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shortages, showing that even the famously passive Shona people have their limits.

The terror and oppression of the intervening years have cowed people, but it's anyone's guess whether their fear or their anger will win out in the end.

WHAT WILL THE END LOOK LIKE?

This is the big, unanswerable question. One thing at least is certain, Mugabe will not wake up one morning a changed man, resolved to set right all he has wrought. He will not go quietly nor without a fight. He

will cling to power at all costs and the costs be damned, he deserves to rule by virtue of the liberation struggle and land reform and the people of Zimbabwe have let him down by failing to appreciate this, thus he needn't worry about their well-being.

The only scenario in which he might agree to go with a modicum of good grace is one in which he concludes that the only way to end his days a free man is by leaving State House. I judge that he is still a long way from this conclusion and will fight on for now. The optimal outcome, of course, and the only one that doesn't bring with it a huge risk of violence and



MDC's Morgan Tsvangirai, a puppet in the hands of the US.

conflict, is a genuinely free and fair election, under international supervision.

The Mbeki mediation offers the best, albeit very slim, hope of getting there. However, as Pretoria grows more and more worried about the chaos to its north and President Mbeki's pa-

tience with Mugabe's antics wears thin, the prospects for serious South African engagement may be growing.

Thus, this effort deserves all the support and backing we can muster. Less attractive is the idea of a South African-brokered transitional arrangement or government of national unity. Mbeki has always favoured stability and in his mind this means a ZANU-PF-led GNU, with perhaps a few MDC additions. This solution is more likely to prolong than resolve the crisis and we must guard against letting Pretoria dictate an outcome which

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Ghana names oil as Jubilee ahead of commercial production

ACCRA, — Just a week before the start of commercial production of oil off its southwest coast, Ghana and its partners have named the long-expected oil as Jubilee, the name of the oil and gas field.

Public Affairs Director of the Ministry for Energy Edward Bawa confirmed to Xinhua that the name would be announced on Wednesday next week when the Jubilee Oil Field is scheduled to begin commercial production.

Ghana and its oil partners have been busy preparing the ground for the pumping of the first barrel of light-sweet crude from the Jubilee Oil Field, 60 nautical miles offshore the West Cape-Three Points in Ghana.

The oil and gas field was found by the American Kosmos Energy in 2007 under the Gulf of Guinea, boarding Cote D'Ivoire.

The announcement of the oil name came at the time when the world crude oil prices went up to 90.54 U.S. dollars on Wednesday.

"In arriving at that name we took many things into consideration ranging from market ability, sentiments expressed by people and cer-

tain important events that took place in Ghana in recent times," Bawa said in a telephone interview with Xinhua.

There was consensus among all the Jubilee partners, including Tullow, Cosmos, Anadarko, Sabre and the E.O. Group, to have the oil christened "Jubilee" and so it was acceptable to all.

Industry sources here said the naming of the Ghanaian oil would make it easy for the marketing of the oil on the world market.

Communications Director for Tullow Ghana Gerhardt Edem Mensah confirmed to Xinhua on Wednesday that Vitol, one of the world's top three crude oil traders along with Blencore and Trafigura, would market Tullow's share of the Jubilee oil as soon as production started.

Vitol signed a contract on Monday with Tullow Oil, which has a 35 percent of stake in the Jubilee Oil Field, for the marketing of Ghanaian oil, the production of which was set at 120,000 barrels per day by April next year.

Jubilee will be the first oil for the West African country. (Xinhua)

DPRK media accuses Japan of involvement in Korean War

PYONGYANG, — A leading newspaper of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Wednesday accused Japan of involvement in the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Rodong Sinmun said in a commentary that Japan's involvement in the Korean War by providing strategic maps of Korea for U.S. forces "amounts to a very grave war crime and an unpardonable crime against humanity."

"If it were not for these maps, Korea would not have remained divided for more than half a century," said the commentary.

During the war, Japan offered the United States its territory as logistic, supply and sortie bases and also dispatched military personnel to the Korean front to help, it said.

Japan is increasingly depending on the U.S. in military, said the commentary, adding that if a second Korean War broke out, Japan would join the war again.

The commentary warned that if Japan took part in a second Korean War, the DPRK would certainly force it to pay not only for crimes it committed in the past but also for those during the Korean War and the second Korean War.

A joint military exercise between the United States and Japan is taking place from Dec. 3-10, with the participation of some 44,500 personnel. (Xinhua)



PUBLIC INVITATION

SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY OF MEMBERS OF THE 4TH NATIONAL COUNCIL

Following the conclusion of the Regional and Local Authority Councils elections on 26 and 27 November 2010, the 26 Members-elect of the Fourth National Council (2010-2014) will be sworn in on Thursday 9 December 2010 at 09:30 as indicated on the programme below. The media as well as interested members of the public are kindly invited to witness the swearing-in-ceremony which will take place in the Chamber of the National Council.

PROGRAMME OF THE SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY FOR MEMBERS OF THE 4TH NATIONAL COUNCIL

09 DECEMBER 2010

Musical performance by the Military Band

- 08:15 Arrival of the Public
- 08:25 Arrival of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
- 08:30 Arrival of MPs and other VIPs
- 08:45 Arrival of The Honourable Chief Justice, Mr. Peter Shivute
- 09:15 Procession of Secretary of the National Council enters the Chamber

National/AU Anthems by the Military Band

- 09:25 Welcoming Remarks by the Secretary of the National Council, Ms. P.N. Shimutwikeni
- 09:30 Swearing-in-Ceremony by The Honourable Chief Justice, Mr. Peter Shivute
- 10:30 Election of Chairperson of the National Council
- 10:40 Newly-elected Chairperson takes the Chair of the House
- 10:45 Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the National Council
- 10:50 Remarks by outgoing founding member, Honourable Jhonny Hakaye
- 10:55 Acceptance Speech by the newly elected Chairperson
- 11:10 Vote of Thanks by the Chairperson

AU/National Anthems by the Military Band

- 11:25 Adjournment
- 11:35 Group Photo of NC Members with the President, Chief Justice and the Speaker

*Invited guests proceed to Parliament Gardens for reception
Music performance by the Cultural group in the Parliament Gardens*

