DIRE SITUATION | ‘Cases of promiscuity are now rampant, BRIEFLY even in Zanu PF’

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Zimbabwe President Robert

Mugabe has once again hit

out at his ministers accusing

them of engaging in extra

marital affairs.

The 89 year-old leader,

speaking at a wedding of his

niece in Harare yesterday, said

his lieutenants took advantage

of their wealth to have a string

of unofficial wives commonly

referred to as ‘small houses’ in

Zimbabwe.

“The wealth some of these

people have is what is causing

problems,” President Mugabe

said.

“Small houses! I said to Cabinet

the other day: ‘looking at all

of you, who I can say does not

have a small house.

“Let us not follow that. One

man, one wife and your marriage

will go a long way.”

He urged women to refuse to

be involved with married man

saying that way the practice

would stop.

“The ladies must fight this

out, but they are the people in

small houses,” President Mugabe

said.

“Indeed we fight for the

right of the girl child but let

us recognise those aspects of

Christianity, by binding them

together and make them the

basis of our morality, remain

faithful to one another.”

He joked that he has been invited

to many weddings but is

never informed of divorces.

“I get invited to many weddings

and often get asked to

stand up and dance in celebration,

which I do,” President

Mugabe said. “But later I get

told that ah, that wedding has

failed and I wonder why I was

dancing. “I never get invited to

the divorces.”

In 2011, President Mugabe

told an Aids conference that he

knew of government officials

living with the disease who had

multiple sexual partners.

“Cases of promiscuity are now

rampant even in Zanu PF,” he

said then.

“Sometimes you wonder

why someone opts to drive by

himself but there are personal

drivers we would have provided

them, why?

“They would want to go for

such evil acts of promiscuity.

This is not good at all,” he

said.

President Mugabe early this

year admitted he had an extramarital

affair himself that

resulted in the birth of his first

born daughter with his current

wife Grace.

He had the affair while still

married to his first wife, Sally

who died of a kidney ailment

in 1992.

Zimbabwe once had one of the

highest HIV prevalence rates in

the world but this has declined

to 13 per cent.