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Dear President Mnangagwa

Cecillia Chimbiri, Joanna Mamombe and Netsai Marova were arrested at a police checkpoint in the capital Harare on May 13, 2020. They had led a protest critical of the government, which addressed government measures against the corona pandemic and the famine in the country.

On the same day, the 3 women disappeared and were tortured and sexually assaulted.

On May 15, the women were found with their clothes torn and in poor physical condition in the city of Bindura. They were taken to a hospital and shortly afterwards charged with "assembling to incite public violence and violating the public peace".

In prison, the women were prevented from speaking to the press.

After claiming to recognize some of your tormentors, they were arrested on June 10th again. They were accused of inventing the torture allegations.

Dear President Mnangagwa, please immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Cecillia Chimbiri, Joanna Mamombe and Netsai Marova.

Please make sure that the women are not being bullied anymore, they have only exercised their right to protest.

Yours sincerely