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## **Zuma must be held accountable for his reckless politics**

The Save South Africa campaign believes President Jacob Zuma is acting with unbridled recklessness in instructing the Minister of Finance and his Deputy to cut short their visits to the UK and USA. These visits have been carefully planned with business and labour as part of South Africa's efforts to stave off a downgrade of our sovereign investment status. It is an initiative that the President himself has endorsed.

### **The effect on the Rand in the aftermath of the President's announcement constitutes a form of economic sabotage.**

It is a sign of extremely weak leadership and completely unsettles perceptions of South Africa's stability -- as can be seen in the way the rand has tumbled on foreign exchange markets. A rapidly depreciating rand has a massive impact on the South African economy, and its ability to effect economic transformation, whether radical or not. The ultimate victims will be the poor, and Zuma must be held accountable for his style of politics.

It is clear that he has no concern for South Africa, its image abroad, or the people who will suffer the consequences. Parliament should summon the President to explain and account for his actions.

But if Zuma goes on to recall Gordhan and/or Jonas from office in a Cabinet reshuffle, it will be clear that what we are really seeing is the final, desperate push in the state capture project.

President Jacob Zuma may be in the mood for power politics -- but he can rest assured that South Africans will not take this lying down. This increasingly-desperate President must be stopped in his tracks, and we call on all sectors of society to unite in opposition to his dangerous strategy that is aimed at furthering the state capture project.

Clearly, Zuma and his cohorts can no longer wait to get their hands on the public purse. Access to the state kitty, through the front door of National Treasury, is more important to them than the national interest. They want to loot, and loot with increased haste, while they still can.

**Only South Africans can stop them, and save South Africa.**