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AND JAILED FOR PROTESTING**



**JOANAH MAMOMBE, NETSAI MAROVA AND CECILLIA CHIMBIRI**

**ZIMBABWE**

**CHALLENGE  
INJUSTICE.**

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# JOANAH MAMOMBE, NETSAI MAROVA AND CECILLIA CHIMBIRI | ZIMBABWE

Joanah (she/her), Netsai (she/her) and Cecillia (she/her) are three women with a lot of things in common: they love playing board games, watching Netflix and are passionate about politics. Sadly, they now share horrific memories of a terrible and degrading attack.

On 13 May 2020, after leading an anti-government protest, Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia were arbitrarily arrested in Harare, taken to a police station and forced into an unmarked car. With hoods over their heads, they were driven out of the city. Scared for their lives, the women were thrown into a pit, beaten, sexually assaulted and forced to eat human excrement. They were found two days later, miles from Harare. Their clothes torn, covered in cuts and

bruises, they were taken to hospital.

While still hospitalized, Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia were charged with criminal offences relating to the protest. Prison guards and police officers were at the hospital to prevent them from talking to journalists. After stating that they recognized some of their attackers, the women were re-arrested on 10 June 2020 and charged with faking their ordeal. They were detained until 26 June 2020, when they were given bail.

Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia's trial began in January 2022 and continues. To date, no one has been held accountable for their terrible trauma.

## Demand justice for Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia

## ACT NOW

Tell the Zimbabwean authorities to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia and end the harassment they face for peacefully exercising their right to protest.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails, or write a letter with the salutation "Your Excellency,".

## SHOW JOANAH, NETSAI AND CECILLIA THAT YOU BELIEVE IN THEM

Print off the solidarity letter template and send them your message of solidarity and hope. Draw pictures of butterflies and flowers to accompany your message.

## Don't forget to follow them on Twitter!

Joanah: @JoanaMamombe

Netsai: @MarovaNetsai

Cecillia: @ceechimbiri2

## Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia,  
Locked Bag 23,  
Broadway NSW 2007  
Australia

## Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2023.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2023 and make sure that Joanah, Netsai and Cecillia get your solidarity messages.