

Zimbabwe's feel good radio

The lead story in the morning radio news bulletin of Zimbabwe's state-run broadcaster on 25 June was the success of the country's tobacco sales; next, the national consumer council's praise for the government's efforts to make available scarce food items was reported, followed by an announcement by Air Zimbabwe that its telephone lines were down.

There was no mention of opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's momentous decision to pull out of the 27 June presidential run-off race, or any reference to the international condemnation of the political violence unleashed by Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party, nor of the resultant clamour to halt the election.

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