

IMPROMPTU PRIME TIME

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THEME: *WHITHER ZANU-PF? – THE 3-PATHS TRAJECTORY ANALYSIS*

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Cde Jaws: I once postulated that ZANU PF is confronted by 3 paths but over time the other 2 have converged and now kwasara only 2 options represented by 3 individuals.

Path 1: where the Party and Government MUST go

Path 2: where the President wants the Party and Government to go

Path 3: where imperialists want the Party and Government to go

But, through deft political engineering, Path 2 and 3 have converged but 3 individuals still represent the 2 paths. Dr. Grace, Sekuru Sidney naED

BUT to indulge the Administrator, I will give my understanding of the politics being fronted by the 3 and how they will bear on the shape and form of the revolutionary movement

the godFather:

Go ahead Komrade

Cde Jaws: My reasoning was that the young ZANLA military commanders that presided over the resumption of the struggle and went on to write the Mgagao Declaration were radical leftists and took socialist doctrine more seriously than the jailed Nationalists.

The commanders took political ideology as the basis of the revolution while the Nationalists were more preoccupied with the enfranchisement of the black masses across Africa. They were more informed by the narrow dictates of Pan African Nationalism whilst the

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military commanders wanted ZANLA to be driven by a radical political philosophy

Path 1 represents the trajectory the Party was designed to follow had it observed the dictates of its ideological principles. This Path was the result of the projections upon which the Mgagao Declaration was based.

ZANLA/ZIPA commanders reasoned that a developmental state in which political power was used as a tool for the socioeconomic transformation and democratization of Zimbabwe was the immediate ideal which had to be fought for.

The war was not driven by a desire for wealth, land or voting rights but the need to dismantle the oppressive colonial system and replace it with one in which all races were in equilibrium. From there, the Government would decide on the social system to pursue and the national aspiration would inform it.

This path, I believe is associated with Comrade Mnangagwa.

A lot of reform is needed if we are to recalibrate our revolution so that it returns to the path consistent with original projection and we need a strong man for that. Based on my reasoning, Mnangagwa has the calibre

Path 2 is built around the person of the President and his thinking. This path would have been ideal 30 or 40 years ago when the man was at his prime and still had the physical energy for the bullfighting that comes with leading a revolution.

But now the reality is that, we cannot sustainably build the future of a people's revolution around a 94 year old man. Whilst the man has renowned mental capacity, it takes more than just a sound mind to lead the revolution. We must empathize with him.

The President wants to remain at the helm for life and leave it to the Party to choose a successor after his death. But for organizational continuity, a leader must preside over his succession lest the organization fall into chaos as competing factions tear each other

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apart. It follows therefore that vaMugabe must at least ensure the existence of a succession mechanism.

This Path perpetuates a strong man syndrome, weakens ZANU PF as an institution and cripples our capacity to transform from a revolutionary movement to a governing political party.

That is not ideal as it leaves our Party open to fracture. The President had intended to leave Sekuru Sidney since he considers him a better alternative to all other aspirants especially the Karanga bloc. This choice was informed by ethnic considerations than political capabilities

Another caveat against Path 2 is that a leader is also measured by his propensity for reproduction and regeneration. A leader must be able to build other leaders who must capably take over the baton when the time comes and take the organization to another level. Failure to do so would mean leadership failure on the part of an incumbent. So when VaMugabe says he sees no capable and suitable successor after 40 years at the helm, I think that's an indictment of his leadership...

Path 3 is about the machinations of imperialist forces since the detente period before independence.

The radical ZIPRA/ZANLA/ZIPA military Commanders based their ideological direction on Chairman Mao's, Lenin's and Marx's teachings and this alarmed the West greatly. They regarded an outright military victory in Rhodesia by the revolutionary forces as an advancement of Communism in Southern Africa since most of southern African countries were under leftist movements

That was when it a strategy was hatched to keep the radicals away from the negotiating table and negotiate political settlement with the moderate Nationalists

America and the Imperialist forces work with long term horizons and they assisted the Nationalists to subjugate the radicals yet knowing kuti kumberi uko vachavanyudza

After the demise of the radicals, VaMugabe and the Nationalists took leadership of Zimbabwe but the President was directed to turn his back on the Eastern Bloc as a precondition of support from the West. Ndopakarashwa zvana leadership code and most of the socialist tendencies. But this was also as per design by the West

Now the West has decided to exploit ambitiousness yevadiki vakaita sanaTyson and thrown in sociopolitical engineers like the Professor who were then assisted to create G40

G40 represents a generation was under 45 and which did not identify with the struggle against colonialism or the bitterness that came from oppression. This generation is pliant to westernization and easily falls for mantras like globalization and borderless trade.

So Path 3 is about a generation that has no struggle baggage and has the First Lady as its front man. This has led to the convergence of Path 2 and 3 because the First Lady has been misled into manipulating the President into building the succession around her and the family interests

the godFather:

Cde Jaws

On your Path 1 you said it's identifiable with Hon Comrade Vice President Emmerson yet you also posit that the roots of Path 1 are deep and well established in the détente period during Mgagao Declaration. However Comrade Vice President during this period was leaned towards nationalists more than the radical young commanders. How then does Path 1 gets identifiable with Comrade Vice President Emmerson?

Cde Jaws:

Comrade Kasukuwere had a hand in ensuring that Alfonso Dhlakama did not resume the war in Mozambique against FRELIMO. That's when he got into contact with the forces that had created RENAMO and was given the resources to set up ComOil. The same interests that created the rebel movement in Mozambique and Angola hoped to do so using the MDC but decided to fragment ZANU-PF from within. The First Lady was bought over as an insurance against our aging President but she is just a pawn in the project to destroy ZANU PF. That's all I will say about Path 3 for now

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But Mukoma Kasukuwere only came into contact with a chauffeur who was for an ASDIN agent named Alfonso Dhlakama. I hope we all know he was never an operative or intelligence officer

We have to accept that whilst the winds and elements of attrition against our revolution have blown us off course, there are still some amongst our ranks with the potential to recalibrate our revolution so that it returns to the path consistent with original projection.

Amongst those in the echelon, I view Comrade Mnangagwa as a man whose understanding and interpretation of the current aspiration is consistent with that of the Commanders who wrote the declaration.

His acknowledgement that we are years behind in terms of development and that our excesses have ruined our revolution are proof. Remember he made those statements when he was asked what ideal future he would work to ensure Zimbabwe got. This was reformist but within the context of recalibrating the revolution.

The admissions angered the President but did not break the trust or confidence the Master had in his protégé. VaMugabe knows ED is capable and I'm sure if roles were reversed, ED would hand over to VaMugabe

the godFather:

So in this bracket you reckon Comrade Vice President is alone?

Cde Jaws:

No but revolutionary principle also obliges us to observe seniority and pecking order when it comes to leadership and succession.

This principle removes most from eligibility and leaves us with a few of which none of the eligible contenders understand statecraft and the mechanics of our revolution the way VP Mnangagwa does.

Remember how Mash East almost threw out Sekuru Sidney in 2014? Charity begins at home and the fact that Sekuru Sidney has failed to provide leadership and hold things together is a lot to speak about his calibre.



Whilst the ordinary man in the Midlands hates VP Mnangagwa, look at how he has remained Godfather and kept things together ikoko. Right now vanomotya ikoko kudarika zvavanoita Gushungo. That says something

the godFather:

One would still suggest that in the best interest of a democratic party and institution we then should allow the Swedish trained medical Doctor Comrade Defence Minister to contest the top job with Comrade Vice President thereby allowing the people to choose whom they think should be the First Secretary. I am basing on your analysis which brought the two names. Can you may show cause why the two shouldn't be subjected to an internal election?

Cde Jaws:

When we moved for the centralization of power in September 2014, it was after the shambolic election for the National Executive of the ZANU PF Youth League pakapinda ana Muzukuru Chipanga et al. Most that were there remember how the elective process was manipulated pachishandiswa mari to influence the result. That gifted us with the worst executive ever since the creation of the League.

What if money gets used to influence the electoral contest between Sekuru Sidney naVP Mnangagwa and gives us a person beholden to those that funded their election? Can we live with that?

There's no democracy in a revolution and the successor must be nominated or anointed based on capability, merit and history. Look at how Castro did it and look at how the Chinese do it

the godFather:

Cde Jaws

Let's retire for now and continue analyzing the 3-paths tomorrow any time you are ready.

On tonight's parting shot: Who then should anoint the successor? How foolproof is the anointing process?

Cde Jaws:

VaMugabe vanoziwa akakodzera. In his heart of hearts, vanaye kare and barring undue manipulation he will make the right choice. But kana vakatinyima atinoona seakakodzera, we will make the correction. We have been students of countless revolutions and are well heeled

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the godFather:

to prevent our Revolution from going to the dogs. That will be our defining Chimurenga

*Thank you very much Cde Jaws for the *3-Paths of a Revolution*.*

On that note where Cde Jaws ends by threatening a Fifth Chimurenga we come to the end of this impromptu Analysis

Tomorrow we continue with the other 2-Paths with Cde Jaws.

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