

## **ZESN Harare head offices raided**

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The Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) head offices in Harare have been raided by 7 police details from the Law and Order section. The officers led by detective Assistant Inspector Mudyirwa had a search warrant looking for any subversive material, documents, gadgets or recordings and any illegal immigrants raided the offices around 10 am this morning.

The police broke down a durawall panel and went on to search all offices after which they took documents pertaining to ZESN's projects and plans for observing the referendum. This follows a break-in at ZESN Masvingo office around 2 am this morning where boardroom chairs, one computer and 60 T-shirts were taken by unidentified assailants.

The Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) lawyer has deployed lawyer Mr Harrison Nkomo to monitor the search.

ZESN expresses concern over the intensified crackdown on civil society actors especially as the country prepares for the referendum and elections.

ZESN remains resolute in its work to promote democratic elections in Zimbabwe.

**For comments and further details on this contact the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson on 0773434169 or 0774 044213**