

ZCTU President arrested

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ZCTU President, Lovemore Matombo was arrested on Sunday night for failing to inform the police of a meeting. Lovemore and four members of the ZCTU were arrested whilst addressing members of the ZCTU Victoria Falls district. The meeting with unionists in the resort town, was part of a countrywide tour of union structures.

Lovemore and his colleagues have been charged with contravening POSA (the Public Order and Security Act), which requires Zimbabweans to notify the police before holding political meetings and demonstrations. However, trade unions and some other groups are not required to notify the police.

The Zimbabwean police have in the past, been accused of using POSA to bar various meetings of any group who are perceived as unsympathetic to Mugabe and his ZANU-PF party. It was speculated that Lovemore and his colleagues may appear in court on the 11th November.