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Blessing Mhembere, a 22-year-old Zimbabwean man, has been arrested and charged with 'subverting a constitutional government' after he allegedly advocated the overthrow of Zanu PF and President Emmerson Mnangagwa. According to Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights, who represent him, "Mhembere is accused of moving around a bus terminus... and shouting on the top of his voice and mobilising people to 'remove President Mnangagwa and Zanu PF political party from power'".

His lawyer, Freddy Masarirebvu, said, "Our argument is that it is a violation of free expression". He has been remanded to 14 December and his legal team will be applying for bail in the High Court on Tuesday 28 Nov.

To learn more, you can find Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights thread [here](#).

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