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Samuel Mumbengegwi

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Samuel Mumbengegwi was a Zimbabwean politician and former [Finance Minister](#). He was also a lecturer at the [Great Zimbabwe University](#).

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Dr



Born

Samuel Creighton Mumbengegwi
(1942-10-23) October 23, 1942 (age 76)

Chivi

Died

October 23, 1942(1942-10-23) (aged -74)

Avenues Clinic

Cause of death

hypertension, diabetes and a kidney ailment

Occupation

- Lecturer
- Politician

Spouse(s)

Selina Mumbengegwi

Relatives

[Simbarashe Mumbengegwi](#) (brother)

Background

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Samuel Creighton Mumbengegwi was born on 23 October 1942 in Chivi, [Masvingo](#). Samuel Mumbengegwi was married to Selina Mumbengegwi and together they had five children. ^[1] He was the brother Foreign Affairs Minister [Simbarashe Mumbengegwi](#).^[2]

Education

Mumbengegwi held a PhD in Education curriculum development.^[3] He attended Mutokosi Primary School from Sun A to Standard 3 before being transferred to Grasham Primary School in [Zvishavane](#) for his Standard 4. Mumbengegwi then moved to Siwoza Primary School in [Zvishavane](#) for his Standard 5 and 6. He proceeded to Dadaya Mission for Form 1 and 2 before enrolling for a teacher training course.

Mumbengegwi then moved to [Matebelelend South Province](#) where he did his Form 3 and 4 at Solusi High School. Upon completion of his Ordinary Level studies, Mumbengegwi studied for his A Levels privately and started to teach at Shurugwi Railway Block School in 1965.^[1]

He then went on to study at the then University of Rhodesia (now [University of Zimbabwe](#)) for a Bachelor of Arts degree before studying for a Graduate Certificate in Education (1974), Diploma in Education(1977), Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (1978) and a Doctor of Philosophy from the [University of Zimbabwe](#) (1989).^[1]

Career

Mumbengegwi started his career as a primary school teacher before teaching at Mashoko Secondary school in Bikita where he rose to the rank of Headmaster. In 1977 he joined Fletcher High School in [Gweru](#). He lectured at Morgenster Teachers College and at a university.^[4]

During his tenure as Higher Education Minister, he introduced a compulsory conscription plan where he said students would only be given certificates after completing the national youth service training. In 2007, President [Robert Mugabe](#), in his Cabinet reshuffle, handed him the powerful [Finance](#) portfolio, which he took over from [Herbert Murerwa](#).

At the close of parliamentary nomination in 2008, Mumbengegwi filed his papers to stand on a party ticket despite losing in the first [ZANU-PF](#) primary elections to [Josaya Hungwe](#). He however withdrew his candidature when his party announced that all those who would stand as independents would be expelled.^[5] The [ZANU-PF](#) national election directorate ordered a rerun after Mumbengegwi disputed the result. In a rerun of the primary election Hungwe polled 8 736 votes against Mumbengegwi's 4 906.^[6]

Following his loss to Hungwe, Mumbengegwi was axed from government in 2009.^[7] After losing his parliamentary seat he became a lecturer at [Great Zimbabwe University](#) in the Faculty of Education.^[5]

Participation in the Liberation Struggle

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Between 1970 and 1971, Mumbengegwi participated in campaigns led by [Machivenyika Mapuranga](#), [Felix Muchemwa](#), [Thompson Tsodzo](#), [David Karimanzira](#) among many others. In 1972, he campaigned against the Pearce Commission proposals. He also used his class time at Fletcher High to denounce the call up or forced conscription of school leavers. He was expelled from the school as a result.

Positions Held

- Ministry of Education (1980-1987)
- Ministry of Higher Education and technology (1988-1994)
- Deputy Secretary Planning
- Public Service Commission (1994 – 2000) with the responsibility for appointments, promotions and conditions service
- In June 2000, Dr. Mumbengegwi was elected to [parliament](#) as an [MP](#)
- He was appointed Minister of Education, Sports and Culture
- In 2001, Dr. Mumbengegwi was appointed Minister of Higher Education and Technology. Mumbengegwi was appointed Minister of Industry and International Trade in August 2002
- Minister of State for Indigenisation and Empowerment in 2005^[4]

Death

In May 2016 a local publication reported that Mumbengegwi had been admitted into the intensive care unit at a private hospital in [Harare](#) for three weeks over an undisclosed ailment.^[8] Samuel Mumbengegwi died from hypertension, diabetes and a kidney ailment at Avenues Clinic in [Harare](#) on June 14, 2016. [Great Zimbabwe University](#) Vice Chancellor [Rungano Zvobgo](#) confirmed Mumbengegwi's death.^[2]

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