THE Russian proverb that he who digs a hole for another may fall in it himself best describes the jeopardy facing Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, who is facing oblivion as a result of his hopeless attempts to dig a hole for President Mugabe by continuing to make false allegations that the appointments of provincial governors are illegal. The Attorney-General, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and provincial governors are outstanding GPA issues which President Mugabe is allegedly not fulfilling, and whereas many well-meaning Zimbabweans and neutral observers have not read the GPA have in effect alleged that the outstanding issues in the GPA, are in the new and renewed version with a new twist to their allegations.

Now, in what is a clear and Machiavellian admission of defeat over the last eight months, the new allegation is that the appointments in question are not in the GPA at all but are in a Sadc communiqué of 27 January 2009 which President Mugabe did not sign but President Tsvangirai did. This is quite staggering. Here we are being told, as if we are children, that a Press statement issued by Sadc on January 27, 2009 has the same legal and political force as the GPA signed by the leaders of Zanu-PF and the MDC.

Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Mutambara, who has developed an impulsive knack to be all things to all people by saying one thing during the day and the opposite at night, has joined the Tsvangirai wagon to now claim that the same issues are mentioned with binding force in a Sadc Press statement of 27 January. For the record, it should be recalled that paragraph 7(vi) of the said Sadc Press statement recognises that the appointees to the office of Provincial Governor for the MDC-T, the foreign backers and media hacks to peddle a lie for months that the appointments of the Attorney-General, the Governor of the Reserve Bank and provincial governors were in the Sadc Press statement of 27 January is the foundation of the coalition government, then they truly need God to help them for they do not know what they are doing.

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