

## Minister fired over graft scandal

President Emmerson Mnangagwa has fired Tourism Minister Prisca Mupfumira after she was detained over the disappearance \$94m during her time as Welfare Minister. Mupfumira is facing seven corruption charges linked to the funds which are missing from the country's pension fund. The issue was highlighted in a damning National Social Security Authority forensic audit report. According [News24](#), Mupfumira was arrested by the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission in July, becoming the first sitting Minister of the ruling Zanu-PF party to be jailed for graft under Mnangagwa's new administration. Mnangagwa has identified endemic graft as a major contributor to the country's economic woes and has vowed to root it out. Zanu-PF spokesman Simon Khaya Moyo told [TimesLIVE](#) that the anti-graft crusade would not spare anyone found on the wrong side of the law. **'The President does not owe anyone protection. If people assisted him (in his rise to power) thinking that they will receive protection for their corruption antics, they are mistaken.** No one joined Zanu-PF to be corrupt. All corrupt heavyweights will be arrested,' he said. The *Sunday Times* last week reported that some senior Zanu-PF officials had sought legal counsel in anticipation of ZACC raids.