

## Remembering Itai Dzamara – Still missing 11 years later

9 March 2015



Today marks another year since the disappearance of Zimbabwean journalist and pro-democracy activist Itai Dzamara.

Dzamara was a courageous advocate for peaceful democratic change. A former journalist, he became widely known for leading the Occupy Africa Unity Square movement — a campaign calling for accountability, economic reform, and democratic renewal in Zimbabwe. He was savagely beaten by the police in November 2014 and had to be hospitalised.

On the morning of 9 March 2015, Dzamara was at a barber shop in the Glen View suburb of Harare when five unidentified men entered, accused him of stealing cattle, handcuffed him and forced him into a white truck with concealed number plates.

He has never been seen again.

Just two days before his abduction, Dzamara had addressed a rally calling for mass peaceful action against the country's worsening economic conditions and urging political reform.

His disappearance has become one of Zimbabwe's most prominent cases of enforced disappearance — a grave violation of human rights under international law.

Despite court orders and repeated calls from human-rights organisations, no credible investigation has produced answers about what happened to him.

Today we remember Itai Dzamara not only as a victim of injustice, but as a symbol of courage and peaceful resistance.

His family still waits for the truth. Zimbabwe still waits for justice.

Eleven years later, the question remains: Where is Itai Dzamara?