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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE: UPDATE

SUMMARY

1. Continued police operations in the Harare suburbs and elsewhere, with no reduction in humanitarian suffering. Mugabe and his government show no sign of backing down, and he denies reports of thousands homeless.

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3. UK press and parliament maintain heavy pressure. focused mainly on asylum

DETAIL

4. In Zimbabwe, there has been no let-up in the crack-down (Harare e-gram at Flag A), with e.g. reports of a significant police operation in the Hatfield suburb of Harare. Locals allege that legal as well as illegal structures are being cleared, and continue to report that the crack-down has been carried out with brutality and without regard to the human

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