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Diaspora activists under scrutiny for blocking First Lady Auxillia Mnangagwa's UK visit and 'tarnishing Zimbabwe's image'




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 By Staff Reporter


THE Government of Zimbabwe has intensified its scrutiny on individuals in the diaspora alleged to be disseminating information and engaging in activities aimed at destabilising the country's image abroad.

This development comes in the wake of heightened diplomatic tensions following the abrupt cancellation of First Lady Auxillia Mnangagwa's planned attendance at the prestigious FLAIR Women's Summit held in London recently.





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First Lady Auxillia Mnangagwa

According to sources within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the First Lady's trip was suspended at the eleventh hour due to "serious security threats" posed by planned demonstrations and petitions mobilised by diaspora activists in the United Kingdom.

She was expected to be hosted as a VIP guest at Harrods and attend exclusive investment engagements.



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The Ministry, however, stated that she redirected her diplomatic efforts to the Middle East, where she reportedly held "fruitful engagements" with Arab leaders and met representatives from India's business community.

Following the fallout from this diplomatic incident, the Government of Zimbabwe has invoked the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Amendment Act of 2023, widely known as the "Patriotic Act." The law criminalises "willfully injuring the sovereignty and national interest of Zimbabwe," including collaborating with foreign governments, media, or NGOs in ways that are deemed harmful to national security or reputational integrity.

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Security sources revealed that an expanded watchlist has been compiled, targeting individuals across the globe believed to be orchestrating anti-government campaigns.

This includes Zimbabwean citizens residing in Canada, the United States, South Africa, the United Kingdom, China, Ireland, and Australia, among others.

Many of these individuals are said to be members of WhatsApp groups, Facebook pages, X (formerly Twitter) accounts, and underground human rights and political movements linked to opposition factions and exiled activists.

A partial list seen by our publication includes the following names: Blessed Runesu Geza (Bombshell), Wellington Masiwa (Nyokayemabhunu), Melody Phylis Magejo, Wadzanai Muredzi, Shamiso Moyo, Themba Gorimbo, Rumbidzai Moyo, Nolanga Evangelista Ndlovu, Mellissa Tonderai Tagarira, Shepherd Yuda, Mollin Muteto, and Petty Ziramba.

Also on the long list are, Tendai Mapfumo, Sakhile Ncube, Pamela Magwizi, Happiness Ncube, Diana Machingauta, Evy Kangandi, Milton Bingwa, Charles Kanyimo, Romancia Chiomba, Regina Mtekedza, Mellisa Mbawarira, Josephine Jenje-Mudimu, Regina Mahowo, Dadirayi Mukwedeya, Ziwanayi B Mbanje.

Others targeted individuals include, Dixon Chikwizo, Denis Gwasira, Xoliso Sithole, Esnath Dlodlo, Sikhatalele Dladla, Elizabeth Chitengo, Nobukhosi Dube, Greatman Makipa, Samuel Jambaya, Zanele Mkwanzani, and Boniface Zengeni.

The Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) recently issued warnings against those who mobilise foreign sanctions, campaign against national initiatives, or interfere with official State visits through protest or online agitation. This comes after diaspora-based activists reportedly submitted petitions to US officials urging them to cancel cultural and diplomatic visits by Zimbabwean nationals deemed aligned to Zanu PF.



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