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When Mugabe took a recent trip - albeit a great deal shorter than the trips he usually takes - and succumbed to gravity, Zimbabwe Information Minister Jonathan Moyo was quick to threaten the media afterwards that next time, devices would be taken from the media. Appearing to defend the heavy-handedness of the state security services who forced journalists to delete photographs of Mugabe's fall, Moyo is quoted as saying that "...The Vatican does that, the police at the Vatican. If you take pictures there, they will delete."

He apparently failed to mention that the Vatican police merely press 'delete', they don't (as far as we know, based on our research) go so far as to confiscate the devices responsible.

Further north, in Nigeria, a group - the Stop Impunity Nigeria (S.I.N) Campaign - has warned the government against any media clampdown, warning that such a move would put the democratic process and the forthcoming general election in jeopardy.

Lastly, last week Biz Takeouts Marketing and Media Radio show host Warren Harding (@bizwazza) was joined in studio by Dillon Mann (@dillonmann), Head of Communications for the World Wide Web Foundation (@webfoundation). Check out the podcast here.

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