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PRESS RELEASE

RE: POLICE CLEARS HARARE ZCTU DEMONSTRATIONS

The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) would like to make a correction on the story published by *The Daily News* of 8 April 2015 entitled "Police ban ZCTU demos".

While it is true that the police have written to the ZCTU banning demonstrations in Bulawayo and Masvingo, and there was a verbal response in Mutare also banning the demonstrations, we would like to put it on record that Harare police have sanctioned the ZCTU demo albeit with alteration to the route. Workers in Harare are advised to prepare for the event.

However, as correctly noted in the paper, the ZCTU has approached the High Court seeking a reversal of the ban in Bulawayo, Masvingo and Mutare.

The ZCTU is still waiting for a response from Chinhoyi and Gweru where the other demonstrations will take place.

We would like to reiterate to the public that according to the laws of this country, trade unions DO NOT seek permission to stage demos, but simply notify the police and the police have been deliberately misinterpreting the laws for their selfish ends.

The demonstrations will take place on the 11th of April 2015 from 1000hrs to 1200hrs in the following centres: Harare, Bulawayo, Gweru, Mutare, Masvingo and Chinhoyi.

Workers will assemble at the ZCTU offices in the above cities and towns and march to the Offices of the Resident Ministers to present their petition. In the case of Harare, the petition will be handed over to the Minister of Labour.

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