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Victor Matemadanda is a Zimbabwean liberation War veteran and politician. He is the current Deputy Minister for War Veterans. Matemadanda is the Secretary General of the [Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association](#) (ZNLWVA). Matemadanda is a member of [Zanu-PF](#) and he is part of the [Central Committee](#). In December 2017 he was appointed as the Secretary for War Veterans in the Zanu-PF party. He contested in the July 2018 elections and won becoming Member of Parliament for Gokwe Central.

Victor Matemadanda



Born
Nationality
Occupation

Victor Matemadanda
Zimbabwe

- Politician

Political party
Children

[Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front](#)
Terrence Matemadanda

Background

Matemadanda has a son whose name is Terrence.^[1]

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2013 Election

In 2013, Matemadanda contested in the Zanu-PF primary elections for the [Gokwe](#) Central Member of Parliament seat, and he lost.^[2]

2018 Election

He contested in the July 2018 elections and won thereby becoming Member Of Parliament for Gokwe Central.

Involvement in Zanu-PF Factionalism

2014

As Secretary-General of ZNLWVA, Matemadanda was reported to have been vocal against [Joice Mujuru](#) accusations which said she was working to succeed [Robert Mugabe](#).

Matemadanda was reported for having been part of the ZNLWVA *elders* that effected the expulsion of [Jabulani Sibanda](#) as chairperson of the organisation in October 2014 when Sibanda was accused of criminally insulting the then President [Robert Mugabe](#) and former First Lady [Grace Mugabe](#)^[3] after Sibanda referred to the First Lady as having carried out a "Bedroom Coup".^[4]

As the spokesperson of the War veterans, Matemadanda was reported to be involved in the expulsion of [Rugare Gumbo](#) from Zanu-PF. Matemadanda was believed to have recommended the removal of Gumbo from the Zanu-PF secretary for Information and Publicity post . for the saying succession of Robert Mugabe was a critical issue to be discussed at the party's December 2014 Congress.^[5] Matemadanda was to later himself express Sibanda's sentiments about Grace Mugabe two years later in February 2016 after a faction associated with Grace Mugabe attempted to expel him from ZNLWVA with a vote of no confidence.

As the Zanu-PF succession fights between Grace Mugabe's [G40](#) and [Emmerson Mnangagwa](#)'s [Lacoste Faction](#) escalated in 2016, Matemadanda was reported to be part of the Lacoste Faction.

(2015 - 2016)

On 12 February 2016, addressing a Press conference, war veterans led by ZNLWVA secretary for Information and Publicity [Mandi Chimene](#) reportedly indicated that they had resolved to dismiss Victor Matemadanda as Secretary General of the organisation. A vote of no confidence was however passed for Matemadanda, [Christopher Mutsvangwa](#), [Monica Mutsvangwa](#) and [Headman Moyo](#) On 15 February 2016 however, Matemadanda, Mutsvangwa and others members of ZNLWVA (*provincial chairpersons and national executive members from Zimbabwe's 10 provinces*) convened for an emergency meeting. This meeting was held in Harare and they declared the Vote of No Confidence to be null and void .It was reported that according to them, the provisions of the ZNLWVA constitution had not been followed for them to be dismissed. The meeting was addressed by Matemadanda . The meeting adopted a special

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resolution to convene an emergency general meeting of freedom fighters to look into developments in the association, the party and the nation.^[6]

Arrest For Alleged Involvement In Authoring Communiqué

On 28 July 2016 there were reports that Matemadanda had been arrested at his [Gokwe](#) home and taken to Harare's Law and Order section. The reports went on pointing out that he was allegedly involved in the authoring of a communiqué that denounced [Robert Mugabe](#) and labelled him a dictator.^[7]

Matemadanda was however arrested during [Douglas Mahiya's](#) bail hearing on August 1, 2016. Police arrested him when he attended Mahiya's bail hearing at [Harare](#) Magistrates Court in Rotten Row.

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