Wife battles VP over banks accounts

Vice-President Constantino Chiwenga's estranged wife, Mary Mubaiwa, has accused the retired army general of directing two leading banks to block her from accessing her accounts. Mubaiwa has threatened to sue Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe (CBZ) and FBC Bank for acting illegally by taking instructions 'from someone who is not a signatory on her accounts'. Her lawyers have written to Chiwenga's lawyer, Wilson Manase, and the manager of CBZ's Borrowdale branch, Mernard Moyo, saying their conduct is unlawful 'and should cease forthwith as there has been no form of due legal process to bar our client from transacting on the account'. Both banks declined to comment, according to the **Sunday Times**, saying they could not discuss client matters. In December, when their divorce proceedings began, **Chiwenga sued Mubaiwa for US\$245 000 that was allegedly in her FBC bank account.**