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Human Rights Violations

MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

'Season of protest'

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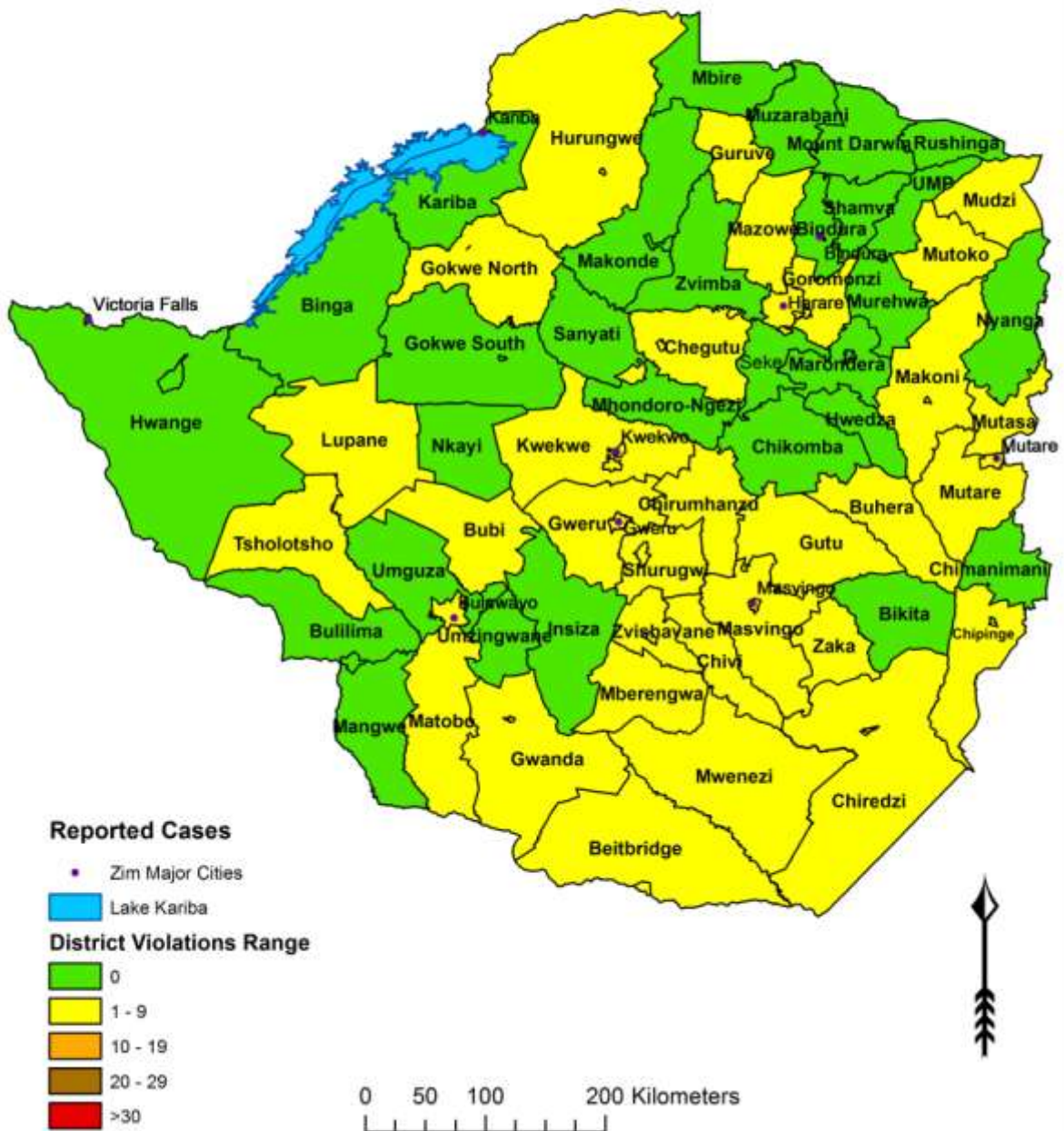
Acronyms

GMB	– Grain Marketing Board
Zanu PF	– Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
ZAPU	– Zimbabwe African People's Union
ZimPF	– Zimbabwe People First
ZNA	– Zimbabwe National Army
MP	--Member of Parliament

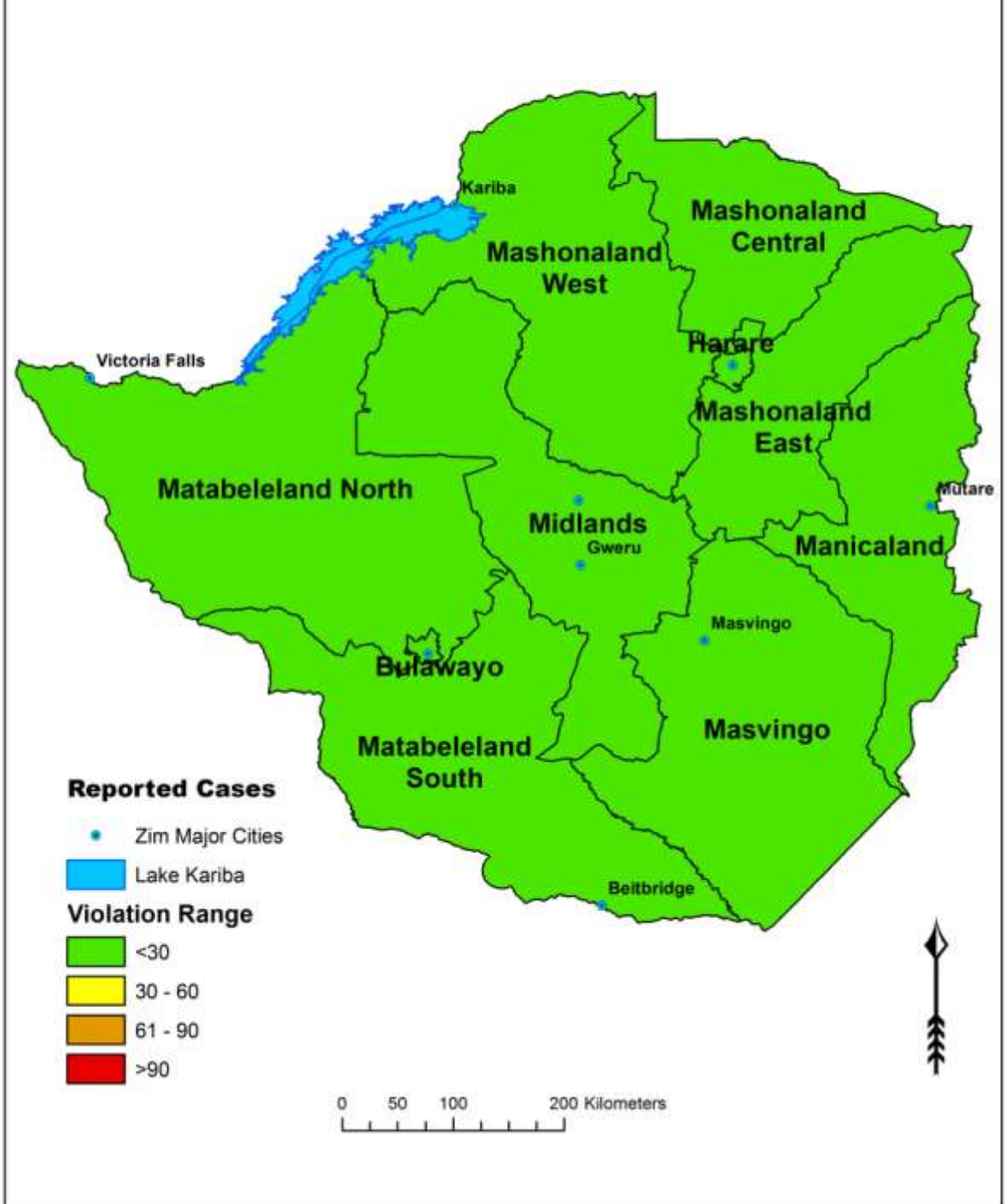
RBZ --Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

NPP --National People's Party

March 2017 District Violations Map



March 2017 Provincial Violations Map



Executive Summary

The Zimbabwe Peace Project recorded various human rights violations in the month of March. Civic and political rights violations were recorded in both urban areas and rural areas. In urban areas the violations were mainly the denial of the right to freedom of assembly, expression and association.

There was a National Electoral Reform Agenda (NERA) demonstration in Harare to protest against government's decision to fund the acquisition of Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) equipment. There was also a war veterans meeting in Harare and this resulted in police being on high alert and in the case of the NERA demo, police prevented NERA supporters from delivering their petition to ZEC premises in their numbers saying only ten people would be allowed to do so. There were also Zanu PF demonstrations countrywide against women's league members Eunice Sandi-Moyo and Sarah Mahoka.

While NERA and war veterans almost had their meetings prohibited by police and ended up having stringent conditions to hold their meetings, Zanu PF supporters countrywide did not complain of such restrictions. Only the ruling party political Commissar Saviour Kasukuwere was accused of trying to prevent the political meetings from going ahead.

All citizens have a right to equal treatment before the law and the arbitrary manner in which police are authorising or prohibiting political gatherings amount to discrimination.

In rural areas reports were about the denial of the rights to freedom of association and right to food mainly.

The opposition MDC-T president Morgan Tsvangirai has been going around the country meeting opinion leaders in various communities and this has resulted in a rise in violations against MDC-T supporters. They reported that they are being harassed for wearing MDC-T regalia or attending the party's meetings.

The ruling Zanu PF party has been having its own internal contradictions and a number of intra-party violent incidents have been reported. The ruling party is also perpetually organising and campaigning and this has resulted in people reporting that they are being forced to attend party meetings or denied food and other aid on partisan basis.

The month of March also saw villagers being evicted from Arnold farm in Mazowe and being relocated to Concession. Minor children have not been going to school after being forcibly

relocated to a new area 40km away. The villagers were also deprived of their property after they were forced to leave their livestock and crops behind.

The fight against impunity received a major boost when the High Court ruled that those who carry out torture and other illegalities in the course of their duties can be sued in their personal capacity in the case of Minister of State Security vs. Jestina Mukoko.

Finally all eyes have been in Mwenezi East where Zimbabwe People First candidate Kudakwashe Bhasikiti withdrew from the by-election slated for 8 April arguing that his supporters are being harassed and he is being prevented from holding rallies. The ruling Zanu PF has been accused of vote buying using maize and rice accessed from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB). Traditional leaders have also been actively campaigning for the ruling party in violation of Section 281 of the constitution.

Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) reports for March show a total of 112 violations down from last month's 144. The month under focus had 655 victims altogether. Of these victims, those from the Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF) were 21 people 3, 2 %, and those affiliated to the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC-T) stood at 14, 35 % which translates to 94 people. The increase in MDC-T victims may be linked to the increased political activity by the opposition party's Morgan Tsvangirai who has been going around the country meeting opinion leaders.

A total of 655 victims and 263 perpetrators were recorded. 62,4 % of the victims were male while 37,5 % were females. 90, 5% of the perpetrators were male while 9, 5 % were female.

One hundred and sixty seven (167) perpetrators were affiliated to the ruling Zanu PF party which is 63,5 % of the figure. Four perpetrators could not be established which party they were affiliated to. Eighty one (81) perpetrators were police officers while 8 perpetrators were from the Zimbabwe National Army. Two (2) of the perpetrators were Central Intelligence Organisation operatives and 1 perpetrator was from the MDC-T.

Risk Assessment

From the reports in the month under review the 2018 elections are giving way to intolerance in communities where citizens are continually being threatened with unspecified action in some instances if they do not vote wisely. What is also evident is the fact that citizens are living in fear as they are told that their vote is not a secret in the 2018 elections. Leaders in

communities continue to warn citizens that they will know who they vote for. In this month and the last it is clear that Zanu PF is restructuring its local structures and this is also causing untold suffering for those suspected to belong to the opposition.

The selective application of the law does not bode well for creating a political environment that is level for all political actors for the 2018 elections. Good examples are the demonstrations by NERA and those by the Zanu PF women's and youth leagues. While the police descended in all their numbers for the NERA demonstration they were conspicuous by their absence at all the Zanu PF demonstrations against Sandi Moyo and Sarah Mahoka.

Hate language seems to have been taken a gear up and the concern about this is that it is breeding ground for the outbreak of violence. The continual non action of the police in some incidents that are reported to them is tantamount to their abrogating their mandate and this does not bode well for citizens to have confidence in the police as protectors of their rights.

The ZPP feels that it is the duty of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to conduct free and fair elections and it is therefore their role to intervene where the electorate is being instilled with fear on some people knowing who they will have voted for. The electorate needs to get the correct information as soon as possible.

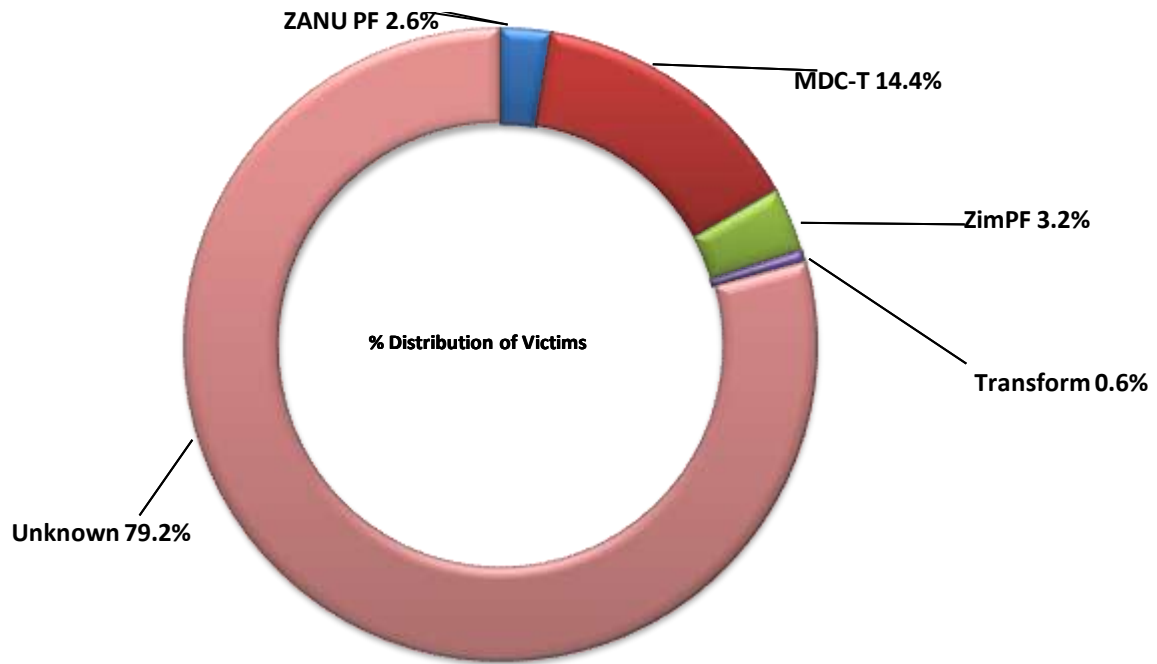
Data Gathering Methodology

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 published in retrospect.

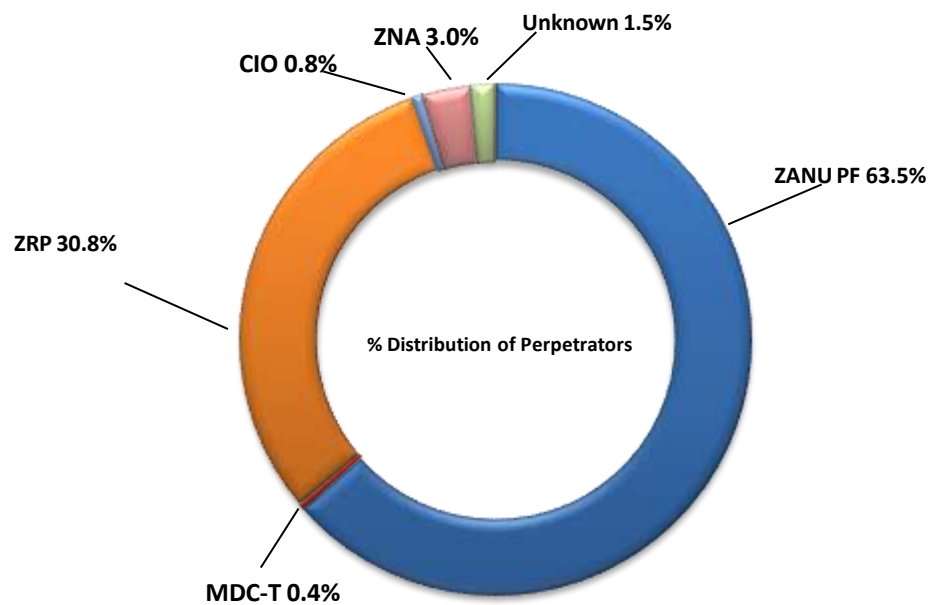
This report contains some of the violations recorded by ZPP, the organisation has a data base with the rest of the injustices and gladly shares it with interested stakeholders.

THE DASHBOARD – INCIDENTS' STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

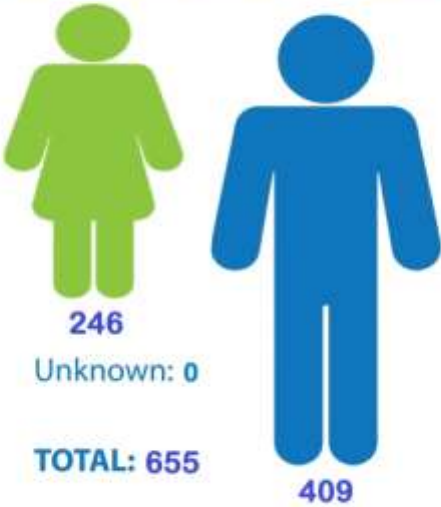
Analysis of violence victims by party



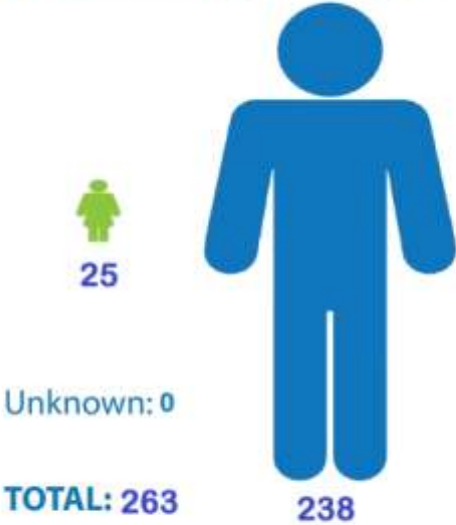
Analysis of violence perpetrators by party



Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender



Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	NPP	ZimPF	PDP	Total
Bulawayo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harare	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manicaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash Central	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash East	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash West	0	1	0	0	0	1
Masvingo	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mat North	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat South	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall Total	0	2	1	0	0	3

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF and NPP with the ruling party recording 2 for March and one in the opposition NPP.

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	1	1	1	0	1	0	6
Theft/looting	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
Discrimination	4	1	3	2	5	8	3	1	0	4	31
MDP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Detention	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Intimidation /harassment	12	2	2	3	13	13	3	4	3	3	58
Displacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disrupted Political Mtg	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5
Total	22	3	5	7	21	22	9	7	6	10	112

Harassment and Intimidation cases continued to dominate the recorded violations with 58, followed closely by discrimination recording 31 cases. Manicaland and Midlands had the highest recorded violations in March with 22 cases, followed by Masvingo province with 21 cases.

Provincial Summaries

Bulawayo

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
22 March	Freedom of association	It is alleged that on the 22 nd of March 2017, Simon Karanda* was insulted by a man identified as Mbonisi Tshuma of Zanu PF who was wearing his party regalia. Simon was accused of being a sell-out since he never belonged to Zanu PF. The incident happened at Sompis Shopping Centre at Mahatshula North.

Harare

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
11 March	Freedom of Association, assembly Right to privacy	In Mbare Constituency ward 11, it was reported that Zanu PF youths disrupted a funeral procession at house number 10 Mataka Filter, following the death of Gogo Chiquita Mack who passed on the previous day. It was alleged that at around 10:30pm soon after a church service, Zanu PF youths led by youth chairperson Reason threw stones and other un-identical objects at the house where the funeral was held and damaged property. Other sources revealed that earlier in the afternoon, Zanu PF members had convened a private meeting at house number 33 Madzima where they planned all initiatives targeted at disrupting the funeral. It was alleged that the reason for the violent behaviour was political since the family members of the deceased were well known MDC-T supporters. Property was damaged inclusive of windows of a vehicle parked outside the premises. The matter was reported to the police under RRB number 3042207.
22 March	Right to equal treatment	In Harare Central journalists where denied entry at Zimbabwe Electoral Commission offices [ZEC] by anti-riot police but ZBC journalists where allowed inside the premises. It is alleged that riot police came and gave orders that only 10 people were allowed to enter the premises.
27 March	Freedom of Association/Equal opportunities Security of person	A group of Zanu PF youths suspected to be Chipangano invaded Ngaritutwe bottle store in Mbare constituency Ward 4, next to Matapi Police station and coerced proprietors to close down the bar accusing them of using the venue to convene MDC-T meetings. The youths suspected to be led by Changara nicknamed Chairman, went on to burn property inclusive of sofas that were in the building. The sofas were locked in a room but the youths forcefully opened the premises and dragged them out. They locked the gate of the premises ordering the proprietors to stop

		<p>their business operations. The youths created boundaries where they said MDC-T members were supposed to operate and made it clear that Koffman Plot, where the business operations were located is Zanu PF territory. Anti-riot police were called but they did not intervene and were ordered off the scene by the Zanu PF youths. The matter was reported to the police under RRB number 3030122. The youths were also looking for an MDC-T supporter identified as Jeff. They went on to prepare a mock grave for him making their intentions to harm him known. He stands accused of refusing to attend Zanu PF meetings and convening MDC-T meetings in Mbare. A citizen Fambisai Muchineripi was assaulted by the youth militia and he confirmed that many other people were assaulted and victimized but fear coming out in the open about their ordeals. Zanu PF youths have imposed an economic embargo against members of other political parties in Mbare and are carrying out terror activities with impunity as police officers seem to be afraid of dealing with the known perpetrators.</p>
30 March 2017	Right to Education	<p>It is reported that some children at Rukudzo Primary School in Kambuzuma, ward 14 failed to write their end of term examinations over outstanding school fees. Reports are that the Headmistress Mrs Zata instructed teachers to deny all pupils with outstanding tuition fees from writing examinations. It is alleged that when parents came to negotiate payment plans with the school authorities, Mrs Zata evaded them.</p>

Manicaland

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
1 March 2017	Freedoms of Choice and	In Chitsvori village, Makoni West it was reported that an arrangement was reached between the school and parents who are said to be struggling to pay school fees for their children. The parents were tasked to help in the preparation

	Association	of lunch for a month at St Bedes Primary school as their form of payment. This has been an initiative of helping the needy pupils with lunch at this school. The seven women chosen for the month of March were turned down to perform their agreed duties by the cooking coordinator on political grounds. The coordinator is Ms Rosemary Maisiri. She is alleged to have dismissed the women and said they should go and cook at Zim PF schools and was adamant that she was not in any way going to work with non-Zanu PF people even if it was a school arrangement.
16 March	Freedom of choice, association and expression	On the 16 th of March 2017, a restaurant take-away outlet operator Mr Chipato* was threatened at Muzokomba Township in Ward 24, Buhera South by one Zariro who is said to be a Border Gezi youth training graduate. This happened when the perpetrator was having a meal at Mr Mukuwe's restaurant when he overheard two opposition supporters making what were said to be derogatory remarks directed to the Zanu PF party and Buhera South Member of Parliament Hon Joseph Chinotimba. This led to Zariro confronting the restaurant owner and accused him of accommodating opposition supporters who talk ill about Zanu PF. He was told that his business was going to be shut down for letting opposition supporters discuss politics within his premises, despite the business owner not having control of what had transpired.
20 March	Right to equal opportunity	It was reported that at 09:00am, ward 1 councillor, Nyamupanedengu allegedly wrote only MDC-T members on the list of those who were supposed to work under the drain clearance programme. It is alleged that Zanu PF members were left out on this list on suspected political grounds. One Zanu PF victim was Precious Chikomo*. The programme went ahead despite a serious misunderstanding with Zanu PF members who were left out as they complained about the unfairness of the process.

22 March	Right to demonstrate and petition	In Penhalonga ward 21, a victim Pearson Chimimba*, having notified the police of a demonstration against poor service delivery as a result of water shortages and poor road infrastructure was threatened. It was reported that he was brought before the Chief Superintendent Mr Ndou, and Officer commanding Mutare Rural in a bid to be convinced to call off the intended demonstrations he was spearheading. The Chief Superintendent is alleged to have assembled a panel of security agents and the Officer in Charge Mutare Rural Police Station to quiz Chimimba on his intentions. At this session the victim was allegedly accused of hiding behind the Tajamuka pressure group and told that he was not going to be allowed to proceed with the demonstrations.
22 March	Freedom of Expression	In Muchawaya Township, Chipinge East it was reported that Arnold Mtisi was physically attacked by Busai Nyabanga for wearing an MDC-T t/shirt. This prompted retaliation from Mtisi who fought back and the situation degenerated into a fist fight.
26 March	Freedom of association Political rights	In Ward 11 Mutare North, it is alleged that village heads Wendumba, Pundo, Kwembeya, and Charuma called for meetings in their respective villages. These meetings were said to have been convened after a directive from Chateu Ndoro who is councillor for ward 11 and also a Zanu PF member. It is reported that the meeting was to educate voters on voting issues.. It was also reported that the village heads told the gatherings that all the names of those who would have cast their votes will be noted down for further action in case Zanu PF go on to lose the polls. Some of the victims of such threats and were among those at these gatherings included Nyasha Musakwa*, Alerta Chimhini*, Gerald Motsi and Svtwai Chisvo.

Mashonaland Central

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
20 March	Right to education	It was reported that Mvurwi Primary School Headmaster ordered teachers to restrict class room entry to grade 7 pupils who had not paid their school fees. This incident was recorded in Mazowe North constituency in ward 28. It was alleged that school head Mr Richard Mudavanhu claimed that government was playing a pivotal role in the provision of competitive salaries for civil servants hence, he did not tolerate children who had not yet paid tuition fees. Reports are that while other pupils were writing their end of term mock exams, those who had not yet paid were playing soccer at the school grounds.
24 March	Right to personal security Freedom from arbitrary eviction	It was reported that law enforcement agents demolished 35 of the 143 homes at Arnold Farm in Mazowe Central constituency to pave way for First Lady Grace Mugabe. Most villagers were left homeless only to be resettled in Rushinga Lazy and Blagdon farms. The action taken by police disregarded a High Court order granted on 24 January 2015 barring the police from demolishing people's homes and evicting people in the area.

Mashonaland East

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
02 March	Property Rights	In Mudzi South constituency at Chitiyo village under chief Nechombo ward 14, there was a gold mine ownership dispute between Done Masukume and Robson Ngamo. It is alleged that Musukume was employed by Robson's late Father as a mine assistant since he possessed mining machinery and equipment. Reports say that following the death of Robson's father, Musukume has threatened Robson with eviction from the mine because he works at the President's office. It is alleged that Masukume masquerades as the mine owner and is refusing to leave the mine. Reports are that the victim has all paper work that shows mine ownership but Musukume claims to be the mine owner.
11 March	Freedom of Association Political rights	It was reported that there was a Zanu PF meeting held in Mutoko East constituency at Chikukwa Village ward 11, where Zanu PF chairperson E Manhenga intimidated villagers suspected to be opposition supporters. Reports are that the ruling party chairperson convened a meeting in Hungu and threatened residents that in 2018 they will vote at Chikondoma polling station and there will be a way of identifying those who vote for opposition. It was alleged that Chikasha* and Mazengero* were warned to vote wisely since they were suspected to be opposition members.
20 March	Freedom of association and assembly	Traditional leaders in Goromonzi South constituency Ward 18 at Rusike Village were threatened with dethronement from positions held in the villages after attending an opinion leaders meeting with the MDC-T President. It was reported that Zanu PF Chairperson nicknamed Sure issued out threat messages to those who had attended the meeting, declaring Rusike as a 'restricted' area. It was also alleged that an urgent meeting with the traditional leaders was convened by the chairperson where he threatened to dethrone all those who had attended.

Mashonaland West

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
3 March	Freedom of association Political rights	There was a solidarity march held in Chegutu West constituency Ward 2, organized by Zanu PF MP Dexter Nduna. It is alleged the purpose of the procession was for residents to demonstrate their commitment to the ruling party President towards the upcoming 2018 elections. It was reported that residents were summoned to Chegutu Central Business District under the guise of accessing food aid only to be coerced to join Zanu PF members in a march around the city. It was reported that Nduna also threatened parastatal managers who were not employing ruling party members saying their days were numbered. Among those targeted were ZESA and Telone managers
5 March	Freedom of Assembly	It was alleged that a truck load of armed anti-riot police disrupted MDC-T leader Morgan Tsvangirai's scheduled meeting with opinion leaders in Hurungwe West at Nyamakate area in village 22. It was reported that a team of nine officers, armed with guns and teargas under the command of officer in charge Inspector Mugari descended on the village and threatened Titus Chimbiro* for providing his premises to be used as the meeting venue. It was reported that the officers claimed that they had not been notified of the meeting and made relentless efforts to halt the planned event. MDC-T Secretary General Douglas Mwonzora confirmed the events as a true record.
25 March	Right to personal security	In Chegutu West constituency Ward 2, there was intra-party violence at a Zanu PF meeting convened by MP Dexter Nduna at the party offices in town. It was alleged that violence began when the MP undressed some youth members of the Provincial Committee calling them thieves ,who masqueraded under the party name collecting money from civilians to enrich themselves. It was reported that some youths in the provincial leadership retaliated and began

		mocking the MP. Reports highlighted that the MP interpreted their protests as rebellion and ordered other party youths loyal to him, to dismiss them violently and confiscate the party regalia worn. It was alleged that violence erupted with verbal insults being exchanged as the victims forced their way back into the venue. Other sources confirmed that Nduna's youths were overpowered in the operation exercise and some were assaulted.
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Matabeleland North

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
13 March	Political rights Right to personal security	It is alleged that Bhiza Moyo aged 39 years of ward 4 Mbembesi was thoroughly beaten by a gang of people in unclear circumstances that emanated from a wrangle relating to grazing lands and paddocks. However, a witness Cornelius Ndebele said that the matter was politically motivated as Moyo is a well-known opposition member. It is said that the matter was reported to the police but the perpetrators have not yet been arrested.

Matabeleland South

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights

20 March	Right to education	In Beitbridge East it is reported that the school headmaster of St Joseph primary, identified as Mr. Mugadza turned away school children who had failed to settle their debts. Among those who were turned away were Dylan Moyo* and Petros Makunde*. As a result the two and many others failed to write their mock exams that would eventually appear in their end of term reports.
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Midlands

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
11 March	Freedom of Choice and Association	In Mbizo, area 7 it was reported that Peter Mukombe* was victimised and harassed for being an opposition supporter. While using public transport he was confronted by known Zanu PF activist Thabiso Tshuma. After noticing the presence of Peter in the same commuter omnibus Thabiso started making threats making reference to the 2018 elections. Thabiso is alleged to have said during the upcoming election campaigns he was intending to visit Peter's homestead and deal with him since he is an opposition MDC-T supporter. Thabiso is also reported to have uttered offensive words directed to Peter and mocked the MDC-T leader Morgan Tsvangirai in the process. After they had reached their destination, Thabiso is alleged to have pushed Peter anticipating a reaction from Peter but Peter grabbed his groceries and headed to his place.

12 March	Right to Property	Councillor Stanley Mahlangu, was allegedly victimised by police officers after false reports from suspected Zanu PF youths. It was reported that these youths made up a story against the opposition MDC-T councillor Mahlangu that he had stolen a beast when it was actually his. It is alleged that the beast was forcibly taken away from him pending investigations. It was also reported that Mahlangu was summoned to the police station but the officers handling the case were not there and was told to report again at a later date.
18 March	Freedom of Association Political Rights	Cotton Ward Chairpersons gathered at the Cottco company premises for a meeting. Farmers around the Chireya area were also invited. Among the notable leaders in attendance were ward councillors who included Ward 4, Simon Mucheza, Ward 1, Ms Marongwe, Ward Chairpersons Ward 1 Michael Tupe and Ward 5's Elias Vumbanyama. The expected agenda was the cotton price for 2017. To their surprise they were then told that this year it was different, for one to be in partnership with the cotton company in terms of piece job employment and selling their cotton to them they supposed to produce a Zanu PF membership cards and a letter from the Ward chair recommending that individual as well as confirming that he/she is bona-fide member of the ruling Zanu PF party. This worried many farmers since their livelihood is mainly sustained by cotton farming activities. This threat is said to have brought back 2008 political violence memories on what could happen if one did not comply with these directives.
19 March	Political rights Freedom of	At Muchakata Shopping Centre in Chiwundura it is reported that the Zanu PF inter district chairperson Mr Alfred Chidhakwa announced that the Zanu PF party will be embarking on a door to door election campaign soon. He is reported to have further said every household in Chiwundura constituency will be visited even if it is known to be an

	Association	opposition members homestead. Chidhakwa is allegedly to have declared that there is only one party which is Zanu PF in Chiwundura and advised those who do not want to be Zanu PF to leave the constituency and look for some other place where opposition members are accommodated.
26 March	Freedom of Assembly	Following the announcement of an MDC-T rally in Gokwe Gumunyu, serious intimidation tactics by Zanu PF councillors have been reported. This rally announcement was reported to have reached the Zanu PF Gokwe District office which acted swiftly to negatively counter this rally. Zanu PF Chairperson for Gokwe Chireya Ward 12 Joe Madzana allegedly went to all village heads telling them to advise their people that no one should attend this rally. It was reported that on the date of the rally, meetings in these village heads' homesteads would be convened for purposes of coming up with cells as well as noting those who will be absent from these village meetings as the ones who would have attended the MDC-T rally. A committee has since been setup to also help in listing those who will attend the rally and the action which will follow them was not specified.
26 March	Right to equality Freedom from arbitrary eviction	At Edward farm in Shurugwi South, Mr Moyo who had been staying at Edward farm for quite some time was victimised and threatened with expulsion from the farm for being an MDC-T supporter. He had been living at this farm peacefully and the owner had not known that he is an opposition supporter. The expulsion threat came after the Zanu PF ward chairperson who is said to be living nearby the farm noticed that this opposition member is living at Edward farm. The chairperson then sent two committee members to tell the owner of the farm to expel Moyo from the farm. These two were Farai Joni and Zivai Goredema. Moyo was told to go and be given a place to stay by his MDC-T party.
26 March	Freedom of association	In Chireya, ward 11, Gokwe Village head Moses Matavire, is alleged to have threatened the people in his area on political grounds. He is reported to have said, in the coming 2018 elections, all those who will vote for opposition

	Political rights	parties will be thrown in the Gonarezhou National Park as 2018 will be very much different from 2008. This was said at the village meeting and it has since instilled fear in the villagers.
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Masvingo

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
15 March	Right to property/personal security	In Matuke area Gutu Central, it was reported that Zanu PF youths led by one Chitigi, attacked and harassed ZAOGA (a local church) members who were working on their allocated piece of land. The misunderstanding emanated from the allocation of 14 hectares of land to ZAOGA whilst Mr Chitiga only possesses 4 hectares by the Ministry of Lands and Rural Development and this did not go down well with Mr Chitiga. It was reported that the overseer Abisai Mapamba and Pastor Regis Shumba escaped serious injuries from these violent land wrangles with Zanu PF youths. It is alleged that Zanu PF youths have since declared war on ZAOGA and were even chanting anti-ZAOGA slogans.
27 March	Freedom of Association Political Rights	It is alleged that there was a School Development Committee meeting at Chiremwaremwa Primary School in Ward 3 of Bikita South. It was an elective annual general meeting. Mr Makaye Ngirazi and Mr Mavenga contested for the chairperson's post. Most people voted for Mr Mavenga. Mr Ngirazi it is understood did not get votes for the reason of having served as the chair for a long period of time. Mrs Ngirazi who is the ward 3 councillor on a Zanu PF ticket allegedly disrupted the meeting after her husband had lost the election. She said Mr Mavenga was an MDC-T

		member who did not deserve to serve as the chairperson of the School Development Committee.
28 March	Freedom of Choice and association	It was reported that villagers in Zaka Central's ward 8 were frog marched to attend a political rally called by the legislator of the constituency Hon. Paradzayi Chakona at Chipoto business centre. The Zaka Zanu PF District chair is alleged to have deployed youths to force villagers to attend this rally. All known opposition supporters were also forced to attend this rally. Some neighbourhood watch personnel who comprised of Tichafa Marasha, Webster Muchechetere, Innocent and Walasi Manyathi were also named as perpetrators. The rally started at 08:00hours and ended at 14:00hours. The villagers say they were deprived of time to work in their fields.
29 March	Freedom of assembly	On the 29 th of March, it was reported that the Zanu PF officials in ward 18, Triangle allegedly barred the opposition MDC-T youths from holding their planned party youth wing meeting. This came against the background of the MDC-T youth having notified and the police having cleared the meeting. On the day of the meeting when they had already gathered at the Boxing Arena in Triangle, the Zanu PF officials came and disrupted this meeting saying that they could not allow this opposition meeting to take place under their watch. The officials further threatened these youths and told them that 2018 is going to be tough for them and they must brace for the worse things which are going to happen to them.

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FOOD AND OTHER AID VIOLATIONS

Summary of Food Violations by Province



Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Manicaland	15 March	Political Rights Right to Food	At Mandere Centre, people of advanced age were told to gather by the village chairperson Mr Moyana. There was food distribution, which was being done by Mr Moyana and ward councillor James Sithole targeting the aged. This program was allegedly politicized by the Zanu PF officials present with the councillor being one of the perpetrators. Some of the victims include Pinos Chingoma* aged 79, Martha Sigauke* aged 75, Kasikai Mapungwana* aged 68 and Patience Moyo* aged 80 and many other old people perceived to be opposition supporters.
	20 March	Right to food	In most wards in Buhera West, partisan distribution of food has been reported. Many villagers go back empty handed in many food distribution processes. Notably in ward 5, the Zanu PF chairperson Mugove Magunda and ward councillor Jane Ziki are telling people that they should get assistance of food from the parties they belong to. On this particular day at Jagers Township centre MDC-T supporters were denied food and told to go suck where they belong like 'a calf sucking from a cow not a donkey'. These distributions are also characterised by Zanu PF party slogans before they are conducted.
	30 March	Right to food	At Natview Park Hobhouse, Dangamvura Petronella Sibiya* was denied food aid which was being distributed at Natview shops. The reason for this was suspected to be political as she was said to be an opposition MDC-T member. This was perpetrated by one Denford Karidza who

			is an aide to the constituency's Member of Parliament Hon Esau Mupfumi. Rice and cooking oil were being distributed on the day.
	unknown	Right to food	In ward 10 of Chipinge Central, there has been unfair distribution of food meant to benefit old people. In this ward the Rural District Council and Social Welfare are politicising food meant for the elderly. Mr Zongoro and Mr Dunga are reported to be giving food to Zanu PF supporters only. Some of the victims being denied this aid are Mrs Mwakachiyeni Bhodho and Mr Garikayi Mutisi who are said to be opposition supporters.

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Mashonaland Central	2 March	Right to Food	It is alleged that there was partisan food aid distribution at Gangarahwe village ward 8. Reports are that Headman Mike Tawadzana announced to residents that only Zanu PF active members were going to benefit. It is alleged that only ruling party members were given maize and many villagers who were not affiliated to the ruling party did not benefit.
	9March	Right to Food	It is alleged that Zanu PF MP Tabitha Kanengoni summoned women to a meeting at Nzwimbo Council hall where food was distributed on partisan lines. Reports say that the meeting ended late and the exercise was handed over to Women's league chairperson Chioniso Kodza who kept several bags of rice for herself when others benefited 2kgs per individual. It is alleged that Kodza also distributed 10kgs of rice per individual to ruling

			party district members and kept the remaining estimated five 10kgs to share with Councillor Erish Mukahiwa
	30 March	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Eric Mabaya* and his family have been denied food aid by Councillor Elisha Mukahiwa because he is an MDC-T supporter. In a telephone interview, the victim confirmed the incident. He reported that he last benefited food aid in 2002. He reported that the councillor clearly stated that no opposition members were going to benefit from food aid in the ward.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Matabeleland South	unknown	Right to Food	It is said that five war veterans led by Newman Moyo harassed local villagers who had come to receive their food handouts in Matobo South. The war veterans claimed that the food from the Social Welfare was meant for Zanu PF members and those outside Zanu PF were to be denied access to the food. It was however noted that those that couldn't stand insults decided to return home without receiving anything. Those that remained resilient were granted their share after the intervention of the social welfare officer

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Midlands	4 March	Right to food	In Ndunduzo Village, there was unfair distribution of Social Welfare food aid meant to benefit the aged. The registration was said to have been done way prior to this distribution date. To the surprise of many beneficiaries, on the day of the distribution, the list was dominated by many known Zanu PF members in the constituency. The Zanu PF ward chairperson who was present at this distribution process is allegedly to have said the list dominated by Zanu PF members was the correct one since it is the ruling party and such initiatives are meant for Zanu PF members. Thus many persons of old age went back empty handed.
	16 March	Right to Food	Villagers gathered at Makepesi village anticipating receiving food aid in form of rice. This rice was expected to benefit every villager. It was reported that minutes before the distribution was done, a former Zanu PF ward councillor shocked the gathering by declaring that anyone without a Zanu PF membership card was not going to get the rice. He went on to say that even if some thought the food was not sourced by Zanu PF, but the fact that Zanu PF is the ruling party so every organization in the country is given permission by the Zanu PF party to carry out these distributions. Villagers were then allegedly encouraged to join Zanu PF and acquire Zanu PF membership cards if they want benefit from these food initiatives.
	25 March	Right to Food	All the households of Mberengwa East's ward B2 were invited to a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to receive some food handouts in form of 1kg rice and 5kg maize which were said to have been donated by the Mberengwa East legislator Hon Makhosini Hlongwane. The meeting was chaired by the ward 2 councillor Tofirei Allen Mhaka on behalf of the Member

			of Parliament for the constituency. Mr Mhaka in his address told the gathering every household was supposed to pay \$1 transport fee. He is reported to have said that those who failed to comply would be regarded as Zanu PF enemies who are not willing to work with the legislator. Other Zanu PF members objected to this pointing out that the MP had said the food would be given for free. The free distribution of the food was later done on the 26 th of March 2017.
	29 March	Right to Food	There was rice and beans said to have been donated by the President R.G Mugabe which was supposed to benefit everyone in Chiwundura constituency. This was in Nyoka village Ward 11. It was reported that the Zanu PF leadership in the area allegedly denied all known opposition supporters the food aid. This was done by deliberately omitting the opposition supporters' names and only registering Zanu PF supporters. A victim Percy Chimoyo* who is reported to be in bad health is a widower was denied the aid on political grounds. The ward 11 chairperson is said to have told Percy that in order to benefit from such initiatives he has to openly declare that he was joining Zanu PF.

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ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

TERM	DEFINITION
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	Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without
B) AGGRAVATED INDECENT SEXUAL ASSAULT	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)

C) BEATING

A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.

D) OTHER ASSAULT

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 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 threatens 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

B) UNLAWFUL ARREST

The taking away of a person using intimidation, open force of violence

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	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.
B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP	
	Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

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ZPP was founded in 2000 by a group of faith based and human rights NGOs working and interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives. The organisation has become a vehicle for civic interventions in times of political crises. In particular, ZPP seeks to monitor and document incidents of human rights violations and breaches of peace.

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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

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