President Robert Mugabe

President Mugabe said it was Zana-PF’s wish to empower people through ownership of the country’s vast resources.

He challenged Zimbabweans to explore areas of economic empowerment.

“Not too long ago, on a Tuesday after our weekly Cabinet meetings, I decided to look through applications for exclusive prospecting permits that had recently been brought for my consideration by the Minister of Mines and Mining Development (Obert Mpofu).

I decided to meet the applicants, if only to understand their mentality and the resources they were committed to their chosen field. There were whites who had just returned from the cold climates of European countries, whites who told me about the differences in geology of Tuli, Lupane, Buli, Chimanimani and other places. I wondered why they wanted to go into coal, that dark, dusty mineral, until they indicated — with hesitation — that for the next 10 years coal is where all the money will be. I asked myself how many of our own people have this knowledge?

“Indeed, how many of our indigenous entrepreneurs are willing to venture into such enterprises?” President Mugabe asked.

He said Zana-PF wantedidineous Zimbabweans to possess such knowledge and to be ready to make a positive difference in the country’s economy.

“It is neither possible nor desirable for Government to keep spoon feeding you on the areas you should direct your economic endeavours,” President Mugabe said.

He challenged Zimbabweans to pronounce without fear or hesitation ownership of their God-given resources in line with the theme of this year’s National People’s Conference — “Total Control of Our Resources and Economic Empowerment.”

President Mugabe said this year’s theme underlined the party’s appreciation of its position regarding the ownership of the country’s resources.

“The resources are ours. Geology, history and the liberation struggle made it a reality that these resources are ours. But are we ready to possess them? May be ours but do you believe in yourself truly as you should be?” he said.

President Mugabe said people in the western man’s supremacy were not truly independent within themselves.

On the inclusive Government, he said it was necessary for Zana-PF to review its participation in the Sadc brokered political arrangement.

“What is galling is the discovery or perhaps confirmation, that the people we thought were our partners in running the country, were most of the time, serving other masters who are not the people of this country. They were organised against the country to call for a united and uncompromising stance against sanctions, we could not get the level of commitment we hoped for;” he said.

President Mugabe, however, noted that the life span of the inclusive Government was fast ending and urged Zanu-PF to seriously prepare for the elections.

“This is where we want to find the party ready for campaigns, ready for elections, so that we can, once more, show that Zana-PF is here to stay,” he said.

President Mugabe said, however, the party should direct its economic endeavours to prove that Zanu-PF is here to stay, that Zanu-PF is here to stay, that Zanu-PF is here to stay.

President Mugabe also urged Zana-PF to be “awake, determined and vigilant” as the enemy was, he has ever, working with imperialists to effect an illegal regime change.

“I am a man of integrity he has never been afraid to break a bone and baffle that the Prime Minister says he is not concerned when every body is concerned,” said Cde Garuro.

By Takunda Maodza

PRESIDENT Mugabe has slammed indigenous farmers leasing land to white former commercial farmers saying such disturbing behaviour was tantamount to reversing the historic land reform programme.

The President made the remarks following recent revelations by The Herald that several farmers in MASHONaland West Province were leasing their farms to white former farmers whose land was acquired to resettle the landless majorly.

Addressing the 83rd Ordinary Session of the Zana PF Central Committee on the eve of the party’s 11th National People’s Conference, that gets underway today in Mutare, Cde Mugabe challenged beneficiaries of the land reform programme to put the land to maximum utilisation.

“Regrettably, this feeling of inadequacy and di-sparity in some of our people threatens even the very programmes that Zana PF put together for their economic empowerment.”

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