P E T I T I O N

For: ITAI DZAMARA, JOURNALIST

Simbabwe

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my concern for the safety of **ITAI DZAMARA**.

The journalist was abducted on 9th March 2015 in Harare. He was handcuffed and driven away in a delivery van by five men who accused him of having stolen cattle. His whereabouts are still unknown.

He had taken part in a demonstration on 7th March 2015 organised by the political organisation Movement for Democratic Change. In the past **ITAI DZAMARA** has suffered arbitrary arrest and brutal beatings from both officers of the state security force and members of the ZANU-PF party as a consequence of his work for democracy.

I appeal to you to hold a thorough and independent enquiry into the abduction of **ITAI DZAMARA**. Please ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

If **ITAI DZAMARA** is in state custody I urge you to ensure that he will not be tortured or otherwise abused and request that his whereabouts are made known.

I also appeal to you to ensure that the police ceases to intimidate or harass political activists, who should not be subject to arbitrary arrest.

Yours faithfully,

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