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## Kizito Chivamba

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**Kizito Chivamba** was a Zimbabwean politician who hailed from the ZANU-PF party. He was elected into parliament in July 2013 to represent [Chiwundura](#) Constituency.

Kizito Chivamba

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Died

April 19, 2017(2017-04-19) (aged 58)

Nationality

Zimbabwean

Citizenship

[Zimbabwe](#)

Occupation

Politician

Known for

Being a Member of Parliament

Political party

[ZANU-PF](#)

Spouse(s)

Ceromina

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## Background

Kizito Chivamba was born on 27 August 1958 in Zaka, Masvingo

## Political career

He joined ZANU as young activist in 1972 and participated in demonstrations against the Pearce Commission.<sup>[1]</sup> In 1975, he moved to Gweru where he became deeply engrained in the nationalist movement.<sup>[1]</sup> Between 1978 and 1979 he worked with freedom fighters around Zaka and Bikita.<sup>[1]</sup> He returned to Gweru in 1979, where he helped to recruit members to the party. In 1982 he became the Monomotapa youth chairman in Gweru.<sup>[2]</sup>

He was elected deputy provincial youth chairperson and chairperson in 2001. He was elected Member of Parliament for Chiwundura constituency in 2008. Between 2009 and 2013, he served as Zanu-PF provincial secretary for health and child welfare. Chivamba also served as Midlands provincial vice-chairperson (2013-14) before his elevation to the post of chairperson.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Suspension

In 2016, Chivamba was suspended — alongside two other provincial chairpersons [Joel Biggie Matiza \(Mashonaland East\)](#) and [Ezra Chadzamira \(Masvingo\)](#) — on allegations of inciting insolence and failing to rein in rogue elements in the province. However, the Zanu-PF's National Disciplinary Committee cleared him of the charges and in February 2017 he bounced back as the Midlands provincial deputy chair.<sup>[1]</sup>

## General career

From 1980 to 1982 he worked as a trade unionist and from 1982 to 1988 Chivamba worked for the city of [Gweru](#) as Accountant clerk. He joined ZESA where he worked as a as senior liaison clerk from 1988 to 2008.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Shooting Patrick Kombayi

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Chivamba together with the late [Elias Kanengoni](#) shot the later mayor of [Gweru Patrick Kombayi](#) in the run up to the 1990 general elections. The two shot Kombayi for contesting then Vice President [Simon Muzenda](#) for a parliamentary seat.

They were convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to seven years in prison but were immediately pardoned by President [Robert Mugabe](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

## Reprimand by Vice President Phelekezela Mphoko for calling him "Mboko"

Vice President [Phelekezela Mphoko](#) took Chivamba to task for butchering his name and pronouncing it as "Mboko" at a rally for [Grace Mugabe](#) in Mberengwa in November 2015.<sup>[4]</sup> "Mboko" is a Shona derogatory term for "fool or embicile." After the mispronunciation, Mphoko openly criticized Chivamba before taking to the podium.<sup>[4]</sup> Mphoko said

*Kizito Chivamba does not deserve to be chairman of Midlands province for calling me Mboko. I am not Mboko . . . this is a dehumanising term and Shona people know it. I am Mphoko!*<sup>[4]</sup>

After the rally, Chivamba reportedly offered to appease Vice-President Phelekezela Mphoko with a live beast. However, Chivamba refuted the claims and said that the Vice President had also failed to pronounce his name.<sup>[4]</sup> Said Chivamba

*I am not a fluent IsiNdebele speaker. I was born in Zaka and a Karanga, so it was a genuine mistake by someone not conversant with that language. I do not even know what it (Mphoko) means. The VP also failed to pronounce my name properly and called me Chivhamba, but I never took issue with him,*

*We talked about it on the same day and he is a very good man and leader. He understood. I said it with all honesty and without any malice*<sup>[4]</sup>

## Death

Chivamba died on April 19, 2017, at Gweru General Hospital. Chivamba was declared a provincial hero and was buried at the at the Midlands Provincial Heroes Acre. At his burial, Vice-President Emmerson Mnangagwa said:

*Cde Chivamba was like Job of the Bible. He was accused of a lot of things when he was in the party, which led to his suspension. However, the truth later prevailed and he was cleared. This is because the truth is like light — it prevails over darkness.*<sup>[5]</sup>

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