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Robert Martin Gumbura

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Robert Martin Gumbura is the founder of the Robert Martin Gumbura (RMG) Independent [End Time Message Church](#) of [Zimbabwe](#). He is mostly known for being convicted for the crime of systematically abusing female members of his church for years. In February 2014, he was sent to jail for 50 years.

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Robert Gumbura



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Church

EndTime Message Church

Province

[Harare](#)

Personal details

Birth name

Robert Martin Gumbura

Born

(1956-07-29) July 29, 1956 (age 62)

[Zimbabwe](#)

Nationality

Zimbabwean

Denomination

Christian

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Residence	Harare, Zimbabwe
Parents	Forbes
Spouse	Tafadzwa Makoni , Queen Bunga , Teda Muzungwani , Chipo Mhlanga , Choice Neganje , Concilia Mukandawire , Amanda Mbanga , Amadias Mutakwa , Pretty Rushwaya , Pamela Mukandawire and Bester Runyowa ,
Occupation	Pastor

Background

Robert Martin Gumbura is a son of a headmaster and comes from Alaska Mine in Chinhoyi which is in [Mashonaland West Province](#) Zimbabwe. He was a teacher at [Regina Mundi Girls High School](#) and [Mambo High School](#) in [Gweru](#). He has 3 siblings Antipas, Wilson and Innocent Gumbura. He is known for rarely assisting his family members financially despite owning a gold mine, but opting to putting all his resources into his church. Gumbura has 11 wives, [Tafadzwa Makoni](#), [Queen Bunga](#), [Teda Muzungwani](#), [Chipo Mhlanga](#), [Choice Neganje](#), [Concilia Mukandawire](#), [Amanda Mbanga](#), [Amadias Mutakwa](#), [Pretty Rushwaya](#), [Pamela Mukandawire](#) and [Bester Runyowa](#),^[1] and 30 children. He owns 20 cars and has a huge mansion in Marlborough with 25 bedrooms under construction.

EndTime Message Split

Gumbura joined the [End Time Message Church](#) in 1978 and later broke away from the main church in the 1990's because of the doctrine of polygamy and formed his church called Robert Martin Gumbura (RMG) Independent EndTime Message Church. It is a breakaway church from the "mother church" EndTime Message Church. It is headquartered in [Gweru](#) and has branches in [Harare](#), Kwekwe, Chinhoyi and the United Kingdom. His church has since been suspended by the Apostolic Christian Church Council of Zimbabwe (ACCZ).

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Conviction and Charges

Robert Martin Gumbura was on February 3, 2014 convicted for 50 years for raping four female congregants and threatening to cast evil spells on them if they exposed him. He had 10 years of his sentence suspended because he had no prior convictions. His sentence included a 4 month term for a separate charge of possession of pornographic videos.

Regional Magistrate Hosiah Mujaya slapped Gumbura with 15 years per count on the first two counts of rape and 10 years per count for the other two rape counts bringing the total to 50 years. He preyed on the

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flock he was supposed to shepherd and took them as sex objects. He took the female congregants as his personal property, which he would loan to other men. He would dictate which man should marry a female member but at a price that he would be the first to be intimate with her this according to evidence presented in court.

In July 2009, Gumbura faced a further rape charge from a female congregante. It is alleged that the woman was summoned to Gumbura's office by his secretary. Upon arrival the woman was locked inside the office before being raped by Gumbura. It is reported that she did not report the matter to anyone fearing she would be cursed.^[2] In 2015, the state re-opened rape charges for Robert Martin Gumbura after the surfacing of a new rape charge which Gumbura was being accused of.^[3] The woman identified as [Tendai Ganyani](#) is said to have been locked inside Gumbura's office by the latter's secretary, before Gumbura came and raped her. Gumbura is said to have called his secretary to unlock the door for his victim. The victim failed to report the abuse fearing to be cursed.^[3]

Withdrawal of Lawyers

After Gumbura began to make moves to oppose the court judgement, his lawyers Advocate [Thembinkosi Magwaliba](#) and Ms [Rekayi Maphosa](#), withdrew from the case for undisclosed reason. This development that resulted in Gumbura instructing new lawyer Mr [Tapson Dzvetero](#). Gumbura was appealing against both conviction and sentence.^[4]

The Chikurubi Prison Fiasco

Following the rioting at Chikurubi Maximum Prison, it was alleged that Martin Gumbura was one of the brains behind the rioting. Gumbura is said to have incited the rioting by telling the inmates that they were very foolish by accepting poor meals when they could protest by breaking windows.^[5] Gumbura and his co-accused are being charged with attempting to unlawfully escape from custody. Gumbura and the likes of other hardcore criminals such as [Lucky Matambanadzo](#) and [Lucky Mhungu](#) are also said to have given speeches to inmates telling them not to allow themselves to be mistreated when they could do something about it.^[6]

Gumbura was set to appear in court on September 2, 2015 in relation to the rioting but the case was postponed to September 3, 2015. Gumbura's lawyer [Tapson Dzvetero](#) was committed with another case in [Bindura](#) resulting in Gumbura's case being postponed. Eight inmates were expected to testify.^[7]

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