

## Charlton Hwende

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**Charlton Hwende** is a Zimbabwean politician, Member of Parliament for [Kuwadzana](#) East and MDC Alliance Deputy Treasurer-General.

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### Personal details

Born

Charlton Hwende

Political party

[MDC Alliance](#)

Religion

Christian, Catholic

In early March 2019, Hwende was arrested and charged with treason for his supposed role in the January 2019 violent protests. He was granted bail on 8 March by the High Court in Harare.

## Background

Charlton Hwende was born in [Chegutu](#). He did his primary education at Pfupajena Primary School.

## Political Career

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In July 2013 he contested the Chegutu West MP seat on an MDC-T ticket. He lost to Zanu-PF. In July 2018 he contested the Kuwadzana East MP seat and won. The contest to become the representative for MDC Alliance was controversial as [Shakespeare Mukoyi](#), the leader of MDC-T's Vanguard, was also interested in the Kuwadzana seat in the primaries. Eventually Mukoyi pulled out, with speculation suggesting he had been paid off by MDC Alliance President Nelson Chamisa and Hwende himself.

## 2019 Arrest and Treason Charges

On 5 March 2019, Charlton Hwende was arrested at the [Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport](#) upon his arrival from Namibia. Hwende had been in Namibia for some time following apparent indications that he was on a police wanted list. Other reports, however, suggested he had been receiving medical attention in Namibia.

He charged with treason for his supposed role in the January 2019 violent protests. Hwende was initially denied bail at the Harar magistrate's court and was eventually granted bail at the High Court on 8 March 2019.

## Criticism

In July 2016, he was criticised heavily on social media for what was referred to as reckless statements discouraging Zimbabweans from participating in a 2 day stay away called for by Pastor [Evan Mawarire](#) of the ThisFlag movement.

Said Hwende:

*After the [Baba Jukwa](#) experience and then Pastor Makandiwa's weekend prophesy, our supporters must not be misled by Pastors working with Zanu-PF wage a fake revolution. #tajamuka is going to organise more mass protests but not this Wednesday. Dates will be announced"*

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