cases per circuit, which roughly translates to almost three murder cases per month.



VP Mnangagwa addresses the crowd at the opening of the Masvingo High Court

FOUR NEW MAGISTRATES SWORN-IN



FOUR new magistrates—Ms Rumbidzai Dzumbira, Ms Edith Kakuruwo, Ms Nyasha Marufu and Mr Joshua Mawere—took oaths of office on July 29 this year before Chief Magistrate Mr Mishrod Guvamombe in Harare. The quartet joined the magistracy to beef up the bench that is currently understaffed.

SPORTS, a missing link in the JSC: Workers



By Steven Gwatsvaira

JUDICIAL Service Commission workers are appealing to management for the introduction of sporting and other recreational activities to refresh their minds and bodies from their demanding work schedules.

Sports, according to the employees, allow them to mix and mingle with colleagues from different stations countrywide.

In separate interviews with the *Miranda*, the JSC employees said sport was the only missing link in the Commission and it will help in building a more united and healthy team.

Mr Justice Mujuru, who is based at the High Court, proposed the setting up of soccer teams at JSC stations

“We are seeking permission to set up soccer teams

at our respective stations. This will help in bringing the workers together. As we speak, I do not know many JSC employees from Mbare, Harare Magistrate’s Court or Labour Court.

“Interstation competitions will promote oneness in the Commission and has some health benefits which gives us the necessary stamina to continue working for JSC,” he said.

Mr Mujuru said for a start, only soccer balls and uniforms will be required.

Mr Moses Jailo, who operates from the Master of High Court’s office, quipped: “We are always busy and sport will be a refresher for us. Such activities allow for socialisation in the commission and at times the juniors may have an opportunity to interact socially with the bosses,” he said.

Mr Jailo proposed the introduction of sporting activities for both men and women.

JSC MAKES SENIOR APPOINTMENTS



Mr Unzemoyo



Ms Maronga



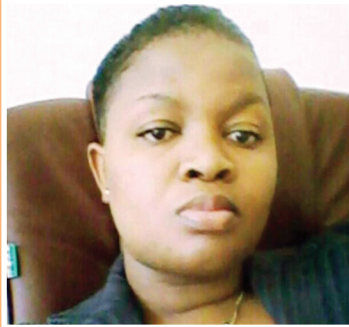
Ms Tshuma



Mr Mutero



Mrs Mungwari



Mrs Dzikiti



Mr Makomo



Mrs Mwanyisa

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THE Judicial Service Commission has made eight management appointments in the second quarter of 2016.

Two magistrates were elevated to the regional bench while five were promoted to senior registry positions in the superior courts.

JSC also appointed a new Deputy Chief Research Officer.

The eight appointees comprise five women and three men, a development that confirmed JSC as a champion of gender equity.

Mr Elijah Makomo, who was a senior magistrate in Harare and former Manicaland provincial magistrate Mrs Lucie-Annie Chipu Mungwari have joined the regional bench.

The two are lawyers.

Mr Reginald Mutero is now Deputy Chief Research Officer in the Chief Justice's office. Mr Mutero studied law at Midlands State University where he graduated top of his class in 2013.

He joined JSC in 2014 as a magisterial assistant before being reassigned to the research section last year.

Magistrate Mr Godfrey Unzemoyo, who was based in Bindura, is now Deputy Registrar of the High Court.

He joined the bench on February 10, 2004 and worked in Harare, Chitungwiza and Bindura before the recent

promotion.

He deputises Mrs Faith Mushure.

Mr Unzemoyo is a lawyer who also holds a Masters' degree in Law.

Ms Anitah Tshuma, who was resident magistrate at Mbare Court, is now Deputy Registrar of the Supreme and Constitutional courts. She joined JSC after training as a magistrate at the Judicial College of Zimbabwe. Ms Tshuma furthered her education with the University of South Africa where she attained a law degree.

Ms Kudzai Maronga was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Labour Court in Harare.

She was an assistant registrar at the High Court.

Ms Maronga holds a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Political Science (University of Zimbabwe) in Harare and she joined JSC in 2010.

Mrs Dorothy Mwanyisa is now Deputy Registrar for the newly-established High Court in Masvingo.

She was once resident magistrate for Zaka Magistrate's Court before transferring to Masvingo Magistrate's Court.

Mrs Mwanyisa is also a lawyer who holds an LLB degree from the University of Zimbabwe.

Former Chitungwiza resident magistrate Mrs Renika Dzikiti is now the Registrar of the Administrative Court. She joined magistracy in 2005. She is also a lawyer by profession.