

## **ABSTRAK**

Pada tahun 2017 terjadi konflik politik antara Militer Zimbabwe dan Presiden Robert Mugabe. Hal ini disebabkan oleh pembersihan oposisi dalam tubuh Partai *Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF)*. Mugabe memecat wakil presiden, Emmerson Mnangagwa karena dituduh tidak loyal dan tidak bertanggungjawab dengan tugasnya padahal pemecatan Mnangagwa adalah siasat Mugabe untuk memuluskan jalan bagi istrinya, Grace Marufu agar bisa mengantikan posisi Mugabe sebagai presiden jika masa jabatannya berakhir. Kemacetan pembangunan dan kemerosotan perekonomian serta ambisi Mugabe membuat dinasti politik menjadi hal yang melatarbelakangi konflik politik antara militer Zimbabwe dan Mugabe. Pasca pemecatan Mnangagwa sebagai wakil presiden, militer mengambil alih stasiun TV nasional ZBC, menjadikan Mugabe dan keluarganya tahanan rumah, menempatkan tank dan pasukan di ibukota Harare serta menggerakkan rakyat untuk melakukan demonstrasi. Gerakan demonstrasi menuntut mundurnya Mugabe sebagai presiden disebut dengan gerakan *#ThisFlag*. Pada 24 November 2017, akhirnya Mugabe menulis surat pengunduran dirinya sebagai Presiden Zimbabwe yang disambut gembira oleh jutaan rakyat Zimbabwe.

Kata kunci: Robert Mugabe, Militer, Kemacetan Pembangunan, Kemerosotan Ekonomi, Dinasti Politik, Pembersihan Oposisi, Partai *Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front*.

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In 2017 there was a political conflict between the Zimbabwe Military and President Robert Mugabe. This was due to the purge of the opposition within the Zimbabwe African National Union Party - Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF). Mugabe fired the vice president, Emmerson Mnangagwa because he was accused of being disloyal and irresponsible of his duties, even though Mnangagwa's dismissal was Mugabe's strategy to pave the way for his wife, Grace Marufu, to replace Mugabe as president when his term ends. The stagnation of development and the economic downturn and Mugabe's ambitions have made a political dynasty the background for the political conflict between the Zimbabwean military and Mugabe. In the aftermath of Mnangagwa's sacking as vice president, the military took over the national TV station ZBC, put Mugabe and his family under house arrest, placed tanks and troops in the capital Harare and mobilized people to stage demonstrations. The demonstration movement demanding Mugabe's resignation as president is known as the #ThisFlag movement. On 24 November 2017, Mugabe finally wrote a letter of resignation as President of Zimbabwe which was welcomed by millions of Zimbabweans.

**Keywords:** Robert Mugabe, Military, Stagnation of Development, Economic Downturn, Political Dynasties, Purge of the Opposition, Zimbabwe African National Union - Patriotic Front.