



## June 27, Lest We Forget!!



It has been 6 years since the infamous June 27 elections of 2008 which saw violence, intimidation and harassment being unleashed on hundreds of opposition and human rights defenders in the country. While life may go on as usual for a number of politicians, other people's lives have never been the same, many children lost their parents and breadwinners. It is sad that 6 years after such heinous acts, the Government of the day has never made attempts to compensate these survivors of political violence nor ensure that their livelihoods are restored.

This commemoration also comes as the world celebrates the International Day in Support of victims of torture. It is painful to note that the victims who lost their lives in the chaotic election violence were subjected to torture and inhuman treatment. It is disappointing to realize that The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) which is mandated by the Constitution to look into all these issues has not yet been constituted amid worries that the time that this commission is supposed to be operational is quickly running out.

Heal Zimbabwe as an organization that seeks to promote peaceful coexistences in local communities appeals to the Government for the full operationalisation of the NPRC in order for it to deal with past cases of impunity in the country and campaign for a Never Again stance on political violence.



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