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Thousands call for Zimbabwe's Mugabe to resign – 20th November, 2017

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Thousands of people in Zimbabwe want President Robert Mugabe to quit. The army removed him from power after he fired his deputy. Mr Mugabe wanted his wife to be the next president. Members of Mr Mugabe's party asked him to quit. People who fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence also asked him to quit.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is the oldest world leader. Mr Mugabe fought for independence from British rule. Zimbabwe was called Rhodesia. In 1980, Mugabe won Zimbabwe's elections and became leader. A 34-year-old Zimbabwean man said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day....We are free at last."

Level 1

Thousands of people are in the streets in Zimbabwe. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed him from power on Wednesday after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy. It wanted to remove the "criminals" around him. Mugabe wanted his wife to be the next president. Members of Mr Mugabe's party asked Mr Mugabe to quit. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence also asked him to step down.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is the oldest leader of any country. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence against British rule, when Zimbabwe was called Rhodesia. In 1980, Mugabe and his party won Zimbabwe's elections. He became leader. Now, people are happy he may no longer be leader. A 34-year-old man said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

Level 2

Zimbabwe is changing. Thousands of people are in the streets. They want President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed him from power on Wednesday. People said Mr Mugabe wanted his wife, Grace Mugabe, to be the next president. Mugabe fired his deputy, so the army took control of the capital city. The army wanted to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling party asked Mr Mugabe to step down. Veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence said Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most loyal supporters.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old. He is the oldest leader of any country in the world. He became the leader of Zimbabwe in 1980. He has been in power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe fought in Zimbabwe's war for independence against British rule. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia. In 1980 there were elections. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One 34-year-old street protestor said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

Level 3

There could be a big change in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people are in the streets asking for President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed President Mugabe from power on Wednesday. It was angry after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy president. This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have been in line to take over as president. The army did not like this and took control of the capital city. The army said it wanted to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party are calling for Mr Mugabe to step down as president. Even veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence are saying Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most loyal supporters.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of any country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed in power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an important figure in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was a British colony. Mugabe was a key part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British rule. This war led to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a landslide. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."