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Zimbabwe: Martin Burial Tomorrow

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ACCOMPLISHED writer, photographer and publisher, David Martin who died at the weekend will be buried tomorrow at Glen Forest Cemetery in Harare.

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Minister of Policy Implementation Cde Webster Shamu yesterday night told the Herald that the proceedings would start at 9am at Martin's residence.

Cde Shamu said the Martin family would get State assistance in the burial of the writer.

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Martin is survived by his wife Phyllis, and a son Tony, who lives in Perth Australia.

He penned over 20 books that include the Struggle for Zimbabwe, The Chimurenga War (1980), The Chitepo Assassination (1985), The Destructive Engagement: Southern Africa At War (1986 updated as Frontline Southern Africa in 1989), Apartheid Terrorism, and The Destabilisation Report.

Martin who was born in the United Kingdom, always credited his education to the decade he spent working in the media in Tanzania in the

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He said Zimbabwe was currently being subjected to a lot of unwarranted criticism, with the media accentuating the crisis.

"We should spend a lot of money in training journalists and promoting journalism in the country," said Cde Shamuyarira.

Phyllis Johnson, Martin's wife, in her vote of thanks at the graveside, said she got strength from the Government, President Guebuza, Mr Mkapu and other people who extended support to her in her moment of grief.

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"If you wonder where I get my strength, it is the way David lived his life, it's from all of you here and those not here. I feel David is still here. When children who loved him arrived last night, I got strength. I picked up the phone this morning and someone said it's (Mr

Guebuza, I got strength from that," said Phyllis.

Fellow writer Ngugi Wa Mirii, musician and war veteran Chinx Chingaira, who sang revolutionary songs at the cemetery, Zimbabwe Prison Services Commissioner Retired Major General Paradzai Zimondi, Mrs Angela Tongogara, who is the widow of Cde Josiah Tongogara, the former commander for Zimbabwe National Liberation Army (Zanla), also attended the burial.

Cde Mnangangwa laid a wreath on behalf of President Mugabe while Cde Shamuyarira did so on behalf of Vice President Joseph Msika.