

ADMINISTRATORS' INTERFACE E-01

GUEST: GODFATHER (ZANU-PF PATRIOTS ADMINISTRATOR)

CDE ADMIN ELIAS (ZANU-PF PATRIOTS ADMINISTRATOR)

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Adv Kuda: STANDBY FOR THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF ADMINS INTERFACE

A few ground rules before we commence

The show will have two segments the first segment being a closed segment where five group members will quiz our esteemed admins on the character and nature of our group. This first segment will be a closed session and only the five people will be allowed to pose questions.

The second segment will be a free for all segment where all members are free to ask any questions they wish.

Without further delay allow me to ask the following Cdes to step forward.......



In no particular order

Cde Xavier Cde Mandaza Cde Cde Doreen Cde Vardo Taps Cde Munashe

May you please step forward?

CiC and 2iC

Do y<mark>ou</mark> read me?

Admin Elias: loud and clear

the godFather: Good evening Information Commissionaire and all body

Cde Doreen: Good evening Cde Advocate weku Masvingo, I'm Cde Cde Doreen

wekwaMpesi anobva ku Masvingo!

Adv Kuda: Cde Joyce

You may join the Cdes probing our Admins

Cdes

Kindly note that Cde Joyce has replaced cde Vardo for tonight's show

I will draw first blood kkkk

Cde Admin Elias

What is the significance of the patriots group? Is it adding value to the

revolutionary party or kuvaraigwa hedu?

You may interface with the admins as you wish

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Admin Elias: Currently the Patriots group may not be as significant as we would

wish it to be but this is a vision we are working on.



As for adding value, I would definitely say yes. The revolutionary party needs all hands on deck in various areas including social media. This is where we come in.

This group is also a networking platform for cadres all around the world

Cde Munashe Mtutsa:

Cde Admins

The Bible says in Habakkuk 2:1 that we should write down a vision and make it plain upon the tables...

What is the vision of Patriots group?

the godFather:

Cde Munashe

The Zanu Pf Patriots group was formed on the 16th March 2014 and amongst its various goals, vision and mission were, but not limited to,

¶ To fight for cyber space for Zanu Pf as a mobilisation tool and tell the true Zimbabwean story esp at a time when the opposition functionaries had dominated social networks distorting facts about Zanu Pf and Zimbabwe

¶ To push for gender and youth rights and empowerment within the ideologically correct spectrum and patriotic environment

¶ To push for gender and youth in forefront leadership

¶ To provide an online community for sharing of ideas and content using social networking sites and written material that are educational, informative and promote Zanu Pf ideologies and policies

Cde Doreen:

Admin Farai

Our Platform is meant to be the leader in converting Social Media platforms into formidable information dissemination hubs. How are you intending to share the skill and tact here present with other groupings of similar nature (WhatsApp)

Admin Eli

Youth Empowerment and Gender Balancing are Core values of Zanu PF Patriots Agenda. Have we in your view done anything tangible in achieving these goals, if so what do we attribute the success to and if not what have been the stumbling blocks.



Cde Mandaza:

The group has a membership of 197. Despite this, the group has shown great knowledge and passion in galvanizing support for ZANU PF. What do the admins envisage doing to ensure that the Patriots play a significant role in mobilising support for the 2018 elections?

As a follow-up to this question, do the admins have any plans of facilitating the opening of provincial chat groups administered by those in the main group? Such a move may see the broadening of the sphere of influence and ideas from various provinces.

Cde Joyce:

Admins

As patriots you had set targets to achieve for our group.

What are they?

Have we achieved and any challenge to date??

Adv Kuda:

Questions noted and logged in. Let's allow the Admins to answer us

before we probe them further

Cde Mandaza:

Opposition functionaries have continues to reign havoc in the social media space distorting facts and events about ZANU PF and the country. Recent events speak to their continued dominance. What measures are you putting in place to ensure a wider coverage and sustained countering of their agenda both in the country and the diaspora.

Admin Elias:

Youth empowerment and gender remain at the core of our vision. Achieving our vision is not an event but a journey we are travelling side by side with our revolutionary party.

On this platform youth empowerment is a given considering that the majority of our members are youths. I am a member of the youth league and an Admin here

Its unfortunate the empowerment currently is only through equipping each other with information and other information based resources.

As for tangible empowerment in the economic sense, as a group, we are working on it. We have already registered a Trust. Through this vehicle we will strive to realise our vision of youth empowerment.



As for women empowerment. I believe we are on track too. Of the 7 trustees constituting our founding board of trustees, we handpicked 3 women in accordance with our vision.

The main challenge sometimes is posed by women themselves. Very few want to take up various challenges as they are brought to the group. So as much as we would wish to have real gender balance, at the end of the day we have little to work with

Cde Doreen:

Admin Eli

We have had and heard many great party as well as nation changing ideas and contributions on this platform. Is there a chain of communication we can rely on to ensure that some if not all these ideas ultimately reach the intended offices responsible for ensuring these progressive ideas are implemented, lest we become the most enlightened yet ineffective platform. ...

Admin Elias:

the Admins actually have plans for something I consider to be even

better.

Our current thrust is to have provincial structures. Currently we are working on affiliating to the party. When that goes through we will have physical structures in provinces. Naturally they will have their

own provincial chat groups

Cde Mandaza: Admin

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Cde Joyce: Admins

Zimbabwe is embroiled in a catastrophic socio-economic situation, this is worsened by a leadership *complex* that is affecting both the state administration and politicians!

There is confusion as to what & which comes first in our priority list.

Where do we draw a balance as youths to ease a national crises?



Are we being heard since we have members of the parliament on board??

the godFather:

First and foremost it will be a futile exercise if we use our members without equipping them about party dictates to mobilize for a Zanu PF win.

In this regard we have come up with a program *PARTY AGENDA* which will be anchored by Cde Bans and a number of other Cdes within the Party's Commissariat Department. This program will sharpen us all in terms of the party. Once we are empowered with that knowledge it becomes easy for each and every one of us to go and be a fisher of men bringing many a people into the Zanu Pf family .Each person will be knowing exactly what is expected of them at various party levels and discharging our duties becomes a calling

Cde Doreen: Admin Elias

Is this to say women are shying away from the seemingly demanding tasks if so what encouragement are they getting to come out of these

shells?

Cde Joyce: Good move how are you attracting other Cdes who joined opposition

force to come back home. Are we embracing pple to see the good of

our party???

Cde Mandaza: Admin Godfather

The provision of an online community for sharing ideas, content and written material for educational and informative purposes is critical for the promotion of ZANU PF ideologies and policies on a sustained basis. Going into 2018 we may see the resurfacing of propaganda community radio, tv and online radio stations like what happened during the run-up to 2013.

Does ZANU PF Patriots envisage the possibility of opening either an online radio station, community tv station etc. to ensure that we appeal to the virgin or diaspora electorate who have both direct and indirect influence on the voting patterns



Admin Elias:

cde Joyce

Our targets are numerous as outlined in the summary of our vision explained by the Chief Admin.

some of our targets are political, while others are social and business related. Like I said this is a journey. We set targets, achieve them and set new ones. To date we have registered a Trust. Now our thrust is on affiliation to the party. Thereafter can everything else fall in place.

Earlier on in the year, the Admins issued our State of Patriots Address (SOPA) Therein we outlined all our targets for the year and beyond. Soft copy of the SOPA is available upon request

the godFather:

Getting into our 2nd year we had already started on plans to set up an online publication and a technical committee was set up to look into the possibility of that. We also had a vision of having a program on national television and on our 3rd Anniversary also called Patriots Day we wanted to do a trial program where we do it in-situ. However we faced a number of challenges which prompted Admins to shelve the ideas and go back to the drawing board.

We came to the realisation that our approach needed fine tuning hence we started with registration of a Trust. Affiliation to the party becomes the next port of call then all the ideas will be revamped. So in short yes we have a vision of having publications and a community radio for this grouping

Information Supremo Banny:

I am Simpleton Banny taking over as Anchor.

Admin Elias:

Apart from this WhatsApp group we have a Facebook page (zanu pf patriots) and a twitter handle (@zanupf_patriots) which are doing fairly well.

We intend to invest in an online publication, a website et al. Rather a total cyber package.

This we hope will go a long way in meeting the opposition on the cyber battlefield

Our current challenge is without affiliation, we are not a recognised official party mouthpiece.

Secondly our party has not yet embraced social media hence we are also treading softly. Not yet full throttle



Information Supremo Banny: Participants please be reminded that you shall be asking about the

nature and character of our group

Cde Munashe Mtutsa: Cde CiC you posit that you want to use this group as a Mobilisation

Tool...

Seeing the membership here, can we say we have succeeded in evangelising for the party or we are preaching to deacons and bishops?

Information Supremo Banny:

our participants

I am allowing the last round of questions from

Cde Doreen: Dear Admins

Can our great Admins assist in securing empowerment tools for youths here present via networks and human resources at their disposal. (Mwana wehuku anodya ndoaripedo painoteta). We carried out a successful campaign for our young Cde Defin, it is in this light that I seek to direct the admins to more ventures and definite success stories from this platform in the form of projects and resource mobilisation. ...

Cde Mandaza: The knowledge base in this group and progress made to date can help

convince the Information Department of the party to embrace social media influence particularly as it appeals to the young voter. I therefore suggest that ZANU PF Patriots set up a research and development department to undertake research which feeds in influencing processes

and programs of the party.

Cde Munashe Mtutsa: My Question to Cde Admin Elias

Is there a deliberate schooling program by the Patriots Admin Team to raise "admins" and program anchors as well amongst the group

members.

Secondly for one to be seconded for these programs and schedules

what do the Admins consider?

Cde Doreen: Dear Admins

Can we expect a *Lady Cde* to grace and be part of the *Admins panel* anytime soon or are we not yet ready for that form of *Balancing of

Genders*



Information Supremo Banny: Cdes Munashe and Cde Doreen thank you for your questions.

Last questions from Cde Mapesa Mandaza and Cde Joyce

Cde Mandaza: Dear Admins

Discussions on the platforms show the diversity of our thinking as members and at times they have factional undertones. As admins going forward and forging commonality on objectives, how do you intend ensuring that the platform is anti-factional?

Information Supremo Banny: Thank you Cde Mapesa.

Admin Elias: That's a noble idea.

What we have to also appreciate is that Admins are just like choir directors here. The actual singing must be done by the choir as a whole.

Therefore we implore patriots to be proactive in matters of empowerment then together as a family we complement each other.

Cde Defin came to the group. And the group responded and she won a national event in her field.

So we invite ideas

Information Supremo Banny: Cde Joyce we are waiting for your last question as Admins mop up all

the questions asked above

Cde Joyce: As with the Zanu pf youths field we have no unity. Can it be the best to

remove from group without plan B (educating the youths)

What would be the most effective manner or method of addressing this

challenge???

The President always preach of unity. As a group are we uniting all

youths.????

Cde Doreen: Dearest Admins

Constitution yekuti muite 2 not 3 in line with party organ makaiwana

kupi?

Information Supremo Banny: Thank you Cdes for your inquisition.



Now I give the Admins 10 minutes to clear or the questions before I open for questions from the floor.

Admin Elias:

Good and difficult question cde Mapesa.

Patriots the group is a reflection of the main party itself. When the party falls sick, the group will definitely also fall sick. Here as Admins we can only deal with symptoms but we cannot cure the disease called factionalism here until the main party heals.

Having said that we strive to keep the group clean and factual the best way we can by remaining impartial as Admins. We also strive to be fair yet firm, ruthless yet accommodative. It's a difficult job considering our current state of the party

the godFather:

As Admins we advocate for unity and as a first gesture towards unifying people we urge members to be civil in their engagement and to always use the prefix Cde. Too much of something eventually makes sense and when Cdes constantly respect each other on Patriots and always use the prefix we believe they will come to a realization that we are a people together.

Removing Cdes when they violate group rules is done as a reformatory gesture. We do not just send away but we do so with a belief that each one who is removed from the group will do a self-introspection and correct their misdemeanors

Admin Elias:

I am not sure I correctly got the question. But will attempt it anyway.

Whenever we remove someone from the group it's usually for a violation of group rules. This is a reformatory period we give to an offending member and is usually followed by an engagement in their inbox tichionesana. So I wouldn't say we don't have plan B.

True the President always preaches of unity and can we say the party is united? I would say yes barring our squabbles over positions and trying to position oneself for a post-Mugabe era etc.

Back to the group, I believe there is unity here. This is a family. And families are being made here but ofcoz like I said the current state of the party will always influence the state of the group



Information Supremo Banny:

As the Admins finish up I just want to say, All Patriots lets take note of this discussion and points and questions raised so that when our chance to face the Admins come we will not repeat the same questions.

the godFather:

As for raising Admins well I can say no we had not come up with a "schooling program" per se.

On program anchors, I can say the coming in of Cde Bans as Information Supremo has seen grooming of Cdes whom he has selected to be PR Anchors

Generally as Admins we follow each and every contribution that is done on the group by every member and from the discussions we have we can see the strength area of every Patriot. When we do a program we then use a Cde who shows strength in the program theme as an anchor. Then there are circumstances where we invite technocrats like when we have ADVOCATES LOCKDOWN. In cases like this we take a person who is thorough in questioning so that every detail of the topic is explained in layman's language

Admin Elias:

we hope so. This platform is very ready for a lady Admin. We pray for a day a lady will distinguish themselves and come through the ranks and exhibit leadership qualities. The phrase balancing gender' suggest an act of putting a woman just for balancing numbers probably without considering merit. This in my view may be wrong.

Admin work on patriots is a collective that starts from the member who brings us news everyday right up to the CiC and other behind the scenes elders. We have tried to handhold a number of ladies on this platform and made them part of the administration as our own way of grooming them, unfortunately they have fizzled out. But it's my ultimate belief, soon and very soon, one will rise up and defy the odds Yes we have a deliberate schooling program. But it's more of an on the job guidance model.

Usually we look at 2 main things.

- 1. Availability (through participation)
- 2. Consistency(we usually start by giving u a program or prime time session in your area of choice. Then gauge your consistency)



Of course sometimes we just announce a vacancy whenever available. As we have done with posts of info Supremo. And volunteers come forth. We find voluntarism as an important attribute of leadership

Admin Elias:

As a group we don't have a constitution yet. This will be put in place by the members themselves when we are done with making our group a recognised legal entity.

What we bear are wounds of pioneers. Vanozotevera will panel beat this thing to desired excellency

Information Supremo Banny:

Right now I will open the floor for a few minutes. 1 question per person.

All Questions must be follow ups to today's question.

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the godFather:

It's always good to have a structure that mirrors the party we represent itself. That way we find it easy to move from Patriots to ZANU Pf and the reverse.

However having 2-Admins was a deliberate ploy to ensure the Administration policy is shared easily and the group trajectory is easily maneuvered well by the Captains at the helm. However it's not cast in stone it can change anytime depending on necessity

Dan Derera:

#Thank you CIC Dearest Admin

The platform produces reliable data regarding our economy and

political issues in our beloved country.

Could you please elaborate further how points raised in this platform

reaches relevant departments.

Cde Chrystiline:

Dear Admins

I believe we as team Patriots can empower each other through different

synergies that we can create

Is there a way you can identify and harness such synergies amongst the

Patriots?



Information Supremo Banny:

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Team Administration for the inaugural Edition of Admins Interface.

Let me also thank IC Adv Muzenda and the Participants for the good questions.

Until we meet next time goodbye

PATRIOTS

