

# Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights

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Dear Defender Alert Network  
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**RE: Threat to Arnold Tsunga's Life**


Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) would like to thank you for your appeal concerning the harassment and detention of Arnold Tsunga and his family members.

ZLHR wishes to specifically extend utmost gratitude to you Defender Alert Network for taking time off your busy schedule to write to the Zimbabwe authorities concerning the situation in Zimbabwe. International support and solidarity occupies critical space in the Zimbabwe political crisis where human rights defenders are under constant and systematic attack from state functionaries and it is from this understanding that the ZLHR Board and staff together with Mr Arnold Tsunga and his family appreciate and note your contribution towards the struggle for the respect and promotion of human rights in Zimbabwe.

Your appeals have been received by the government of Zimbabwe and we are yet to evaluate the government's reaction to the appeals.

The government has also continued to harass human rights defenders. Trustees of an Independent Radio Station, Voice of the People (VOP) including Arnold Tsunga are being arraigned before the courts of law to answer trumped up charges of violating the laws of Zimbabwe. At the moment Arnold Tsunga is out on bail and his lawyers are currently making spirited efforts to apply for refusal of remand as there is no case to answer.

Sincerely,



**Jacob Mafume**

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