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ZIMBABWE IN PICTURES



COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE



LOOKING BACK — THE COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE



In March 2008 we set out on a journey more informed by our own exuberance than any coherent strategy. All we wanted was to tell the story of the Zimbabwean election in pictures. A call to two colleagues in NiZA, Bob van Winden and Christian Kuijstermans, was all it took for them to buy into the idea. In a way it was characteristic of the Netherland Institute of Southern Africa (NiZA, www.niza.nl) and its staff to respond swiftly to such an untested idea. Elsewhere, we would have had to write tomes of proposals to justify the idea. But we believed in this project - and Bob and Christian believed in it too.

Months later we feel vindicated by the journey we have travelled. We have covered the developments in Zimbabwe in a dedicated manner starting off with the March “harmonised” elections, through the violent June Presidential re-run to the signing of the unity agreement. Our particular brand of photojournalism has not tried to show the so-called all sides of the story. We remain adamant that Robert Gabriel Mugabe is a charlatan – an unashamed tyrant who has subverted the will of the people of Zimbabwe. We intend to expose Mugabe and his cohorts for what they are and at the same time celebrate the efforts of the democratic forces in Zimbabwe. Journalism is our only weapon.

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On the basis of this support our team can now put into motion medium to long-term plans for the Zimbabwe in Pictures project. This special edition is a toast to the short journey we have travelled and to the exciting adventure ahead.

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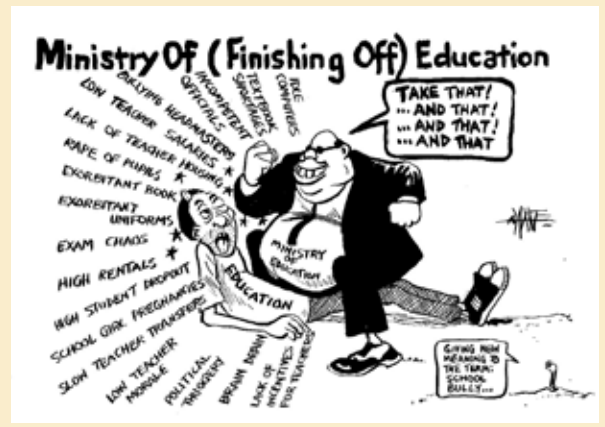


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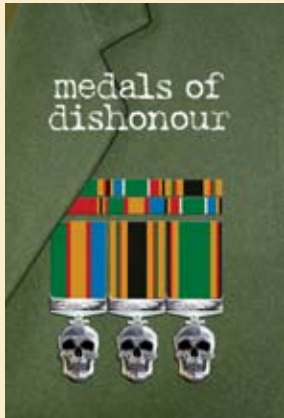


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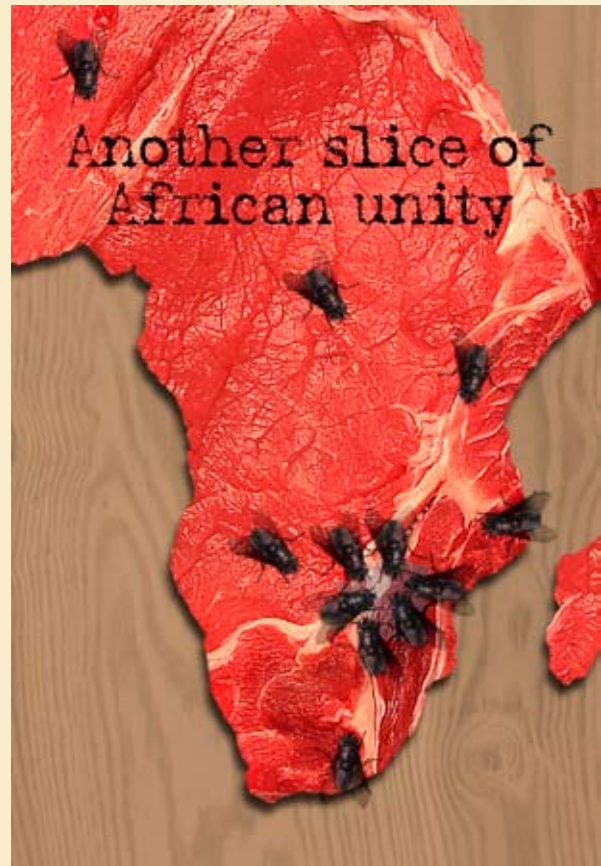


SELF-ANOINTED LEADER





AFRICA BETRAYS HER PEOPLE





THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION





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ARE THE BILLBOARDS OF HARARE SENDING MUGABE A MESSAGE?





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