

JANUARY 1987

Wed 21

Headline – ***Emergency Vote*** – Zimbabwe yesterday extended its 21 year State of Emergency for another six months after the Minister of Home Affairs Mr Enos Nkala, a said that its sweeping police powers were needed to counter threats from South African, backed MNR and Pretoria. M Williams; Harare GDN page 9 C 8

FEBRUARY 1987

Mon 9

Headline - ***Harare Killing*** – Zimbabwe police are holding a member of Robert Mugabe 's Central Intelligence Organisation security agency for the alleged murder of a man near a Harare hotel the Sunday Mail newspaper reported in Zimbabwe. The newspaper quoted a police spokesman as saying H Nyanu Kuadina [35] was shot dead on 1. 2. - AP -

Sat 14

Headline – ***Sanctions Pledge*** – President Canaan Banana said yesterday that Zimbabwe was going ahead with plans to impose economic sanctions against South Africa. - AP -

Wed 25

Headline - ***Murder Denied*** – A Zimbabwean appeared in the High Court in Harare yesterday charged with the murder of a British Baronet, Sir Andrew Terry in 1985. He denied shooting Sir Henry [40] in the head at his home in Harare. - ***Reuters*** -

Headline - ***Police Trial*** – Zimbabwe former police chief W Nguruve has gone on trial on fifteen charges including the theft drugs, cash and guns held in police custody. Nguruve who was dismissed in '85 denied all charges in a Harare court – AP -

Fri 27

Headline – ***Death Sentence*** – A black Zimbabwean, J Marichi, was yesterday sentenced to death for the murder of British Baronet Sir Andrew Terry in 1985. State witnesses said Mr Marichi broke into Sir Andrews home intending to steal goods and shot the baronet twice. - ***Reuters*** -

MARCH 1987

Fri 27

Headline - ***Smith Ban Sought*** – The Zimbabwe Information Minister Mr N Shamuyarira said yesterday he would introduce a motion next week to suspend the former Rhodesian PM Ian Smith from parliament. Mr Shamuyarira said he would also call the abolition of the twenty years reserved for whites. - ***Reuters*** -

APRIL 1987

Wed 1

Headline – ***Smiths Move*** – Zimbabwe Information Minister Mr N Shamuyarira yesterday presented *arguments* to parliament urging the suspension of the former Rhodesian PM Mr I Smith from the National Assembly for reportedly making a speech 'supporting South Africa'. Mr Smith was alleged to have said that South Africa should unite to beat economic sanctions.- **AP** -

Fri 9

Headline – ***Rhino War*** – Zimbabwe has declared war on rhino poachers, 33 of whom have been killed by game wardens in the last year, The National Resources and Tourism Minister Mr V Chitepo told parliament. - **Reuters** -

Sat 18

Headline – ***Talks Off*** – The Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr R Mugabe, has suspended key talks aimed at the uniting Zapu and the opposition PF Zanu party “I am sorry to say we have been deadlocked for too long on the question of unity and the central committee of my party has recently decided that the talks be discontinued for they are serving no useful purpose”he said in a radio and TV address. - **Reuters** -

MAY 1987

Tues 19

Headline – ***Farmer Shot*** – Zimbabwe rebels killed a fifth farmer prompting fears of an upsurge of anti government dissident activity. Roy Dabbs was making milk deliveries when the gunman shot him near Gweru, south of the capital. **A Meldrum; Harare, GDN page 8 C 8** -

Tues 26

Headline ***TV men Held*** – Zimbabwe police said they were holding three Harare based foreign TV journalists including Tim Leach of ITN for questioning in connection with various matters.

Thurs 28

Headline - ***Not Acceptable*** – The Zimbabwe Supreme Court has forbidden of a daughter to a women if she emigrates to South Africa with her second husband on the grounds that the child would be “brought up in an atmosphere of racial hatred and political conflict.” - **AFP** -

JUNE 1987

Wed 3

Headline – ***Five Killed*** – Armed rebels killed two West German tourists and three Zimbabweans; including 2 military men in separate shootings in Matebeleland province police said in Harare

yesterday. The Germans who were holidaying in Africa on a motor cycle with a side car were identified by Western diplomats as Herman Patman [34] and Maria Dorn [33]. - AP -

JULY 1987

Sun 26

Headline – ***No Power Game*** – It was formally confirmed last week that the Zimbabwe electricity supply authority has ended all negotiations for removal of an annual contract worth about £12.4m in hard currency for the import of electricity from Zambia.

Zimbabwe, then Rhodesia, has been drawing hydro electric power from its northern neighbour since 1960. But the Zimbabwean 's now have a 1,200 MW thermal power station commissioned last February, and although producing electricity more expensively than Zambia 's, they are no longer having to pay hard currency for it. - Jan Roath Harare; OBS page 2 -

Thurs 30

Headline - ***Whites Join Party*** – Three Independent white members of parliament have joined Zimbabwe 's ruling Zanu PF party. Twenty seats, reserved for whites in the House of Assembly, are to be scrapped under legislation tabled in parliament. - Reuters -

Fri 31

Headline – ***Harare to ban Imports*** – Zimbabwe has dropped Namibia, Israel, S Korea and Taiwan from an unofficial trade embargo list but is going ahead with plans to ban imports from South Africa, businessmen said in Harare yesterday.

The decision was taken during an emergency cabinet meeting in which government ministers are understood to have been bitterly divided over the measure which is widely assumed to open the door to economic collapse. - Mike Williams Harare; GDN page 7 C 8 -

AUGUST 1987

Sat 1

Headline – ***SA Link Stays*** – Zimbabwe has decided not to proceed with proposals to force private business to cut trade links with South Africa; diplomatic and business sources said yesterday. The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting. - Reuters -

Thurs 20

Headline - ***Zimbabwe Killing*** – Dissidents gun ambushed, shot dead a white farmer and his wife last night 35 miles south of Bulawayo the man 's employer said yesterday. QV Pharmacies said the couple, Mr A Mc Donald [52] manager manager at its veterinary section and former rugby international and his wife Netty [47] were identified as the victims. - Reuters -

Thurs 27

Headline – ***Briton Freed*** – A Briton, imprisoned in Zimbabwe for 15 months without charge, on suspicion of aiding South African commandos, has been released a relative said yesterday. Mr Derek Shaw [32] a businessman from Nottingham was freed on August 18 from Chikurubu Maximum Security Prison in Harare. He was said to be in good health. - AP -

SEPTEMBER 1987

Sat 12

Headline ***Corrupt Council*** – A Zimbabwe cabinet minister announced yesterday that he had dismissed twelve members of a rural council for corruption, mismanagement and political wrangling. The Local Government minister, Mr Enos Chikoworoe, also the Muda Mariangwe Council chief executive officer Mrs R C Moyo faced charges of defrauding the authorities of six thousand pounds. - AP -

Fri 25

Headline – ***Farmer Shot Dead*** – A lone gunman has killed another white farmer in Zimbabwe 's strife torn Matebeleland province by ordering the victim to lie down on the ground. Mr B Hubbard was shot dead was shot dead on the Mvuni farm he had managed. - AP -

OCTOBER 1987

Sun 4

Headline – ***Mugabe Plot Claim*** – The Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole, one time leader of the black resistance to white Rhodesian rule, emerged as the focal point of the latest security threat to the PM Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe. Although living in the US since 1983 he was named in a court hearing at Bulawayo last week as titular leader of a new guerilla group.

Evidence was given that recruits were to receive military training in South Africa, they would then join Renamo rebels in Mozambique to filter back into Zimbabwe and try and topple the government and install Sithole as leader. It was stated that 48 recruits had been arrested. - J Raath Harare; OBS 'Newswatch, page 2 -

Fri 9

Headline – ***Smith Hits Back*** – Harare High Court yesterday began hearing a suit, brought by former PM Mr Ian Smith, against the Zimbabwe government for salary and benefits lost since he was suspended from parliament in April. - Reuters -

Sat 10

Headline – ***Whites Picked*** – Zimbabwe 's ruling Zanu party yesterday included 15 whites among candidates seeking to fill the gaps in parliament created last month when the government abolished reserved seats for the white minority. - Reuters -

Thurs 15

Headline - ***Stable Condition*** – A white Zimbabwean, of South African origin, badly hurt in a car bomb in Harare on Tuesday was in a stable condition after a five hour operation to remove his spleen a hospital spokesman said yesterday. Mr J Bicknell was the worst injured of the five people admitted to hospital and a total of 18 hurt by the early explosion. - ***Reuters*** -

NOVEMBER 1987

Sun 1

The trend for classifying social groups like Yuppies and Sloane Rangers has apparently spread to Zimbabwe. You 've heard of Hurray Henry 's now it seems the well of Zimbabweans living in the capital go by the name 'Harare Henry s'. - ***News on Sunday page 16 C 3*** -

Fri 6

Headline – ***Rhino Battle*** – Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has said a full scale anti guerilla campaign could be needed to tackle a “raging battle” between poachers and game wardens in the Zambezi Valley where poachers are said to have killed 13 rhinos in the past two weeks. ***Reuters***

Thurs 12

Headline - ***Harare Tie Ruling*** – Zimbabwe 's House of Assembly Speaker Mr D Mutasa has suspended his deputy for ordering the Information Minister Mr N Shamuyarira out of the chamber on Tuesday. For not wearing a tie. “We must dress as well, if not better than the colonialists, he said. - ***Reuters*** -

Fri 13

Headline – ***Zimbabwe Votes*** – Zimbabwe is to elect its first Executive President by the end of the year. The Justice Minister Mr E Zvbogo said yesterday. The poll would take place on 30/12. The Prime Minister Robert Mugabe is favourite for the post. - ***Reuters*** -

DECEMBER 1987

Tues 15

Headline – ***Back Home*** – At least 185 Zimbabweans seeking work in neighbouring Botswana have been deported back to their home country after being convicted of illegally crossing the border. - ***AP*** -

Tues 22

Headline – ***Massacre Trial*** – Seven people are to be tried in the High Court after the massacre of 11 missionaries and five children on two Christian communes last month court officials said in Bulawayo yesterday.

The accused, all former squatters on the two farms where the whites were axed to death are

charged with murder. - AP -

Wed 30

Headline – *Aid for Harare* – The British government has stepped up its military support for Zimbabwe and Mozambique by pledging £250, 000 to the Zimbabwe army to help protect the Limpopo railway line. A Meldrum Harare; GDN page 7 C 1 -

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