



# ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT



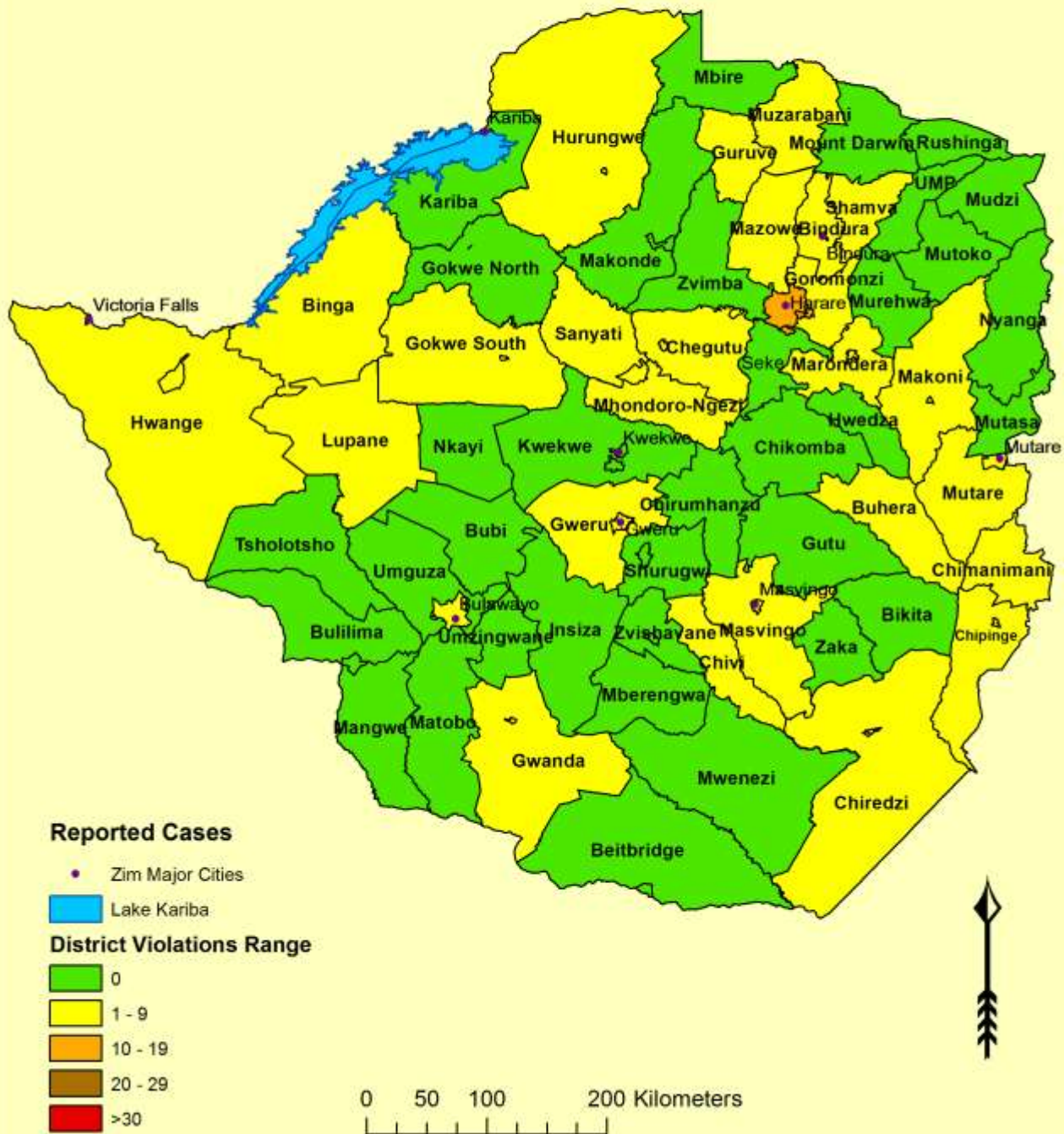
**December 2017**

**Muddy Waters**

**Monthly Monitoring Report**

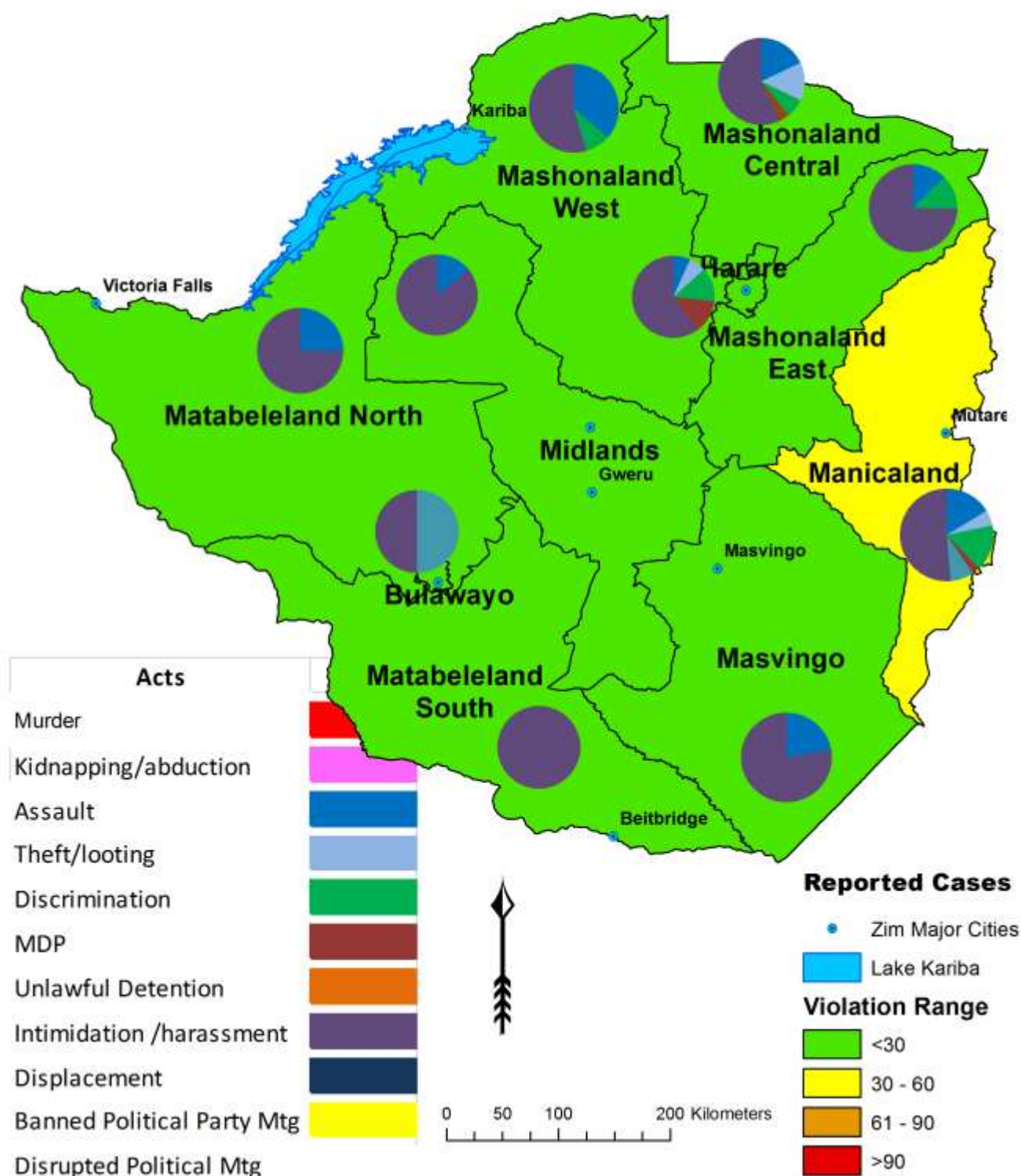


## ***December 2017 District Violations Map***





## December 2017 Provincial Violations Map





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Zimbabwe Peace Project is worried by the nature of incidents recorded in December although the number of cases were in a downward trend, 124 from 190 recorded in November. It seems while the tension between Lacoste and G40 factions in Zanu PF might have been at bay in most communities in December they left a significant mark as some of those who felt abused by those who had more influence before November 15 were settling scores openly.

While cases of intra-party conflict slipped a little from 13 in November to 10 in December it is the tension in communities that is a worrying indicator. As elections draw closer and primary elections take centre stage these ructions will not die down rather they are expected to be the rationale likely to be used for those who will get the mandate to represent the party. Surprisingly many cases were recorded in Midlands and Masvingo where the triumphant faction had the most influence. Two cases were recorded in Mashonaland Central where former Zanu PF Political Commissar Saviour Kasukuwere and the former First Lady Grace Mugabe had influence. Cases recorded by ZPP where there were factional overtones in Zanu PF food distribution, land distribution and allocation and in the ongoing Biometric Voter Registration (BVR). The fact that intra party conflict was only recorded in Zanu PF in December does by any means mean that it has been eradicated in other political parties.

Speaking of the BVR exercise cases of citizens being forced to hand over continue to be recorded. While the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) has confirmed that the noting down of the serial numbers of registrants has no effect when it comes to people's choices ZPP is still concerned that those who are doing this are being given a free reign resulting in citizens being instilled with fear. It is sad that in some communities traditional leaders continue to use this fear instilling strategy. In the cases that ZPP shared with ZEC we have been told they were handed to the police for investigations.

Harassment and intimidation cases took a nose dive to 74 from 120. There was a sharp increase in assault with 21 violations, and a decrease in discriminations with 12 and then theft/looting with 7. Manicaland had the highest

## ABOUT ZPP

*The organisation was founded in 2000 by church-based and human rights organisations. The current members of ZPP are Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) and Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ).*

*ZPP was established with the objective of monitoring, documenting and building peace and promoting the peaceful resolution of disputes and conflicts. The peace project seeks to foster dialogue and political tolerance through non-partisan peace monitoring activities, mainly through monitors who document the violations of rights in the provinces.*

*The monitors, who at full complement stand at 420, constitute the core pool of volunteers, supported by three Regional Coordinators. The Regional Coordinators relate with the national office headed by the National Director and programme officers in various units.*

recorded violations for December with 38, followed by Mashonaland Central with 29, and Harare with 15. The violations in December as noted here are nothing out of the ordinary in previous years. After the Zanu PF annual conference or congress violations tend to go down as most Zimbabweans get into the festive season and 2017 was no different regardless of the new 'order.' Food violations have not been that many considering a good last season and some had already started enjoying fruits from their fields if they planted early.

Complaints against the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) continued to rise. Most of the cases happened before the withdrawal of the military as Commander Valerio Sibanda announced the end of 'Operation Restore Legacy' on 18 December 2017. The ZNA made up almost thirty seven percent (36, 3%) of the violations and the Zimbabwe Republic Police was responsible for twenty five percent (24, 6%) of the cases. The military was more active in the areas that G-40 had more influence such as Mashonaland Central,





Harare and Manicaland particularly Chimanimani where Manicaland former Chairperson Samuel Undenge hails from. There was a sharp decrease in violations perpetrated by Zanu PF activists.

The month of December saw the curtain come down on Operation Restore Legacy which had started on 15 November. Members of the army who had become a common sight on the country's roads were withdrawn. This came as human rights abuses perpetrated by soldiers against civilians increased and they are still to be investigated.

### **Ray of hope**

There have been messages of peace and reconciliation from key political figures raising hopes that this may help towards fighting polarization and also promote tolerance. President Mnangagwa has called for peace and forgiveness while War Veterans Secretary General Victor Matemadanda has asked for tolerance describing the political arena as a market place of ideas where people win or lose through their ideas. These pronouncements are encouraging as the nation gears for the 2018 elections.

However there have been arrests of activists on charges of undermining the authority of the President. Some of these activists have been allegedly assaulted by ruling Zanu PF activists who claim to be defending President Mnangagwa. A worrying trend of Zanu PF taking matters in its own hands threatens peace especially as the 2018 elections approach.

### **Recommendations**

- The President and his government are encouraged to continue to speak about peace
- Zanu PF to impress on its supporters to stop fomenting factional tensions in communities especially as the elections draw near
- ZEC to take stern measures to stop the practice of demanding serial numbers if it is illegal the law should take its course
- The cases in which the military took part should be investigated and the necessary sanctions taken against perpetrators

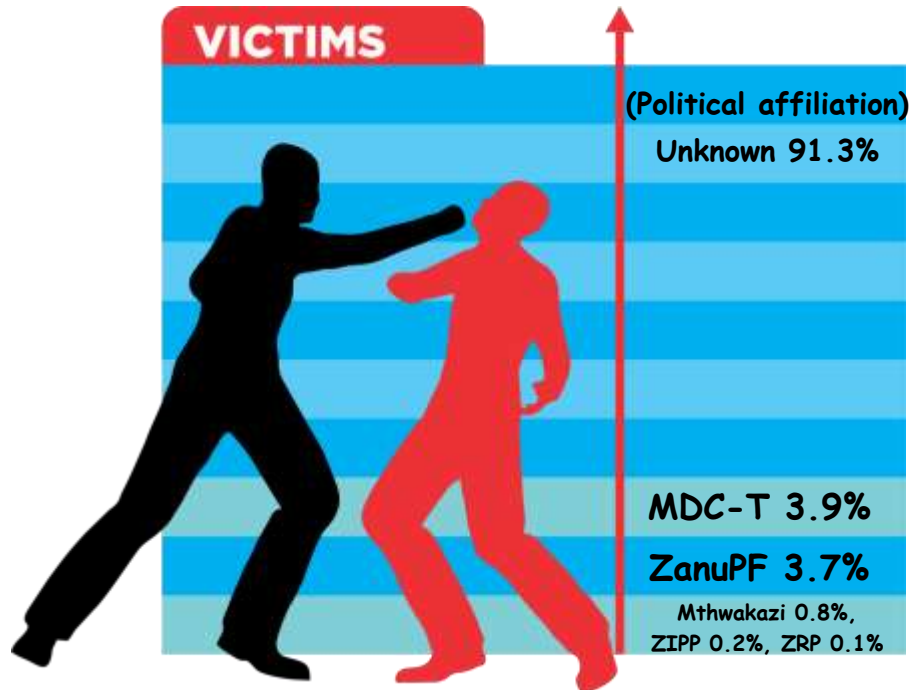
### **Methodology**

Information contained herein is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors, who observe and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). The monitors compile reports that are handed over to ZPP Coordinators who man the different ZPP regional offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verification of the reports from the monitors, the Coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at the national office into the ZPP Monthly Monitoring Report. This report contains some of the violations recorded by ZPP, the organisation has a data base with the rest of the injustices and gladly shares it with interested stakeholders.

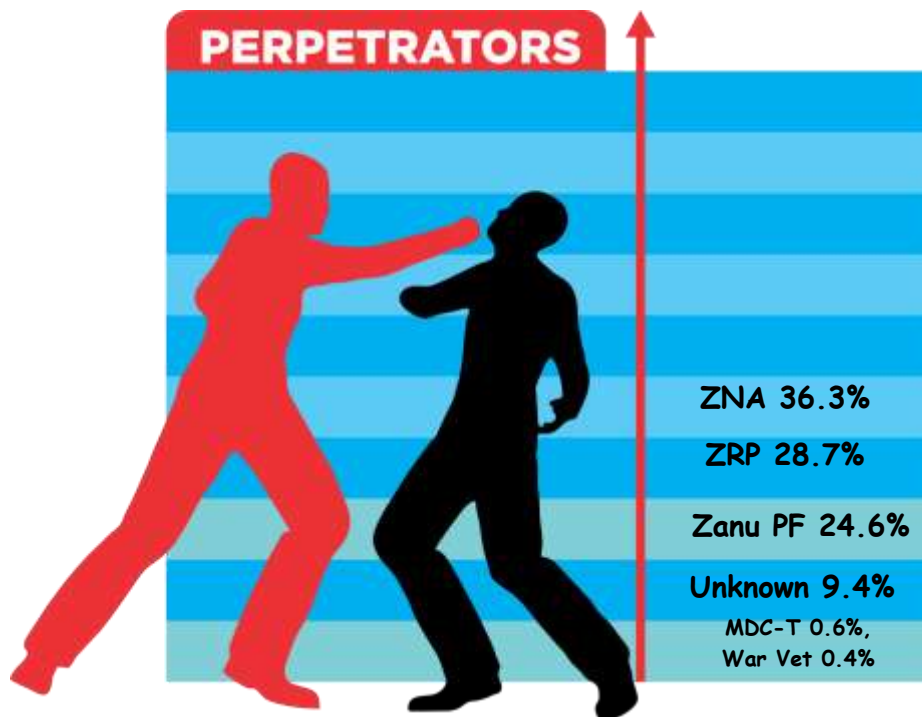




## The Dashboard: Incident Statistics at a Glance

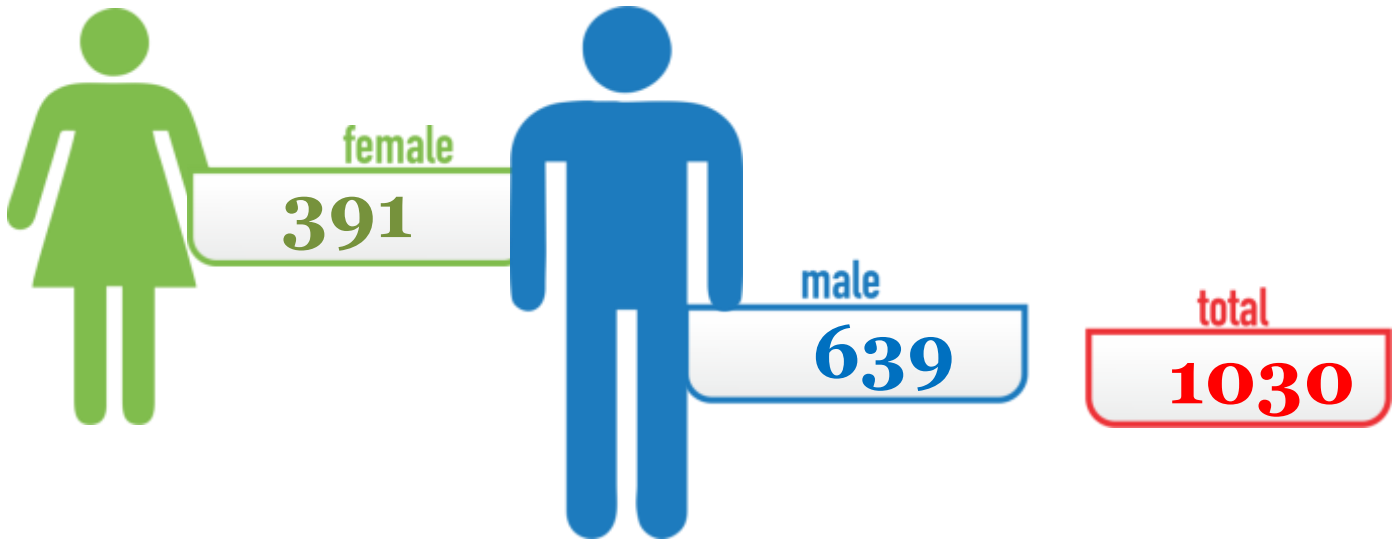


The rise in the figure of victims with “unknown” political affiliation can be a reflection of the rise in intra party factional fights. Most of the victims of factional fights are reluctant to divulge their true identity for fear of reprisals.

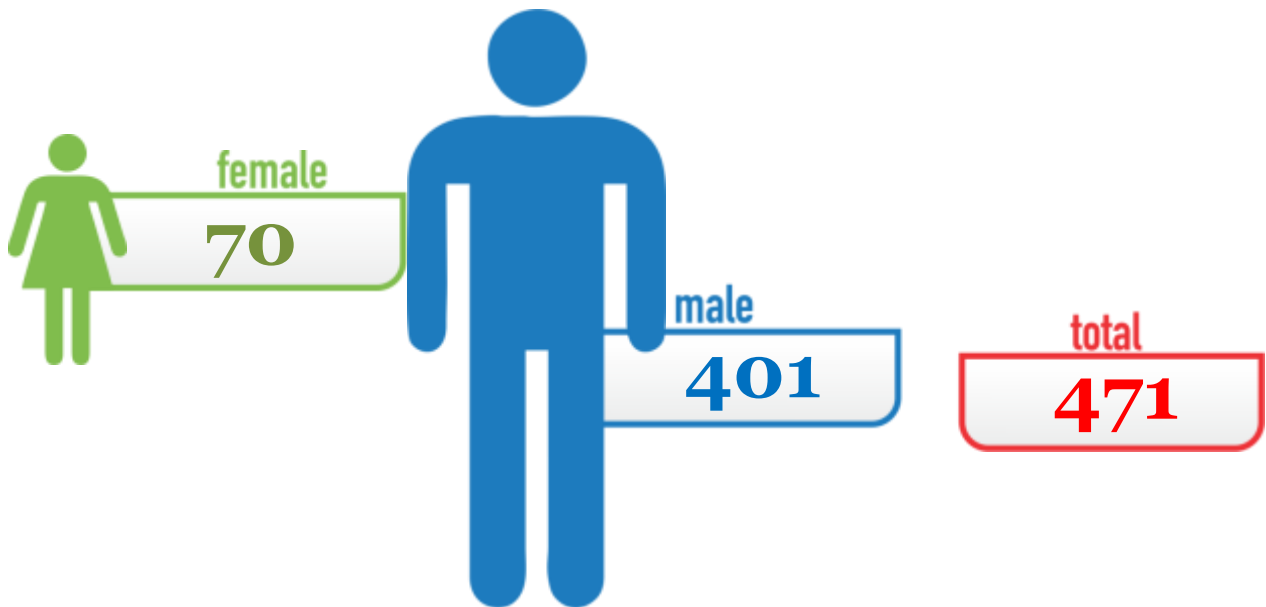




**Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender**



**Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender**





## Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
Bulawayo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harare	0	1	0	0	0	1
Manicaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash Central	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mash East	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash West	0	1	0	0	0	1
Masvingo	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mat North	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat South	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	3	0	0	0	3
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

10 intra party violations were recorded for December, all within the Zanu PF

### Distribution of violence by type across provinces

ACTS	Midlands	Byo	Mat. South	Mat. North	Masvingo	Manicaland	Harare	Mash. East	Mash. West	Mash. Central	TOTAL
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	0	1	2	6	1	1	4	5	21
Theft/looting	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	7
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	1	2	12
MDP	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	4
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unlawful Detention	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Intimidation /harassment	6	1	1	3	7	19	9	6	6	16	74
Displacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banned Political Party Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>124</b>

December saw a sharp decrease in harassment and intimidation cases to 74 recorded violations, followed by a sharp increase in assault with 21 violations, and a decrease in discriminations with 12 and then theft/looting with 7. Manicaland had the highest recorded violations for December with 38, followed by Mashonaland Central with 29, and Harare with 15







**Provincial Highlights**

Intimidation/harassment	⇒	1	1
Unlawful detention	↑	1	0



**Threat level: Low**



**Threat level: Low**

On the 31st December 2017 during a church conference at Zimbabwe International Trade Fair grounds Hall 4, with the theme ‘Prayer for Zimbabwe,’ eight youths from the Mthwakazi Republic Party were arrested after they demonstrated against President Mnangagwa demanding answers on Gukurahundi genocide in the early eighties. It is said that the peaceful demonstration was meant to send a clear message to President Mnangagwa who was the guest of honour. While they were demonstrating carrying placards with the inscription written; Sicela imisebenzi (We need jobs), Amathambo eGukurahundi ayakhala adinga impendulo (Gukurahundi bones are calling for an answer), they were harshly withdrawn from the crowds by members of the uniformed forces and perceived Central Intelligence Officers (CIO’s). Although it remains unclear, it was reported that the youths were taken to Brady Barracks- a military base where they were thoroughly beaten and later transferred to Bulawayo Central Police Station. Those who demonstrated include Sehliselo Ndebele, Marshall Sibanda, Nkosilathi Ncube, Khethani Ndlovu, Malwande Nare, Thembisani Mpofo and Brighton Sibanda.

It is alleged that on 12 December the Harare City Council demolished about 39 structures in Arcadia ward 2 of Harare South. Reports are that about 30 cottages and surrounding parameter walls were demolished by council graders. Part of the affected residents residing in Arcadia including Gift Zindi and Dongo accused the city council of corrupt tendencies and using dubious documents to destroy their properties. Dongo also reported that a council employee identified only as Themba facilitated the demolitions to benefit more land since he was constructing a house opposite the affected areas. In a telephone interview Harare City Council spokesperson Michael Chideme reported that the council is guided by-laws permitting them to demolish illegal structures. He argued that the inhabitants were served with notice letters prior to evictions. He also reiterated that the structures were built on land set aside for drainage pipes and sewage systems.

**Demolished homes in Arcadia**



*Some of the structures destroyed in Arcadia Harare*

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	⇒	0	0
Discrimination	⇒	0	0
MDP	⇒	0	0





On 14 December violence was reported in Harare Central Business District (CBD) involving street vendors and anti-riot police combined with municipal units along Jason Moyo and Leopold Takawira Avenue. The conflict resulted in destruction of several shops across the CBD. It is alleged that violence erupted when the police started running street battles, assaulting vendors across the CBD. The vendors then retaliated throwing objects forcing the police units to retreat, hiding in stationery and cell phone shops around the CBD. A mob of angry vendors reportedly vandalised shops demanding that the owners handover the assailants for punishment.



*Windows destroyed at Ttel cellphone shop along Jason Moyo and Leopold Takawira Avenue*



*Windows destroyed at Ttel cellphone shop along Jason Moyo and Leopold Takawira Avenue*

On 19 December Zanu PF factional fights in Kuwadzana constituency ward 5 were reported through social media via a WhatsApp group titled, “KARIGAMOMBE 3”. It is alleged that Kuwadzana western suburb Zanu PF Chairperson Tauya Mauka and Givemore Chokuvamba were issuing WhatsApp messages threatening perceived G40 loyalists remnants inside the party. Reports are that Mauka and Chokuvamba also vowed not to allocate residential stands to G40 inhabitants in the area. It is alleged that part of the group administration including Chokuvamba removed about 20 participants on allegations of defying the leadership of President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Zanu PF Harare political commissar Douglas Mahiya and Harare provincial chairperson Godwills Masimirembwa allegedly ran for their lives after they were attacked by Zanu PF youths suspected to be G40 activists in Harare South, Ushewokunze ward 1. It is alleged that on 23 December, what started as a Zanu PF rally to sensitize people on the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise, ills of corruption and land barons turned violent when one military officer identified only as Tarwirei mobilized party youths to block Masimirembwa from introducing Mahiya as a parliamentary candidate for Harare South (Ushewokunze) in the upcoming 2018 elections. Mahiya and Masimirembwa narrowly escaped as the youths allegedly tried to manhandle them. In a telephone interview Mahiya reported that the incident signified the continued presence of G40 loyalists within the ruling party.

It is alleged that on 28 December, about 20 Zanu PF youths led by Zanu PF chairperson identified only as Mai Ushe went around Highfield West ward 26, taking down people’s Biometric Voter Registration serial numbers. It is reported that those who had submitted their serial numbers were instructed to gather at Zororo Centre on 30 December to receive rice from the ruling party. Reports are that, on the scheduled date when people had gathered, what was supposed to be a rice distribution meeting the alleged turned into a Zanu PF star rally. It is alleged that part of the Zanu PF leadership inclusive of war veterans spokesperson Mahiya, Harare province chairperson Masimirembwa, Highfield MP Psychology Maziwisa, Central committee member Cleveria Chizeme ,Zanu PF youth chair Godfrey Gomwe and other unidentified councillors were some of the dignitaries present. Masimirembwa allegedly told beneficiaries that the rice was





from the Government of Zimbabwe and to be distributed through Zanu PF structures and to its members only. Upon his address part of the audience left the venue in frustration.



*Part of the audience leaving the venue at Zororo centre*

It is alleged that Zanu PF chairperson identified only as Mrs Makombe conducted a door to door campaign in Kuwadzana Karigamombe 3, ward 5 instructing residents to urgently submit their names and Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) serial numbers to their cell leaders. On 28 December Makombe allegedly threatened to remove residents' cabins if their names and serial numbers were not recorded by the cell leaders. She went on to say that those not registered for BVR were reflecting their opposition affiliation. One of the cell leader's spouse identified only as Mrs Rusere allegedly told residents that those not registered for BVR will lose their residential stands. Some of the victims recorded were Trina Chikomba\* and Rudo Chishakwe\*.

Zanu PF activists identified only as Mr Gogodera (branch secretary) and Mrs Rusere have been accused of coercing residents to submit their Bio-metric Voter Registration (BVR) details to Zanu PF cell structures in Kuwadzana, Karigamombe 3, ward 5. It is alleged that Gogodera and

Rusere have conducted door to door campaigns demanding serial numbers from registrants in Karigambo 3. Reports are that there is a WhatsApp group named Karigamombe 3 which, some of the victims have been added against their will.

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↓	1	5
Discrimination	↑	2	1
Theft/looting	↑	1	0
MDP	↑	2	1
Intimidation/harassment	↓	9	10
Displacement	↓	0	1
Unlawful detention	→	0	0



**Threat level: Medium**

In Mutare South, ward 27 at Munyoro village villagers were called and gathered at Munyoro Primary School for purposes of receiving fertilisers as part of the presidential farming inputs on 2 December. While addressing villagers, headman Noel Munyoro told the villagers that every villager who wanted to register through the BVR process was to pay 10 cents to him for the proof of residence letter. This was said on the eve of the registration which was starting on 4 December

On 4 December, in Chimanmani East ward 12, it was reported that a team of soldiers stationed at Charleswood summoned one Magocha who used to be a worker on the farm under ARDA and allegedly asked him a number of questions he failed to answer to their satisfaction. It is alleged that they then accused him of stealing some farm equipment which was left by Roy Bennett who used to own and run the farm before he was kicked out. They allegedly accused of Magocha of





running down the farm. Thereafter it is alleged he was physically assaulted by the soldiers using sticks and clubs. After the alleged physical assault it was then said he was forced to exhume human manure from a disused Blair toilet on the farm compound. He is said to have suffered some injuries which forced him to seek medical attention at Mutambara Hospital.

Vendors in Mutare Central are alleged to have been forcefully driven out of the CBD on 6 December, by a combined team of Municipal Police, Zimbabwe Republic Police and the Army. It was reported that on the date the united force of the three descended on the streets and high density suburbs of Mutare forcefully driving vendors out of their vending sites. This move is also alleged to have been undertaken in the wake of few and shortage of designated vending sites in the area and the vendors are also alleged to have been told to go to their rural homes if they were not formally employed.

Village head Mutaurya, of Buhera North ward 10, is alleged to have called villagers to a Zanu PF meeting on 6 December. It is reported the villagers were asked to bring voter registration slips to the meeting. Mutaurya is alleged to have said that Zanu PF district members are the ones who wanted the serial numbers on the voter registration slips and had sent Mateu Machokoto who happened to be at the meeting to collect the serial numbers.

On 9 December in Makoni Central it is reported that soldiers from 3.2 infantry battalion allegedly assaulted people at Vengere bottle store. It is said that some of the victims were watching soccer and some drinking beer at this bottle store when the military invaded the bottle store. Five people allegedly lost cell phones as they fled and Lenon Chigubhu\* is reported to have broken his leg in the process.

In Chimanimani East, ward 15 at Chimanimani Country Club on 10 December, it is reported that two separate groups of soldiers assaulted Chris Chisvo\* and Bruce Hwedza\* around 9pm when they were allegedly caught in a compromising position in the nearby Golf Course. However, both Chisvo and Hwedza are said to have failed to seek treatment in fear of the soldiers who were also stationed at the adjacent Police Station.

In Chimanimani West at Mashonjwa Primary, on 12 December, it is reported that contrary to what the November High Court ruling on so called aliens they were still being denied the right to register as voters. Simon Chibomba\* who

had recently got a replacement of a lost national identification card was turned away by one ZEC official at Mashonjwa Primary School. It was reported that after a heated argument with the head at the station Chibomba was finally told that he (the ZEC) official did not take information and instructions from the media. He is also alleged to have said he was waiting for official communication from his superiors.

In Buhera Central, ward 20 at Baravara shopping centre, a case of political intimidation at a farming inputs distribution gathering was recorded on 13 December. It is alleged that while the distribution was going smoothly, Felix Nangatidza who is ward 20 councillor rose and started encouraging villagers to register to vote. Nangatidza is alleged to have gone on to tell the gathering that the villagers were not supposed to forget the 2008 political violence, hence as they register and vote they should do it wisely if they did not want a repeat of 2008. He is also alleged to have said that villagers must not be carried away by the ascendancy of President Mnangagwa as he was also part of the 2008 system so nothing has changed in reference to the Zanu PF modus operandi. He is also reported to have said not registering to vote was a serious crime.

On 28 December it is reported that a political meeting was held at Berzeley Bridge, in Mutare South. It is alleged that the meeting left most in fear as a result of the threats which were uttered at the meeting for people to vote for Zanu PF in the 2018 polls or face consequences. Gift Makoni\* of Nyachityu village ward 10 was one of the victims. Berzeley Bridge is in Mutare South under Chief Marange who also was allegedly not recognized by the guest speaker and Mutare West legislator Christopher Mushohwe. The villagers at the meeting were allegedly threatened and told that Mutare West was never going to hold any Zanu PF primary elections for the 2018 House of Assembly candidate as Mushohwe was not supposed to be contested. Makoni the victim was present at the meeting on behalf of his brother who is Nyachityu head. The targeted audience of the meeting were the Zanu PF executive, headmen, kraal heads, churches and Chief Marange who were told to list names of opposition supporters.





Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Theft/looting	→	2	2
Discrimination	→	6	6
MDP	↑	1	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	19	9
Assault	↑	6	0
Disrupted Political Meeting	→	0	0

Tawanda passing by the shopping centre. They allegedly stopped him and asked him to produce either his national identity card or voter slip for identification. Tawanda reportedly was not in possession of his documents hence the soldiers assaulted and harassed him. It is alleged that they accused him of plotting not to vote the Zanu PF presidential candidate. Following the assault, they reportedly gave him an ultimatum to register to vote by January 2018.

It is alleged that, a man identified only as Kudzi employed at Chicken Mart, in Bindura was assaulted by two unidentified members of the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) at a nightclub in Bindura North Chipadze Shopping centre, ward 5. On 19 December Kudzi reportedly had a verbal altercation with two soldiers when he got drunk. The soldiers allegedly dragged him out of the pub before assaulting him with clenched fists. Reports are they left him lying unconscious on the ground following the assault.

It is alleged that in Mazowe North Bare Business Centre in Chiweshe rural ward 3, village head identified only as Godobi instructed his village secretary John Ndlovu to create a database of both registered and unregistered villagers in the ongoing BVR exercise. On 21 December Ndlovu was instructed to write down names of all villagers including those employed outside the village. Godobi allegedly said that the database was urgently required by the Zanu PF provincial offices for onward dispatch to the national offices He was quoted saying, “Those not registered must kiss goodbye government farming inputs and food aid”. Some of the victims recorded were Eriya Chingwena\*.

It is alleged that on 22 December Karesva Patrick\* was forced to surrender his voter registration slip serial number by village head Wonder Kazingizi in Guruve North, Kazingizi village ward 5. Reports are that besides Karesva, many other villagers have been forced to submit their serial numbers after registering. Some of the village heads alleged to have forced registrants to submit serial numbers are Wonder Kazingizi, Elias Maringisa (Gomba Village), Nyamaka (Mutsani village), Wachenuka Mupfurutsa Muparaganda and Tuweki.

It is alleged that on 31 December clashes between anti-riot police units and city dwellers resulted in violent skirmishes in Bindura North, Tendai hall, Chipadze shopping centre ward 5. Reports are that anti-riot police units attempted to close beer



**Threat level: Low**

On 8 December in Guruve South, Zanu PF activists Forbes Kamambo (ward 7 councillor) and Abel Chikashe allegedly intimidated Rosemary Ngara\* at Kamambo village in ward 7. Reports are that Kamambo sent Chikashe who forced Ngara to submit her BVR serial number. Ngara who reportedly gave them her serial number against her will was warned to vote wisely in 2018. She was told that she was under State surveillance, in case she attempted to vote in favour of the opposition.

It is alleged that on 11 December, two Zanu PF activists Isaiah Masawi and Peter Mlauzi had a misunderstanding over a piece of land which they both claimed ownership of, in Bindura North, Garikai phase 3, in ward 12. Reports are that Masawi identified Mlauzi developing the land alleged to be a residential stand, leading to a verbal altercation. Masawi reportedly sought assistance from a soldier identified only as Tembo. It is alleged that Tembo threatened Mlauzi with unspecified action before harassing him at the site.

It is alleged that a man identified only as Tawanda was harassed by two unidentified members of the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) in Bindura North at Chipadze shopping centre ward 12. On 12 December the soldiers identified





outlets on new years' eve forcing people to revolt. It is alleged that street vendors were assaulted during the conflict forcing them to retaliate, throwing back missiles. Teargas canisters were allegedly thrown to disperse the angry crowds as the police were outnumbered. However, soldiers from the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) reportedly intervened to maintain public order.

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↑	5	4
Theft/looting	↑	4	1
Discrimination	↓	2	9
MDP	→	1	1
Intimidation/harassment	↓	16	27
Displacement	↑	1	0
Disrupted Political meeting	→	0	0



**Threat level: Low**

It is alleged that from 7 November to 2 December inhabitants of Maganga farm in Marondera had their homes destroyed. Maganga villagers were told to vacate the farm by the Zimbabwe Republic Police on the pretext that they were illegal settlers.

Villagers without transport were told to move their possessions close to the main road awaiting transportation back to their places of origin. An ultimatum stipulating that by 6 November all Maganga residents were to relocate or face eviction was verbally communicated. On 7 November door to door evictions were carried out by the Zimbabwe Republic Police. Hundreds of families were displaced and their houses torched during the process. It was recorded that the police would force villagers to burn their own structures. Families' lost property worth thousands of dollars and their coping strategies and livelihoods were destroyed.



*Homes reduced to ashes during the evictions by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (above 2 pictures)*





*Plastic and makeshift houses erected by villagers close to the main road, in a bid to secure their properties and to shelter from bad weather*

Tracy Gona\* was harassed by Zanu PF ward 4 Councillor Zvinorova on 4 December in Marondera Central at Rujeko tower light stalls. It is alleged that Gona was seen celebrating the resignation of former President Robert Mugabe. Her celebrations did not go down well with Zvinorova, who then told her that she would lose the stand she benefited during the Mugabe era. Zvinorova told Gona that, ‘We gave you Zanu PF offer letters to secure residential stands now you are celebrating the demise of Mugabe’. Gona was then harassed but she reported the incident to the police under RRB 331097.

On 14 December Ruvimbo Kosmas Madume was denied a proof of residence letter by village head Christopher Tafirenyika in Goromonzi North ward 16. It is alleged that Tafirenyika denied Madume on allegations that, Madume was not paying village taxes and absconding contributing towards community developmental programs. Madume presented his case to District administrator Mate who then told Tafirenyika that all villagers should be given proof of residence irrespective of their community development contributions. Ward Councillor Charles Mujuru then gave proof of residence letters to all villagers who had been denied by Tafirenyika.

On 15 December 2017 at Solomio farm ward 7 Ruwa in Goromonzi South, a group of Zanu PF youths under the leadership of Koshiwai Rabvu, Last Tembedza and Mike Zaranyika barricaded roads leading to a BVR centre with stones and logs preventing people who wanted to register from passing through. They terrorised and intimidated all suspected MDC-T supporters and denied them access to the registration centre. Among the people intimidated were Raphael Chisipo, Lukas Phiri and Gladys Munemo together with other 3 unidentified people who wanted to register as voters. The 6

were denied access into the tent where registration was taking place. The Zanu PF youths told them that due to the overwhelming number of people who have registered, they were not allowing anyone to pass through. This infuriated the MDC-T members who asked to get clarification from the ZEC officers. An altercation arose resulting in the intervention of two police officers manning the centre. The Zanu PF youths insulted and intimidated the ZEC officers saying they were registering non residents of the ward. On trying to explain the process to the Zanu PF youths the officers were also intimidated and harassed. The ZEC officers temporarily closed the centre and phoned the District Elections Officer, a Mr Gororo. Armed soldiers were deployed to the registration Centre and ordered the Zanu PF youths away before ordering the re-opening of the centre. The registration process continued under the watchful eye of the armed soldiers.

Zanu PF activists’ assaulted three MDC-T supporters in Marondera at Mushandira shopping centre Ward 10 on 26 December. It is alleged that, Jairoshi Kashiri, Kenias Chikafu\* and Mark Chikafu\* affiliated to MDC-T were severely assaulted by a Zanu PF group led by Oni and Obadiah Chisango. The trio were assaulted after a heated verbal political party confrontation. The case was reported at Mahusekwa police station but no arrests have been made. The victims were referred to CSU and were assisted.

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↓	1	2
Theft/looting	↓	0	2
Discrimination	↓	1	4
Unlawful detention	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	6	18





**Threat level: Low**

Village head William Kachepa\*aligned to MDC-T was assaulted by a Zanu PF youth Joe Dzapasi at a pub in Magunje on 8 December. It is alleged that Kachepa was assaulted for denying Dzapasi farming inputs. It was recorded that Dzapasi was denied farming inputs as he tried to cheat the system through double dipping. The beneficiary register indicated that Dzapasi had received inputs under his mother’s household. The incident was not reported to the police.

On 11 December uniformed Zimbabwe National Army Officers (ZNA) harassed and assaulted people at Rumwe shopping centre in Rimuka Kadoma Central Sanyati District. ZNA Officers are alleged to have been on a campaign ordering residents to produce voter registration slips and national identification details. Residents who failed to produce the needed documents were severely assaulted. Several shops were closed as the situation intensified; among the shops that were forced to close was Africa Bet. It is alleged that six armed ZNA Officers pounced on Africa Bet and switched off television sets before ordering people to produce their voter registration slips. Those who failed to produce slips were clapped and ordered to register to avoid future embarrassments.

A violent dispute was recorded in ward 16 Waze in Chegutu East on 18 December over unfair distribution of Presidential farming inputs. It is alleged that a revolt led by Zanu PF ward chairperson broke out against sitting ward Councillor Ethilege Mbangani. Villagers disapproved the way Mbangani distributed inputs. It is alleged that he unfairly distributed fertilizers to his subjects. Mbangani tried to consolidate his power and allocated 330 bags to his close and immediate villages against 100 bags allocated to Waze villages. The ZNA quickly intervened and silenced the disgruntled villagers.

On 23 December, the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) officers assaulted a group of youths in Chegutu East ward 18 at Chinhengo Primary School. It is alleged that the incident took place during a Command Agriculture programme in which the ZNA officers were facilitating the distribution of fertilizers to villagers. Among the youth who were assaulted was Tendai Chapfudza. Chipfudza was accused for interrupting and disturbing during the distribution; he was assaulted with open palms.

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↑	4	2
Theft/looting	↓	0	1
Discrimination	↓	1	5
Displacement	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	6	12
Unlawful Detention	→	0	0



**Threat level: Low**

In Chivi Central ward 16 at Chivi Turnoff, a case of Zanu PF intra-party violence was reported on 3 December. It is alleged that Trymore Zhiri assaulted Howard Madungwe a Zanu PF youth after Madungwe had earlier threatened to assault Moses Mazungunye\* the ward 16 Councillor. A misunderstanding started after Madungwe who was wearing a Zanu PF t-shirt with the inscription in support of President Mnangagwa, told Mazungunye that the Lacoste faction was now in power and Pwanyai was going to suffer. When Zhiri was informed of the misunderstanding he is reported to have assaulted Madungwe. The police at a nearby base are alleged to have ignored the matter.







In Chivi Central, on 8 December, it was reported that Kariot Chidhiya a nurse at Chibi Mission Clinic was visited by soldiers who had allegedly been told by some people that he was a G40 member who was causing discomfort in the community. It was reported that these soldiers allegedly told him that if they ever heard that he is talking about G-40 he will be thrown into ‘everlasting darkness’.

On 13 December, in Masvingo West ward 5 in Mashava, it was reported that the ward secretary of the Zanu PF women’s league identified as Maphosa embarked on a programme of collection of voter registration slips from residents. It was reported that Maphosa went door to door demanding the voter registration slips and national identification cards and he was going listing all the details in a book.

In Chiredzi West, ward 2 a civilian was assaulted by members of the Zimbabwe National Army on 19 December. It is alleged that Noel Chazireni who is said to be mentally ill was assaulted by a group of soldiers who were patrolling the area in groups of four. It was said that the reasons for his assault was that he had allegedly criticized the latest political developments in the country insinuating that the removal of Mugabe had worsened things. Chazireni was assaulted and was subsequently admitted at Chiredzi general hospital for close to 3 days. The perpetrators were not identified



**Threat level: Low**

On the 1st of December at Simatele business centre Binga North constituency, it was reported that a Zanu PF candidate Cephas Mudenda threatened four MDC-T supporters saying that should his party fail to record a landslide victory in the forthcoming 2018 elections, then the army would ‘intervene’ to protect the interests of the party. Reports suggests that Mudenda underscored the fact that whether they win or lose elections, army generals would protect Zanu PF by any means necessary. It is alleged that Mudenda equally castigated the MDC-T leader, Morgan Tsvangirai.

On the 13th of December 2017, at Section B, Hwange Central constituency, it was reported that Clement Mudenda demanded voter registration slips from individuals who had successfully registered ahead of the 2018 elections. It is said that Mudenda claimed that he was sent by MDC-T councillor for ward 9 only identified as Maphosa. While capturing individual’s serial numbers, Mudenda claimed that Maphosa had instructed that individuals should register and submit their serial numbers.

On the 24th of December at Lupane Beerhall, Lupane West constituency, it was reported that two suspected soldiers together with known Zanu PF member Mbongeni Dube, assaulted Pearson Ncube over an unclear political argument. It is said that the trio, manhandled Ncube and threatened to ‘eliminate’ him if he continued subscribing to any thinking that contradicted the new dispensation. The issue was not reported to the police.

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↑	2	0
Kidnapping/abduction	↓	0	1
Discrimination	↓	0	5
Intimidation/harassment	↓	7	11
Unlawful Detention	↓	0	1

Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↑	1	0
Theft/looting	↓	0	1
Discrimination	↓	0	3
Displacement	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	3	4





In Mzimuni village at ward 3 of Gwanda North constituency, it was reported that village leaders who are also known Zanu PF members only identified as Beauty Ncube and M. Ndlovu threatened villagers to register and ultimately vote for Zanu PF. It is said that they warned individuals that those that will vote for the opposition risk being punished as the BVR has ‘special features’ of tracing how individuals voted. In their speech, it is alleged that they strongly ordered individuals to submit their serial numbers.

Category of incident		Oct 2017	Sept 2017
Assault	⇒	0	0
Theft/looting	⇒	0	0
Discrimination	⇒	0	0
Displacement	⇒	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	⇓	1	5

December after being asked to provide serial numbers of voter registration slips .The four victims namely Lovejoy Mhaka\*, Claris Nyemba\*, Patience Nyika\* and Lilian Pikirisi\* were asked to hand over registration slips to the headman. The victims said that headman Nyoka approached them and demanded they surrender their BVR proof of registration slips to him for safe keeping. The victims are said to have refused to hand over their slips and they threatened to go and seek clarity at ZEC offices.

On 12 December, in Gokwe Sesame ward 12, Nemangwe at Kwaramba Business Centre, Karara a case of intra-party squabbles was reported. It is alleged that Kopiasi Mpofu a Zanu PF youth officer insulted a fellow Zanu PF youth Learnmore Chipere\* after Mpofu was told that the resignation of former president Robert Mugabe from his post meant youth officers known as ghost workers in some circles were also supposed to cease to exist. Chipere is also alleged to have said the new government under President Mnangagwa must further arrest these youth officers. These utterances are reported to have not gone down well with Mpofu leading to the verbal exchange of words between the two Zanu PF youths.

In Gokwe-Kana, ward 1 Muyambi, a case of Zanu PF intra-party violence was reported on 29 December. It is alleged that Temba Ndhlovu was assaulted by Mike Nyoni both affiliated to Zanu PF. It was reported that details leading to the assault were based on factionalism. Ndhlovu was questioned by Nyoni on why he had been previously a strong supporter of former President Mugabe and the G40 cabal. He was then assaulted. The matter was not reported to the police.



In Chiwundura ward 11 Nyoka village, it was reported that, villagers were angered by their headman Bernard Nyoka on 9

On 30 December, in Gweru-Chiwundura at Mkoba 14 Shopping Centre it was reported that six Zanu PF youths suspected to be part of faction in Zanu PF referred to as Lacoste team allegedly confronted Thomas Chitere of G40. It was then said the youths forced Chitere to give them what they called confidential plans of the G40 faction. Thus Chitere is said to have told the six that he does not hold any information besides being a member of the Zanu PF party not a faction. Thus he was then told that these six had a list of people with a record of trying to fight the new Zanu PF leadership under President Mnangagwa. Chitere was then forced to wear a t/shirt with President Mnangagwa’s image on it. Only one youth out of the six was identified as Tinashe Makopa.





Category of incident		Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Assault	↓	1	3
Theft/looting	↓	0	1
Discrimination	↓	0	3
Torture	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	6	23
Unlawful Detention	↓	0	1

\*Names of victims have been changed.





## Food and Other Aid Violations

0/Zero	2/Two	4/Four	3/Three	0/Zero	1/One	0/Zero	0/Zero	0/Zero	0/Zero
Bulawayo	Harare	Manicaland	Mashonaland Central	Mashonaland East	Mashonaland West	Masvingo	Matabeleland North	Matabeleland South	Midlands



Threat level: Low

It is alleged that Tansatwa Eugene Ngano was denied her right to education by school head Mrs Rupiye at Kudzanai primary school in Highfield west ward 26. On 8 December Rupiye allegedly denied Ngano her grade 7 results on allegations of outstanding debts with the institution. Parts of the alleged debts were inclusive of tuition fees and levies. Rupiye reportedly also refused to negotiate a payment plan with Ngano's parents.

and other allocations from the President and the Grain Marketing Board (GMB). It is alleged that during community distribution of inputs such as fertilizers , maize seed and soya beans , these activists have been allocating themselves a lion' share in full view of beneficiaries. Reports are that on 18 December they confiscated maize seed and fertilizer breakages to share amongst themselves yet denying the local community. They reportedly removed Batanai Chikwekwe\* and Trymore Moyo\* from the beneficiaries list on allegations of alignment to the opposition MDC-T. It is alleged that they have also denied many villagers food aid claiming that they failed to contribute towards the construction of Nzvimbo local clinic. Among those who have been denied their allocations include Zivanai Makushe\* , Chris Chimutsa, Jericho Chitembwe\* and Rutendo Zvavanjanja\*.



Threat level: Low

In Mazowe Central at Nzvimbo council hall ward 8, Zanu PF activists made up of district members, youths, village heads and secretaries namely Winnie Chigede, Chioniso Kodzwa, Loveday Mandaza, Kodzwa Musiwa and John Ndoro were accused of corrupt distribution of farming inputs and food aid from the government through the ministry of social welfare

It is alleged that a widow Feresia Chibwe\* was denied food aid from the Social welfare by Zanu PF branch chairperson Langton Nzanzi who accused her of being a G40 activist opposed to President Mnangagwa. On 13 December Nzanzi who was in charge of the community distribution of maize for the elderly allegedly denied Chibwe her ration of a bag of maize. He reportedly skipped calling her name from the beneficiaries list. This incident was recorded at Forx farm, ward 16 in Mazowe South.





**Threat level: Low**

In Buhera North ward 10 at the branch centre a case of partisan distribution of the presidential farming inputs was recorded on 2 December. It is alleged that a war veteran called Chamatumba ordered that all known and suspected opposition supporters were not supposed to be given maize seeds that was being distributed. It was reported that the seeds had come through the Makoni North legislator William Mutomba. He also said in the approaching 2018 polls all homesteads belonging to opposition members were going to be burnt down. Opposition supporters were then dismissed before the distribution exercise commenced .

In Buhera West ward 5 at Jaggers Business Centre a case of unfair distribution of food aid was reported on 11 December. It is alleged that the ward 5 councillor Jane Ziki, Zanu PF youth chairperson Albert Chikukwa and the Zanu PF district chairperson Mugove Magunda were tasked to distribute maize to the vulnerable persons in the community (orphans and old people) when they diverted the aid. It was reported that instead of the maize being given to the intended group it was diverted and given to some civil servants in the ward. This is alleged to have happened after the three tasked to distribute the food announced that it was only going to be given to those who were able to pay a 1 US dollar. Thus the targeted groups of the old people and orphans could not afford to pay and the civil servant who managed to pay are said to have benefited.

In Buhera Central, ward 18 at Sungura Township, a case of partisan distribution of farming inputs was reported on 16 December. It was reported that the farming inputs in form of maize seeds were distributed unfairly by the Zanu PF ward Chairperson Tarisai Nganga and the Zanu PF youth Chairperson Panganai Mavheneke. It is alleged that these two announced that the seed was going to be given to Zanu PF supporters only before turning away some known opposition members at the gathering. The victims of this segregation

were Paul Mugombe who is the MDC-T ward chairperson and the MDC-T women's league chairperson Kundai Mutsotso.

In Mutare North, ward 11, a case of partisan distribution of agricultural inputs was recorded on 29 December. It was reported that the distribution of compound D fertilizer at Golowa Business Centre did not go well and as expected as it was politicised. It was reported that the Muwoko and Chegore villagers were denied their share for unclear reasons but suspected to be political as previously it has been said that these were villages with most opposition supporters. The perpetrator was reported to be the ward councillor and Zanu PF member Chateau Ndoro..



**Threat level: Low**

On 18 December, Basil Mungazi\* was denied Presidential scheme farming inputs by Zanu PF ward Councillor Audrey Hativagoni. It is alleged that Mungazi was denied inputs on allegations that she had stolen party regalia at the Zanu PF Extraordinary congress. The distribution was controlled by the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA). Beneficiaries were entitled to a 50Kg bag of compound D fertilizer. This transpired at Wamika Club in Chegutu East ward 18.





**ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person
SEXUAL ASSAULT:	It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.
a) RAPE	
b) AGGRAVATED INDECENT SEXUAL ASSAULT	Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter
	Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.
ASSAULT	Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.
a) FALANGA (FOOT WHIPPING)	Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood, or a whip. The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.
b) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATION (WATER BOARDING)	A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.
c) BEATING	Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or
d) OTHER ASSAULT	





their own excreta.)

TORTURE	Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind
THREAT	It is whereby a person threaten to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION	Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult of threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity.
MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS	
KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL DETENTION	Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority (based on section 93 of the Criminal code Act)
a) ABDUCTION	The taking away of a person using intimidation, open force of violence
b) UNLAWFUL ARREST	Is the arrest of a person by another person (usually a police officer), whereby the latter's position generally authorizes him/her to arrest the other person, but not in this particular case. Essentially, it is a form of abuse of power on the part of the police officer
c) UNLAWFUL DETENTION	Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.
d) FORCED DISPLACEMENT	Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual





residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects or armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border”

## PROPERTY RIGHTS

### THEFT

Is whereby a person takes property from another person “knowing” that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property.

### ROBBERY

Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the threat of immediate violence to induce the person who has lawful control over the property to relinquish his/her control over it.

### STOCK THEFT

Is whereby a person takes livestock from another person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, and possess or control this very property.

### MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Is whereby a person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control any property, damages or destroys that very property (Note: MDP to communal/household property should only be chosen for one family member: the victim or head of household in that order)

- a) DESTRUCTION OF HOME
- b) OTHER TYPES OF MDP

Is a form of malicious damage to property, it occurs when a home is burnt to the ground or otherwise made inhabitable in such a manner as the only option toward the making the home habitable is to completely rebuild it.







## ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN ZIMBABWE



### ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

#### VISION

A Zimbabwe where there is Peace, Justice, Dignity and Development for all.

#### MISSION

To work for sustainable peace through monitoring, documentation, advocacy and community peace building interventions with our members and partners

### FOR COMMENTS, FURTHER DETAILS OR TO REPORT VIOLATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY CONTACT:

Zimbabwe Peace Project  
ZPP National Director: +26377 227 6543  
+263 4 747719 or 2930180/182  
Hotline and WhatsApp numbers  
+263 774 883 406 and +263 774 883 417  
Toll Free: 080 80199  
zppinfo@myzpp.com  
www.zimpeaceproject.com  
Like us on Facebook: Zimbabwe Peace Project  
Follow Us on Twitter: @zppinfo

