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# WOZA march for Valentines Day - 10 arrested

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## **Description:**

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Riot police stationed outside parliament allowed the demonstrators to leave their placards and flyers at the entrance and disperse peacefully. However it has subsequently emerged that eight WOZA women and 2 lawyers have been arrested.

A WOZA press statement says:-

'Their arrest and arbitrary detention one day before the swearing in of a new unity government in Zimbabwe clearly shows that ZANU PF has no intention of changing its repressive way of operating.'

During today's march WOZA gave out candles and matches as part of their campaign urging Zimbabweans not to just complain but to light the darkness by continuing to be active in demanding social justice.

*WOZASolidarity will be reflecting WOZA's message on Saturday 14th Feb outside Zimbabwe House, 429 the Strand, London. We urge all Zimbabweans and sympathisers to join us and turn up the volume for social justice in Zimbabwe.*