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Acie Lumumba

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Lumumba William Gerald Mutumanje aka **Acie Lumumba** is a Zimbabwean politician and media personality. He is a former member of the [Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front](#) (ZANU PF). He has been accused of misappropriation of funds and corruption on a number of occasions.

Acie Lumumba



Born	William Mutumanje (1988-09-29) September 29, 1988 (age 30) Epworth, Harare Hatfield, Harare, Zimbabwe
Residence	Hatfield, Harare, Zimbabwe
Nationality	Zimbabwe
Education	Hatfield Primary School
Occupation	

- Politician
- Businessman
- Media Personality

Children	Christian Lumumba
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In October of 2018, [Mthuli Ncube](#) the Minister of Finance and Economic Development appointed Lumumba as the chairman of the ministry's 'Communications Taskforce, ^[1] only to fire him 3 days later.

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Background

Acie Lumumba was born **Lumumba William Gerald Mutumanje** on 29 September 1988, he has 6 siblings^[2]. He grew up in a family that strongly supports Zanu- PF and left the country at the age of 16 to pursue his studies abroad.^[3] It was reported that Lumumba had a son at 21 years and he grew up in [Epworth](#).

The truthfulness of his name has been doubted in [Zimbabwe](#) with some claiming he changed his name from just **William Mutumanje** to benefit from the association of Congolese Pan-Africanist [Patrice Lumumba](#). However, Lumumba's own accounts of his childhood differ. An example is a media report in the Standard of 21 July 2013 where he was reported to have indicated that he was born in Hatfield. The same report indicates he is a first-generation Zimbabwean having been born to a Zimbabwean mother and father of Congolese origin.^[4] In 2016, Lumumba reported that he later discovered that the man he grew up knowing as his father was actually a stepfather and that his real father was a man from [Chivi](#) in [Masvingo](#).^[2]

Media and Broadcasting Career

He started his broadcasting career with [Star FM](#), a radio station in Zimbabwe where he was appointed Head of Political Affairs.^[3] He held a number of interviews with politicians and analysts about topical issues such as indigenization, elections, factionalism and succession.^[5]

Political career

Lumumba made headlines when he won the [Zanu-PF](#) primary elections in the 2013 harmonized elections.^[3] He became one of the youngest contestants in the elections at the age of 25. He was reported to have said that he believed that he was part of the new initiative by the ruling party led by president [Robert Mugabe](#), to inject new and young blood into the revolutionary party. He however lost the seat to [Tapiwa Mashakada](#) of the [Movement for Democratic Change](#) party. In 2009, he was brought in by the ministry of Youth, Indigenisation and Empowerment as special advisor to the then minister [Saviour Kasukuwere](#).^[5] In 2012, he was appointed chairman of the Zimbabwe Youth Council [Harare](#) province and this allowed him to work closely with members of the community.^[3] Lumumba seized the opportunity to set forth his political agenda as he began to amass support at the grassroots level resulting in his victory in the primary elections held in 2013.^[3]

Dismissal from Steering Committee

After being fired as chairman of a Steering Committee on the Zimbabwe Youth Empowerment Strategy for Investment, Lumumba released a video on Facebook accusing the Youth, Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Minister [Patrick Zhuwao](#) of being corrupt.

Leaving Zanu-PF

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On 20 May 2016, Lumumba had [Zanu-PF](#). Lumumba said his reason was that party had failed the ordinary people. [\[Read More\]](#)

Successes

In a survey conducted by the Zimbabwe Institute of Research in 2014, Lumumba was identified as one of the most influential young people in the country. ^[5]

Arrest on

Assault Charges

In 2014, Lumumba was arrested by the police on assault charges. He was alleged to have assaulted a reveller in city pub after a dispute. ^[6]

Insulting Robert Mugabe with F-word

In late June 2016 at the launch of his political party, Viva Zimbabwe, Lumumba insulted Mugabe using the f-word. ^[7]

Forging a Vehicle Registration Document

In July 2016, Lumumba was arrested for allegedly forging a registration book for his mother's vehicle, a Toyota Ipsum. It was alleged that Lumumba's mother asked him to sell the car on her behalf and he allegedly manufactured a fake registration before taking the vehicle to a car sale.

Involvement in Corruption

In May 2013, Lumumba, along with then [Star FM](#) Programmes Manager [Tich Mataz](#), was suspended with immediate effect after an internal audit unearthed irregular transactions involving two companies owned by the two Hamtech Investments and Onesay Investments. ^[8]

Zimbabwe Youth Council

In April 2016, Lumumba was appointed Chairman of the Steering Committee on the Zimbabwe Youth Empowerment Strategy for Investment. He was however fired following allegations of conflict of interest and misappropriating funds meant for the [Zimbabwe Youth Council](#) (ZYC). ^[9]

Expulsion From Viva Zimbabwe

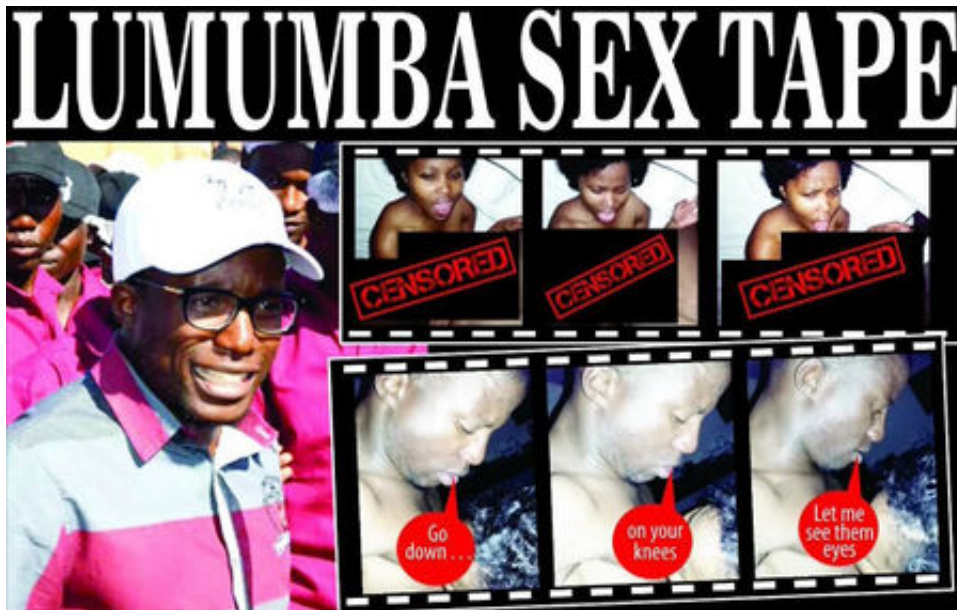
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Acie Lumumba was fired from VIVA for belittling other opposition parties and also because of his intentions to rejoin Zanu-PF.^[10]

Honorary Doctorate Degree

In 2014, Lumumba along with 9 other Zimbabweans were awarded doctorates by a little-known institution; [International Institute of Philanthropy](#) for "human studies".^[11] It later emerged that the Harare-based institution was fake.^[12] Lumumba, however, continued to use the Doctor (Dr.) prefix on his name.

Sex Tape



Lumumba H-Metro Sex Tape Scandal Article

- In early June 2016, [H-Metro released pictures](#) taken from a Sex Tape that Lumumba made with an unidentified woman.

Arrest

In March 2018 Lumumba was arrested for alleged theft of \$8 000 in a currency trading deal. It was reported that Lumumba met the complainant Graham Tineyi at the [Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport](#).^[13]

Chair of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

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Communications task force

Lumumba was appointed as the chairman of the communication task force by the Minister of Finance Mthuli Ncube. Following his appointment, Lumumba hit the ground running and in a live video that went viral on the social media platforms, announced that [Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe](#) directors were feeding the black market with bond notes.

He went on to name [Mirirai Chiremba](#), [Norman Mataruka](#), [Gresham Muradzikwa](#) and [Azvinandawa Saburi](#) as the chief culprits behind parallel markets nefarious activities. This saw RBZ Governor Dr [John Mangudya](#) suspend the four to pave way for investigations.

Sacking

Finance and Economic Development Minister Professor Mthuli Ncube allegedly dumped Acie Mutumanje Lumumba, as chairman of the Communications Taskforce in the ministry, three days after his appointment. The appointment of Lumumba drew brickbats from different sectors of society with questions raised over his credentials to run the high-profile portfolio in the ministry. Ncube was placed under pressure to cut Lumumba loose.

Trivia

- Lumumba was reported to have indicated that he doesn't drink or smoke and that he doesn't go to nightclubs

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