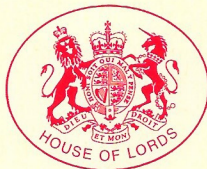


Rt Hon. Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary
Home Office
2 Marsham Street
LONDON
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Sunday 18th July 2021

Dear Home Secretary,

DEPORTATION OF ZIMBABWE NATIONALS

We write with regard to the planned deportation of Zimbabwe nationals who we understand are due to be removed from the UK on Wednesday 21st July. We urge you to halt these removals.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Zimbabwe has had extensive engagement over recent months with Zimbabweans both in Zimbabwe and the UK, including senior opposition politicians and activists as well as journalists and youth leaders.

It is clear from this engagement that the political and human rights situation has continued to deteriorate in the country. The Zimbabwe government is systematically oppressing its political opponents, denying freedom of speech and committing gross human rights violations. These violations include subjecting political opponents, including Members of Parliament, to illegal detention, sexual assault, torture and murder.

Consequently, we appeal to you to urgently halt the planned deportations and to impose a moratorium on all removals until the Government of Zimbabwe and their agents end their gross human rights violations and political oppression and demonstrate that they are prepared to respect the constitution and the rule of law.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you would share with us any assessment the Home Office has carried out into the political and human rights situation in Zimbabwe, as well as who the Home Office took evidence from in conducting such an assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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Lord Oates
Co-Chair
APPG on Zimbabwe

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and seventy-five MPs and Peers of all parties as set out below

Lord Alton
Lord Bach
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville
Paula Barker MP
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
Lord Boateng
Baroness Bowles of Bekhampstead
Lord Bradshaw
Baroness Brinton
Baroness Chakrabati
Wendy Chamberlain MP
Lord Chidgey
Lord Clement-Jones
Baroness Corston
Baroness D'Souza
Martyn Day MP
Lord Dholakia
Baroness Hussein-Ece
Lord Foster of Bath
Lord Fox
Lord German
Baroness Goudie
Lord Hain
Baroness Harris of Richmond
Baroness Hayman
Baroness Hoey of Lylehill and Rathlin
Baroness Janke
Kim Johnson MP
Baroness Jolly
Lord Jones of Cheltenham
Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb
Lord Knight of Weymouth
Baroness Kramer
Lord Liddle
Baroness Lister of Burtersett
Baroness Ludford
Anne McLaughlin MP
Lord McNally

Baroness Meacher
The Earl of Sandwich
Lord Newby
Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne
Baroness Northover
Baroness Nye
Brendan O'Hara MP
Chi Onwurah MP
Lord Paddick
Baroness Parminter
Baroness Prashar
Baroness Primarolo
Lord Purvis of Tweed
Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale
Lord Ramsbotham
Lord Rennard
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick
Lord Roberts of Llandudno
Baroness Royall of Blaisdon
Lord Scriven
Lord Sharkey
Virendra Sharma MP
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Lord Shinkwin
Lord Shipley
Lord St John of Bletso
Baroness Stern
Lord Stunell
Alison Thewliss MP
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