

# Systematic Exploitation, Endangerment, and Human Rights Violations Against Members of the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) and Other Congregants\*\* \*\*1. INTRODUCTION AND

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To Leaders in goverment

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

I, the undersigned, hereby submit this formal complaint with full accountability for its contents. I am a witness to and possess evidence of a systematic and coordinated cycle of exploitation that is causing financial ruin, physical sickness, and the loss of life among members of my community, particularly within the Zion Christian Church (ZCC).

This complaint outlines how this cycle is perpetrated by:

- \*Unscrupulous religious leaders who exploit faith for financial gain and enforce harmful practices.
- \*Negligent multinational corporations whose products and pollution directly harm public health.
- \*Complicit financial institutions that profit from this cycle of sickness and death.
- \*Government inaction that has failed to regulate these entities and protect citizens.

## 2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE GRIEVANCES

2.1. Spiritual Exploitation, False Promises, and Coercion by Church Leadership  
Church prophets and pastors are engaging in practices that constitute a gross violation of trust and human rights:  
\*Promotion of Products with False Promises: Specific consumer goods (e.g., Joko Tea, ZCM tea and coffee Five Roses, Hamburg Tea, Nestlé's Klim milk) are endorsed by church figures as

having divine healing, guidance, and prosperity properties. This is a deceptive marketing practice that exploits the faith and vulnerability of congregants, leading them to spend limited resources on products that provide no such benefits.

\*Coercive Health Mandates: The church leadership has forced all its members to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. While public health is important, using spiritual authority and threats of exclusion to mandate a medical procedure is a severe violation of bodily autonomy and informed consent.

\*Directing Harmful Spiritual Practices: Congregants are instructed to perform spiritual rituals that endanger their health, specifically drinking from and being baptised in rivers known to be polluted. They are told this water has been spiritually prayed for, while it is physically contaminated.

## 2.2. Public Health Endangerment by Corporations

The rivers used for sacred practices are dangerously polluted by the direct and indirect actions of multinational corporations, including:

\*Industrial Chemical Giants: DuPont, Dow, BASF, 3M, Solvay, Eastman Chemical Company.

\*Agri-Chemical Corporations: Bayer (and its subsidiary Monsanto), Syngenta, Corteva Agriscience, FMC Corporation.

\*Pharmaceutical Manufacturers: Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Roche, Sanofi.

\*Consumer Goods and Cleaning Product Conglomerates: Procter & Gamble (Ariel, Tide, Vicks), Unilever (Omo, Sunlight), Reckitt Benckiser (Dettol, Harpic, Lysol), SC Johnson (Mr. Muscle, Windex), Henkel (Persil, Pril).

\*Pool Chemical Producers: Lonza/Arxada, Clorox Pool&Spa, BioGuard.

These companies release industrial waste, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, and chemical pollutants into water systems, contaminating them with carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and substances known to cause DNA damage and chronic illness.

## 2.3. Financial Enrichment and Complicity

Major financial institutions, which hold the pensions and investments of South Africans, are significant shareholders in the corporations listed above. These institutions profit from the entire cycle of sickness. They include:

\*Public Investment Corporation (PIC)

\*Old Mutual & Allan Gray

\*Santam & Sanlam Investment Management (Centriq)

\*Coronation Fund Managers

\*Ninety One

\*Rezco Asset Management

\*International entities like BlackRock and Schroders

Their financial success is intrinsically linked to the revenue of corporations whose operations that are harming most public, creating a perverse incentive against genuine accountability and remediation.

### 3. THE CYCLE OF HARM AND VIOLATIONS

This system creates a vicious cycle:

1. Congregants are financially exploited by the church and spend money on endorsed products.
2. They are made sick by consuming these products and through mandatory exposure to polluted water during baptism and drinking rituals.
3. They then spend their remaining resources on medications from the named pharmaceutical companies.
4. The financial institutions profit at every stage.
5. The government's failure to act allows this cycle to continue, resulting in the perpetual sickness, impoverishment, and premature death of the poor.

This system violates the following South African laws and constitutional rights:

- \*Section 24: The right to an environment that is not harmful to health or well-being.
- \*Section 27: The right to have access to health care services, sufficient food and water.
- \*Section 10: The right to dignity.
- \*Section 12: The right to bodily and psychological integrity.
- \*Section 9: The right to life.
- \*National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998)
- \*National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)
- \*Consumer Protection Act (Act No. 68 of 2008)

### 4. SPECIFIC DEMANDS FOR INTERVENTION

We demand an immediate, coordinated, and transparent investigation into the following:

1. To the CRL Rights Commission: Investigate the specific ZCC prophets and pastors who financially exploit congregants, falsely endorse products, enforce mandatory vaccinations through coercion, and instruct congregants to use polluted river water.
2. To the DFFE and Department of Health: Conduct immediate, independent water quality tests of specific rivers known to be used for ZCC baptisms and rituals, with results made public.
3. To the National Consumer Commission: Investigate the misleading promotion and endorsement of consumer goods (**Joko Tea, Five Roses, Klim milk, FG, Trekker coffee, salt, Excella sunflower oil Robertson's Crushed Chillies, vaseline, vicks etc.**) by church leaders for unproven healing benefits.
4. To the SAHRC: Investigate this entire system as a gross violation of human rights and recommend remedial action to Parliament.
5. To the SIU: Investigate potential state capture and corruption, questioning why regulatory bodies have failed to protect these specific water sources, and probe the financial links between state-owned entities like the PIC and the polluting corporations.

### 5. CONCLUSION

This is a defense of life and dignity. We are witnessing the physical and financial destruction of our community through a system that operates with impunity. We are prepared to present our evidence to any formal commission of inquiry.

We expect your urgent and serious response to this matter of life and death.

Yours in the pursuit of justice and accountability,

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