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## **FROM THE ZIMBABWE VIGIL**

**Press Release – 3rd April 2008**



Actors playing Mugabe and his wife will be at the protest

### **Zimbabwean Election Protest in London**

Zimbabwean exiles are to demonstrate outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April in protest at the manipulation of the voting in last week's elections.

Some 500 Zimbabweans took part in Mock Elections outside the Embassy last Saturday and voted overwhelmingly for the opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai of the Movement for Democratic Change.

The Mock Elections were organised by the Zimbabwe Vigil which has been demonstrating outside the Zimbabwe Embassy every Saturday for the past six years.

A Vigil statement said: "Mugabe has been rejected by the people and must not be allowed to

cling to power”.

Event: Zimbabwean Election Protest  
Venue: Outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London WC2  
Date / time: 2 pm – 6 pm, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
Photo Opportunities: Actors playing Mugabe and his wife. Zimbabwean singing, dancing and drumming.  
Interview Opportunities: Political activists, torture and rape victims.  
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Vigil co-ordinators  
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The Vigil, outside the Zimbabwe Embassy, 429 Strand, London, takes place every Saturday from 14.00 to 18.00 to protest against gross violations of human rights by the current regime in Zimbabwe. The Vigil which started in October 2002 will continue until internationally-monitored, free and fair elections are held in Zimbabwe. <http://www.zimvigil.co.uk>