

Zimbabwe selective on voting monitors

Special to Sentinel-Voice (GIN)—Human rights activists and election observers are raising concerns over the upcoming general elections on Mar. 31, as two well-known observer groups in Southern Africa have not been invited to watch the polls.

The Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA), which has been involved in

20 elections, is not on the list of approved electoral observers, whereas the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Parliamentary Forum says it will not observe the election ballots since it had "not been invited in its own right as an autonomous institution of SADC, which is a fundamental departure from the established practice."

The Zimbabwean government maintained that it had invited SADC, and "this implies an invitation to any arms of SADC," said spokesman George Charamba. "We fail to understand how the forum can call itself an autonomous body of SADC — what does that mean?"

Meanwhile, the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), which

came in a close second against the ruling ZANU-PF in the last presidential elections of 2000, has said it was "increasingly perplexed" by the South African government's claims that the March 31 elections "will be free and fair."

The MDC decided last month to lift an election boycott following the government's acceptance of SADC electoral guidelines.

Soldiers

(Continued from Page 6) assigning women to units that support front line troops, says Elaine Donnelley, president of the Center for Military Readiness, a public policy organization in Livonia, Mich.

Donnelley contends this is because commanders are failing to follow established regulations and because an overall male troop shortage means there is a lack of adequate male troops in Iraq.

Last year, in response to a petition Donnelly sent to President Bush and the Pentagon, Army Secretary Francis Harvey ordered a systematic review of Army regulations and asserted that current policies keeping women out of combat and collocated units will stand.

But last month, under continued pressure from Donnelly and other critics, the chair of the House Armed Services Committee ordered an investigation into whether collocated units in Iraq violate Pentagon regulations against same-sex service.

"This is a serious question and we hope to have an answer soon," said Committee Chair Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif.

While waiting for the release of this report, expected this spring, the Army maintains that it's upholding established policy.

"We're not violating the

"collocating rule," Hilferty said. "We are conforming [to] 1994 regulations, and any changes to that policy will be coordinated with Congress as required by law."

According to a 2001 Gallup poll, the U.S. public is split on whether women should fight on the battlefield, with a slim majority supporting the assignment of women to ground combat.

As the debate on women in combat continues, the Bush administration has not set a firm date for withdrawing from Iraq. Retired Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, the highest-ranking woman to ever serve in the Army, predicts that as the conflict continues,

more female soldiers will be called up for active duty. She notes that military recruiting is down by 27 percent, and estimates that 30,000 to 50,000 more soldiers may be needed in Iraq.

"Regardless of whether the military changes its policy on women in combat, we need to honor the women who are serving in this conflict," says Kennedy.

"Willing to step outside traditional roles and answer their country's call, they are vital to this mission and should not be segregated. Women soldiers deserve to be treated just as all soldiers should be treated—properly trained,—properly equipped

and given the proper respect."

Molly M. Ginty writes for the Women's e-News

Riots

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Eight thousand people were displaced in this tragic episode that many have accurately described as a legal lynching. Initially, 150 survivors brought the suit in 2001. Of that figure, only 101 are still living, ranging in age from 89 to 105. The Tulsa Race Riot Commission Report and the commission that produced it were, in large part, due to over 40 years of activism for reparations by Don Ross, who spent 20 of those years as a representative in the Oklahoma legislature. Though Ross has been removed from the reparations struggle for the last few years, he recalled his visits as a youth to the home of historian John Hope Franklin, a Tulsa native. "It was the first time I heard the word reparations used," Ross said. "I asked him, 'Reparations? What is that?' Ross said Franklin's response was brief: 'Money, Negro.'"

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad writes for the Afro newspapers

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