

A3305f GENERAL JOSIAH TONGOGARA

Small banner depicting General Josiah Tongogara (1938-1979), with the wording: "Gamba Guru ReZimbabwe General Josiah Tongogara" - Zimbabwean War Hero General Josiah Tongogara.

Tongogara was a commander of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA) in Southern Rhodesia before the independence of Zimbabwe. He attended the Lancaster House conference that led to Zimbabwe's independence which was to end white minority rule in Zimbabwe. Many expected him to be the first president of Zimbabwe, with Robert Mugabe, head of ZANLA's political wing, ZANU, as prime minister.

Six days after the Lancaster House Agreement was signed, the forty one year old Tongogara was killed in a car accident in Mozambique on the 26 December 1979.