

## ZIMRIGHTS MEMBERS MAKE POLICE REPORTS AGAINST MR. PATRICK CHINAMASA FOR INCITING VIOLENCE

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Today, peace-loving ZimRights members across the country flooded various police stations to make reports against Mr. Patrick Chinamasa for inciting violence. On 27 July 2020, Mr. Chinamasa addressed a Press Conference at ZANU PF Headquarters where he called upon ZANU PF supporters to attack anti-corruption protestors.

ZimRights members say that these statements are a threat to peace in their communities and are an attack on the right to protest as enshrined in section 59 of the Constitution.

In reports that have been filed in Matebeleland North, Mashonaland West, East, Central and in Chitungwiza, ZimRights members state that Mr. Chinamasa's statements are a criminal offence in terms of the section 187 of the Criminal Codification Act (incitement to violence). They are therefore asking for the prosecution of Mr. Chinamasa for this crime. In other provinces including Harare and Masvingo, the police refused to receive the reports.

On 28 July 2020, ZimRights filed formal complaints against Mr. Chinamasa with the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission and the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission.