

Bennett Says Prisoners Suffer Gross Abuses In Zimbabwe

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Roy Bennett, a top aide to Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, said Thursday after his release on bail that prisoners in Zimbabwe were suffering severe rights abuses.

"There are gross human rights abuses behind those walls," he told journalists and party supporters at the provincial headquarters for Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in the eastern town of Mutare.

Bennett, who spent one month locked up on terror charges, said that cells were overcrowded and prisoners received only one small meal a day.

"Five people died while I was inside and it took the prison officers four to five days to remove the bodies. The situation behind there is pathetic," he said.

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