

Singing and dancing on the streets of Zimbabwe and on social media

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Harare became one big street party as the resignation of President Robert Mugabe was announced yesterday. Much of the party was streamed live to the Zimbabwean diaspora via social media.



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The tweets were scrolling so fast, they were almost unreadable.

“ Extraordinary scenes on the streets of Harare following Mugabe's resignation as president of Zimbabwe <https://t.co/7wXht8qzJZ> #MugabeResigns [pic.twitter.com/GyGXYT0MGY](https://t.co/GyGXYT0MGY)— BBC Breaking News (@BBCBreaking) November 21, 2017 ”

“ Zimbabweans pour onto Harare streets in jubilation after Mugabe resigns <https://t.co/hSu4ftrlzq> #MugabeResigns [pic.twitter.com/tTMfVAYiPH](https://t.co/tTMfVAYiPH)— Reuters Africa (@ReutersAfrica) November 21, 2017 ”

“ The topic #MugabeResigns trends globally after Robert Mugabe resigned from his position as the president of the country. [pic.twitter.com/GqrhCm3FG8](https://t.co/GqrhCm3FG8)— Neo Motloun (@NeoMotloun) November 21, 2017 ”

Zimbabwe has been under the control of the military for a week after troops moved into the capital Harare last week to secure key installations. A “coup” was [denied](#) by military leaders in Zimbabwe, although 93-year-old President Robert Mugabe was “secured” in his home and wife Grace Mugabe, left the country speedily.

Mugabe has been in power in Zimbabwe since it achieved democracy 37 years ago and the crisis was sparked by attempts to make his wife, his successor.

The country remained on a knife edge for a week as Mugabe refused to resign, giving a rambling speech that was television to the world in which he skirted the resignation issue, insisting he was still in charge.

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Mugabe: “only death will remove me from power”

Life: pic.twitter.com/a1zNPCwHlh— SocialTrends™ (@SocialTrendsZA) [November 21, 2017](#) ”

“ This is the plot twist I've been waiting for [#MugabeResigns](#)
pic.twitter.com/qluGEnvE5U— Mbonisi (@iam_mbonisi) [November 21, 2017](#) ”

Of course South Africans weighed in as well with an opinion...

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Witchcraft Is When You Pray For South Africa But Your Prayers Are Been Answered In Zimbabwe
pic.twitter.com/MSDdfnZJoS— Mordecai (@Deemorebz007) [November 21, 2017](#) ”

“ Can the honorable Kenneth Kaunda come pass SA on his way home, just to have some words with Duduzane's father [#MugabeResigns](#)— Vixen (@zandy_thabethe) [November 21, 2017](#) ”

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