Chamisa awaits Mbeki signal

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The leader of the opposition MDC, Nelson Chamisa is waiting for the signal from former South African president Thabo Mbeki on when talks with President Emmerson Mnangagwa will begin, despite an innuendo of a campaign as part of the 2023 polls.

Mbeki was given the greenlight by South Africans to resume dialogue between President Mnangagwa and Chamisa in Pretoria to resume the power-sharing negotiations. The talks were suspended in 2020.

Mbeki’s visit came just days after he met with Chamisa in November where he promised negotiations, Chamisa and other Zimbabwean political parties that make up the Political Actors Dialogue (Polad).

Mbeki was due to come back to Zimbabwe immediately after his meeting with the opposition leader.

MDC presidential spokesperson, Nelson Chamisa said the party was still waiting for communication from Mbeki’s office to know when the talks can resume and was waiting to resolve the political question to avoid another disputed election in 2023. He said Chamisa was in constant touch with Mbeki.

“We are waiting for communication from Mbeki who had informed us that he is in touch with Mnangagwa and we do not know when the dialogue can start but we are ready for dialogue,” said Chamisa.

“There is need to move forward but we need genuine reforms going towards 2023,” he said.

Others said the dialogue with Chamisa but we are ready for informed us that Mnangagwa did not want to know when the dialogue can start as he is waiting for communication from Mbeki’s office, Patrick Imam said the global lender has blocked the country from accessing international financial institutions which has blocked the country from accessing hard currency.

The IMF resident representative to Zimbabwe, Kristalina Georgieva announced a lending package of $50bn to support Zimbabwe in its efforts to recover from the effects of the coronavirus.

Health officials wait to screen travellers arriving at Ghana’s international airport for coronavirus.

Zimbabwe’s inflation is further expected to spiral upwards after local banks inoculated transactions by as much as 100% as pressure mounts on the financial intermediaries to pay US-dollar denominated payments to services supplied by their offshore suppliers.

The shock abandonment of the multi-currency regime by the government has seen many companies facing bottlenecks in accessing hard currency on the formal banking system. Banks are also required to pay foreign currency to suppliers of offshore banks in private platforms.

Throughout this has seen the domestic currency losing ground against major currencies.

President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa was given the green light by South African National Congress (ANC) to talk to his Zimbabwean counterpart, Emmerson Mnangagwa about the R500,000 donation for his campaign fund.

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Zimbabwe's energy regulator has announced stringent regulations for the petroleum sector that could derail planned fuel sales and add to concerns that this could result in the emergence of an agrarian, Russian-style fuel black market.

The southern African country has been experiencing fuel supply shortages due to sagging exports and imports and the coronavirus pandemic has added to the back of erratic fuel supplies.

Zimbabwe's energy regulator, the Petroleum Products and Pricing Authority (PPPRA), which regulates the billion-dollar petrol industry, said fuel players should have at least 35 service stations to secure their licenses in a market where six players control over 80% of the market dominated by a small number of players.

The regulations, which have not seen public pronouncement, are aimed at curbing fuel shortages in the country. Six out of the 250 players in the industry, according to PPPRA, are holding 80% of the market.

"In a notice to the petroleum sector players, PPPRA time and again has reiterated the consumer protection regulations," said a PPPRA official.

"It is pronounced that a license will be granted only those players who have a value of $500,000 before licensing, a situation which has generated anxious多数 among players who have been requesting their names among those to be licensed," said the official.

"Zimbabwe's fuel industry is dominated by a handful of players who have repeatedly managed to secure their licenses," he added.

"The other cluster is however controlled by independent players who have repeatedly been having difficulty in getting their licences," he said.

"PPPRA said financial service providers who successfully applied to finance the industry were not allowed to open licences for players," he said.

"It is quite shocking that ZERA has come up with such a regulation. This regulation is creating a lot of confusion and shock among players. How many players possess 25 service stations?"

"This means new entries into the market will be on a roll in the market with the merchantability number of 25 stations," he continued.

"The obvious question is that the regulation is nullifying the demand for our scheme," he added.

"It is a good decision to have the fuel customers pay only $5.25 per liter of fuel."