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The police released the 42 Women's Coalition activists around 7pm on Monday 27 October 2008 who had been picked up near the venue of the SADC Troika Meeting in the morning. The women were charged with a non-existence offence "gathering without police permission" and were made to pay fines worth ZW\$20.

Women's Coalition had organized a non-violent and non-partisan action to the delay in concluding the Talks and the widespread food shortages. The theme of the protest was:

- **Conclude the Talks, We are dying of hunger.**
- **Pedzayi Hurukuro, Tafa nenzara**
- **Qedani inkulumo – sesilambile siyafa ngendlala**

The latest news update is that WCoZ remains gravely concerned that the SADC Troika Meeting yesterday failed to break the deadlock in Talks. WCoZ will consult its constituency on a way forward in this struggle.

Time is running out for Zimbabwe for the millions who are starving in the country.