DR. OLIVER MUNYARADZI - DETAINED IN ZIMBABWE

Dr. Oliver Munyaradzi is the only Zimbabwean African surgeon. He was seized by police of the Rhodesian special branch on 23 August 1976 at Harare Hospital in Salisbury as he was scrubbing up in preparation to perform an operation.

Dr. Munyaradzi is being detained at Buffalo Range prison camp near the town of Chiredzi 225 miles southeast of Salisbury near the border with Mozambique.

Ms. Munyaradzi, a nurse at Harare Hospital, saw her husband for the first time in six weeks when she flew to Chiredzi in late September. Prison officials allowed man and wife to talk through a wire mesh curtain for 30 minutes.

Dr. Munyaradzi is being held in solitary confinement. Ms. Munyaradzi has retained an attorney and it is expected that Dr. Munyaradzi will be tried before a tribunal sometime in November.

He has not yet been charged with any crime. There is mention of section 19 of the Ian Smith's Rhodesian regime's Law and Order (Maintenance) Act, an all-encompassing piece of legislation. Section 19 pertains to 'printing, publication, dissemination, or possession' of 'everything...containing any visible representation, or by its form, shape or in any manner capable of suggesting words or ideas' considered by the Minister of Law and Order 'likely to be contrary to the interests of public safety or security'.

A person found guilty is liable to a fine of up to $400 Rhodesian, or two years imprisonment.

After Dr. Munyaradzi was arrested, the Ministry of Health came to his residence and took out the telephone, the costs of which were shared by the Munyaradzis and the Ministry. Ms. Munyaradzi protested, and offered to pay the full charge. But the Ministry was adamant.

Dr. Munyaradzi earned his MD at the University of Natal in Durban, in South Africa. He is a graduate of Nuffield College, London. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. According to British usage, he is listed as: Mr. Oliver Munyaradzi, FRCS. He is 43 years old.

Sister and Doctor Munyaradzi have three boys, ages 10, 14 and 16.

WHAT YOU CAN DO (see over)
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- Send a letter of love and concern to:
  - Ms. Muriel Munyaradzi
    6160 Chitepo Road
    P. O. Highfield
    Salisbury,
    Rhodesia

  - Send a copy, or write a similar letter to Dr. Munyaradzi's sister, who is married to an Anglican deacon studying at General Theological Seminary in New York:
    - Ms. Esther Mzimela
      175 Ninth Avenue
      New York, NY 10011

- Ask your elected representatives to demand that the United States government - now involved with 'delicate negotiations' with the illegal Ian Smith regime - confront that regime on Dr. Munyaradzi's detention and that of hundreds of other Zimbabweans.
  - Senators
    - Washington, DC 20510
      PHONE: (202) 224-3121
  - Representatives
    - Washington, DC 20515
      PHONE: (202) 224-3121

BETTER YET, CATCH THEM ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, AT THEIR HOME DISTRICT OFFICES.

- Bring this issue to your church, union, community group

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