



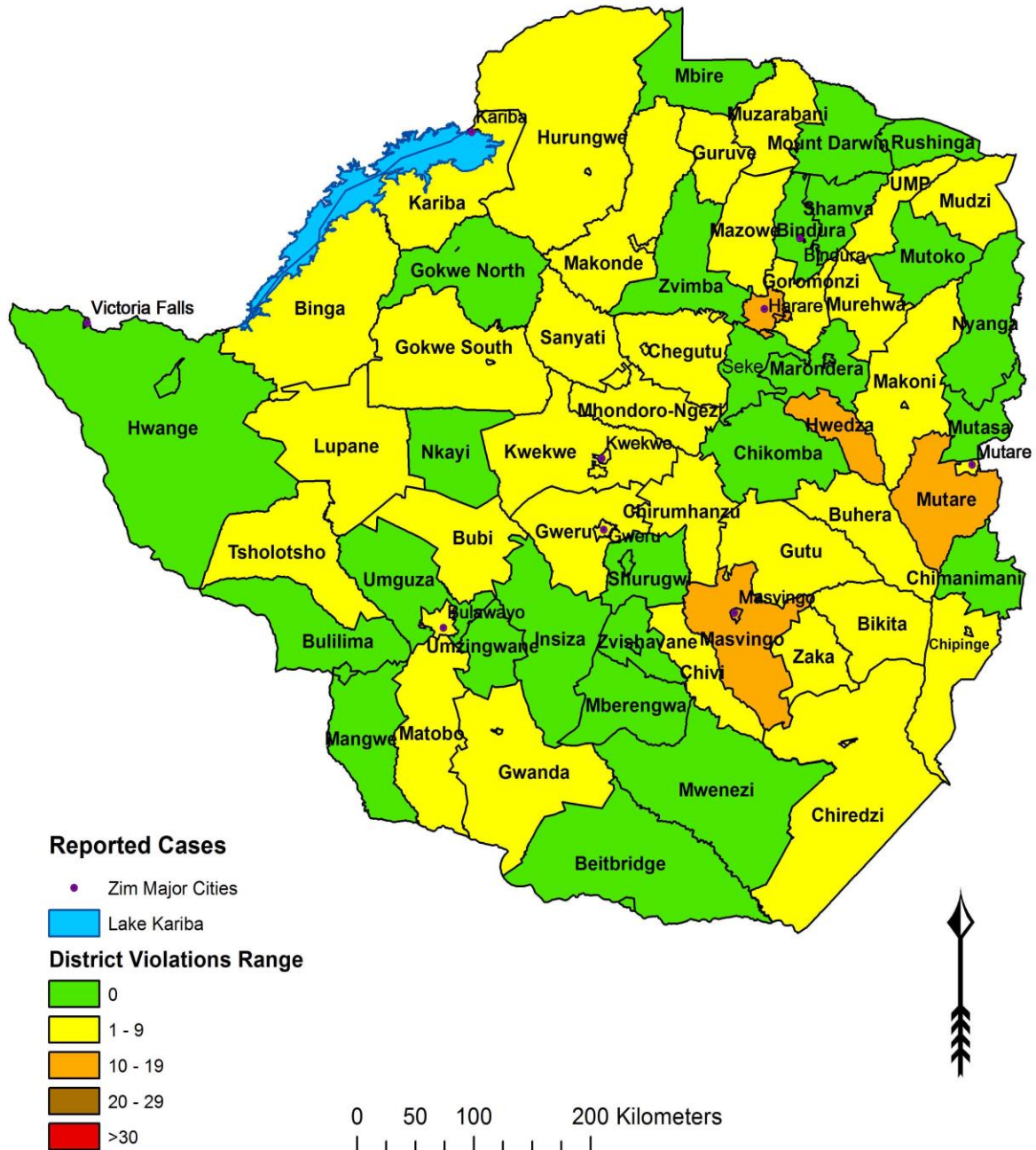
ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT



MAY 2017 Human Rights Violations Monthly Monitoring Report

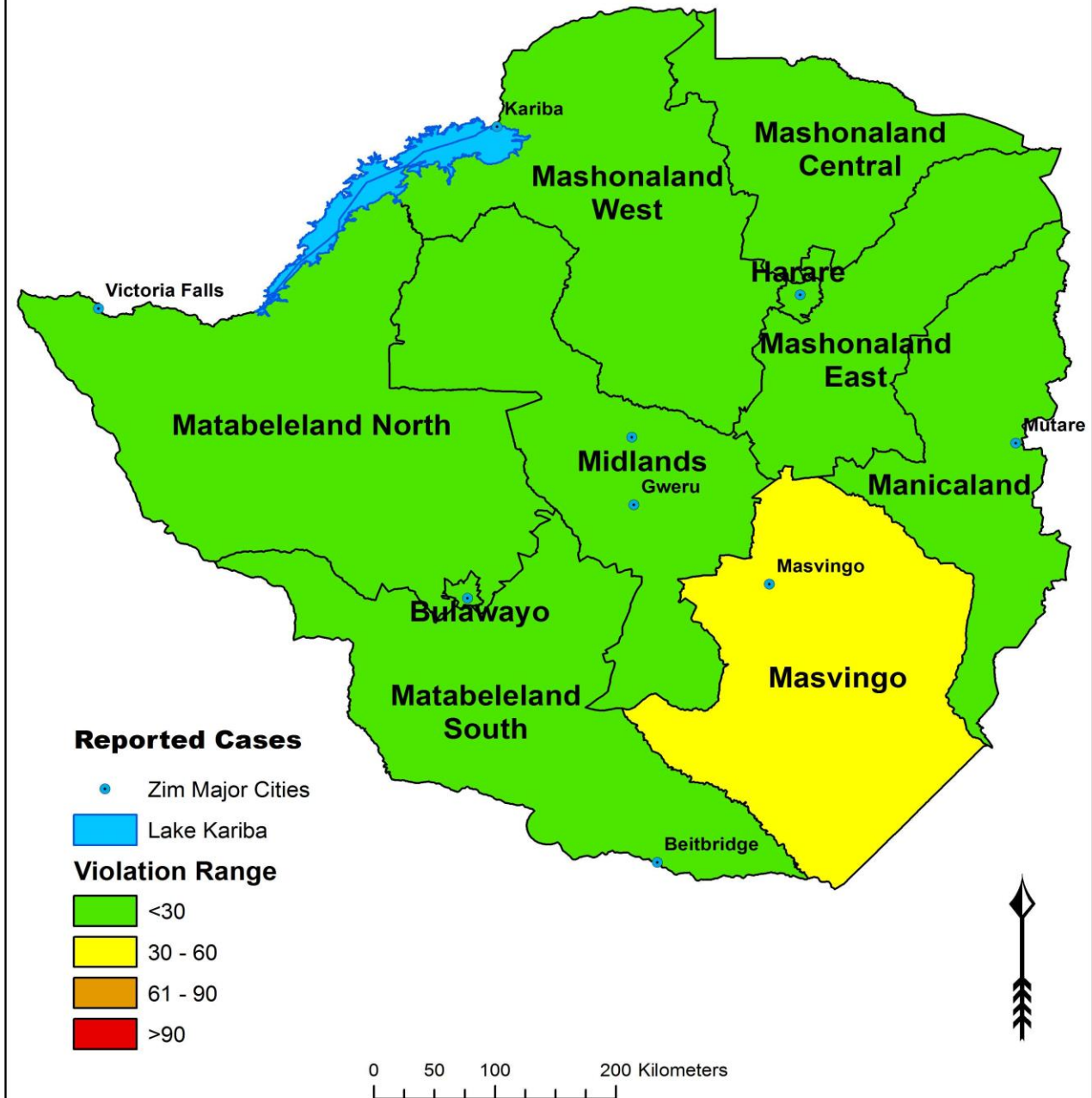


May 2017 District Violations Map





May 2017 Provincial Violations Map





Executive Summary

The month of May stands out owing to violations of the right to education, the right to food and civil and political rights mainly freedom of association and assembly. Most socio-economic violations that were reported this month were largely due to effects of the El-Nino induced drought, the economy's continued downward spiral, worsening cash crisis and exacerbated lack of a diversified export base.

This May ZPP recorded the highest number of incidences where pupils were sent away from school for failure to pay school fees or clear the previous term's arrears. This was in contravention of Section 75 of the Constitution which guarantees the right to basic education. At the beginning of the academic year, in January, ZPP recorded cases where students' results were withheld because they owed fees. There were nine cases in Tsholotsho, Matabeleland North, of pupils barred from attending lessons because they had not yet paid their fees. Such cases increased significantly this month. All ten provinces were marred with cases where children were denied their right to education because their parents could not afford to pay fees on time. At Nkanyezi Primary School in Lobengula, Bulawayo, nine pupils were withdrawn from Early Childhood Development (ECD) after their parents failed to raise \$64.

The Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Lazarus Dokora, has previously said schools have contracts with parents not children and therefore children should not lose out on lessons because parents have failed to fulfil contractual obligations. Many families are reeling in the impacts of a deteriorating economy.

A remarkable number of human rights violations where community members were forced to contribute towards Zanu PF's initial 'Youth interface rally' in Marondera slated for 2 June. The rallies to be held in all the ten provinces are a platform for President Robert Mugabe to launch

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), Habakkuk Trust, 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.

the 2018 elections campaign. Zanu PF is targeting mobilising 100 000 youths per province.

In areas like Mudzi and Wedza in Mashonaland East, people were coerced into contributing money ranging from 50 cents to a dollar in order to ferry supporters to the rally. This went against the will of many people who support the party but could not afford and those that do not support the party and had no ambitions of attending the event. ZPP is in possession of a list of teachers' names from Munamba Primary School in Murehwa District who were forced to each contribute \$1 towards preparations for the rally. It's a violation of freedom of association to force people into contributing funds for and or attending events of a political party that they do not subscribe to.

Civil and political rights have been commonly violated ahead of previous Zanu PF rallies like the 'One Million Man March' and First Lady Grace Mugabe's 'Meet The People' rallies. In 2016, ahead of the 'one million man march' that was held in Harare on 25 May, 88 incidences of harassment and intimidation were reported and in the month under review the figure dipped slightly to 82. Such





violations where community members are forced to attend Zanu PF rallies continue to occur despite the Zimbabwe Constitution in Section 58 provides that no person may be compelled to belong to an association or to attend a meeting or gathering.

Provinces with food aid programmes are fraught with violations of the right to food. In May, 35 food violations were recorded as compared to eleven the previous month and ten in May 2016. Most humanitarian organisations are reported to have folded their food aid programmes targeting vulnerable communities. Some village heads, councillors and political party members have threatened to hamper access to food and other resources to people that do not align themselves to Zanu PF ahead of the 2018 plebiscite.

Food violations are usually conversely related to discrimination. Cases of discrimination escalated to 42 this month as Zanu PF supporters prepared for the youth rally in Marondera in June and used food to lure people to the rally. The impending Chiwundura by-election, set for 15 July, is another reason for the increased cases of discrimination. Only 15 cases of discrimination were recorded in April 2017, 16 cases in May 2016 and 15 cases in May 2015. It is reported that in Zvimba and Zaka Central, beneficiaries of food aid are told to first pay for transportation of the food. When called for comment, an international humanitarian organisation that was rolling out a food aid programme said they were looking into cases of village heads that are alleged to have ordered beneficiaries to pay and mobile cash agents that charge an extra fee when transacting for beneficiaries.

Karoi recorded a loss of life. A clamp down on illegal taxi operators turned violent when police officers used spikes and a woman, Chiedza Mandizvidza, was run over by a taxi fleeing municipal police. She sustained serious injuries and died at Chinhoyi Hospital. ZPP notes with dismay the fatalities and injuries caused by the spikes menace.

Other rights that were violated during the course of May include property rights, freedom of assembly and association. Cases of harassment and intimidation were high and there is a likelihood that they may be on an upward rise as the 2018 election campaigns intensify. Threat levels currently vary across districts and the determinants are also different. In Harare, Hwedza, Mutare and Masvingo the threat level is mild due to cases of assault, violations of freedom of association, political rights, the right to education and the right to food. The rest of the districts have a low threat level as violations ranged between zero to nine.

Recommendations

- The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education is encouraged to make a statement on the payment of school fees and turning away of students
- The Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare to address issues of discrimination in food distribution
- The police should stop using spikes as there are other means to enforcing road rules
- Political parties are urged to respect the right to freedom of association and assembly

Data Collection 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

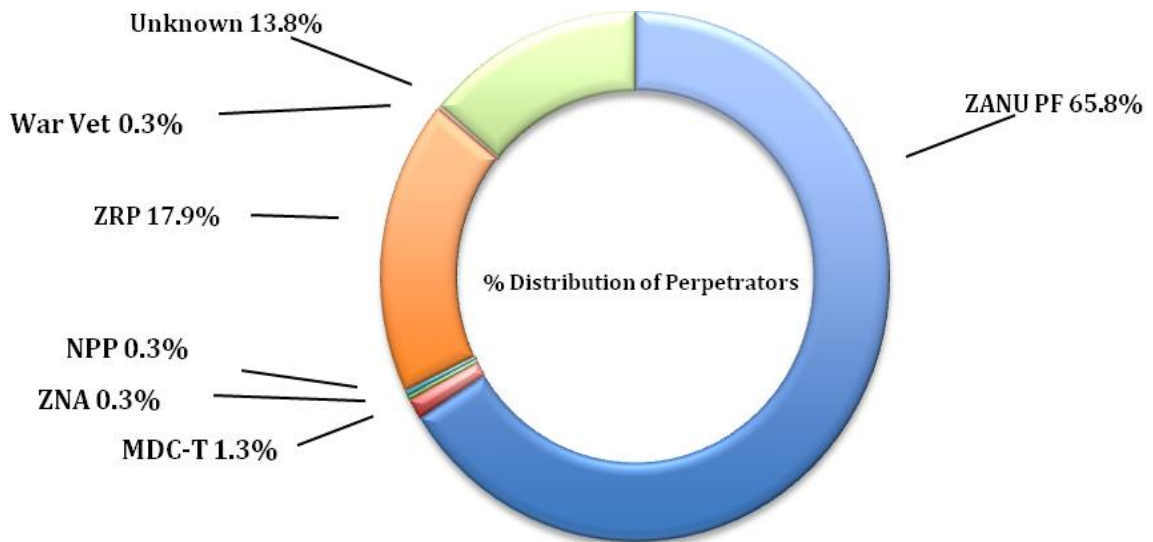
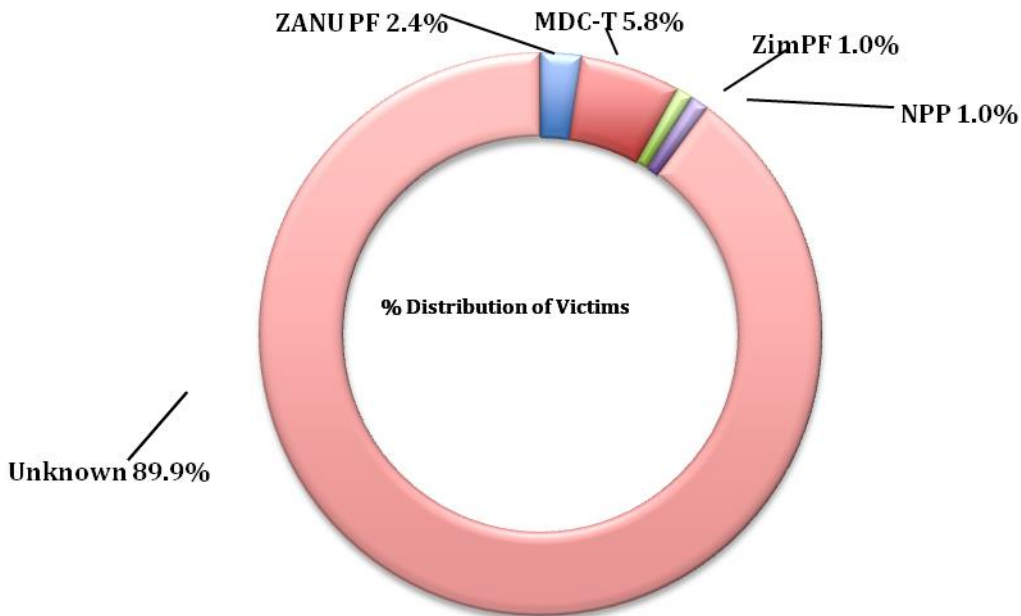




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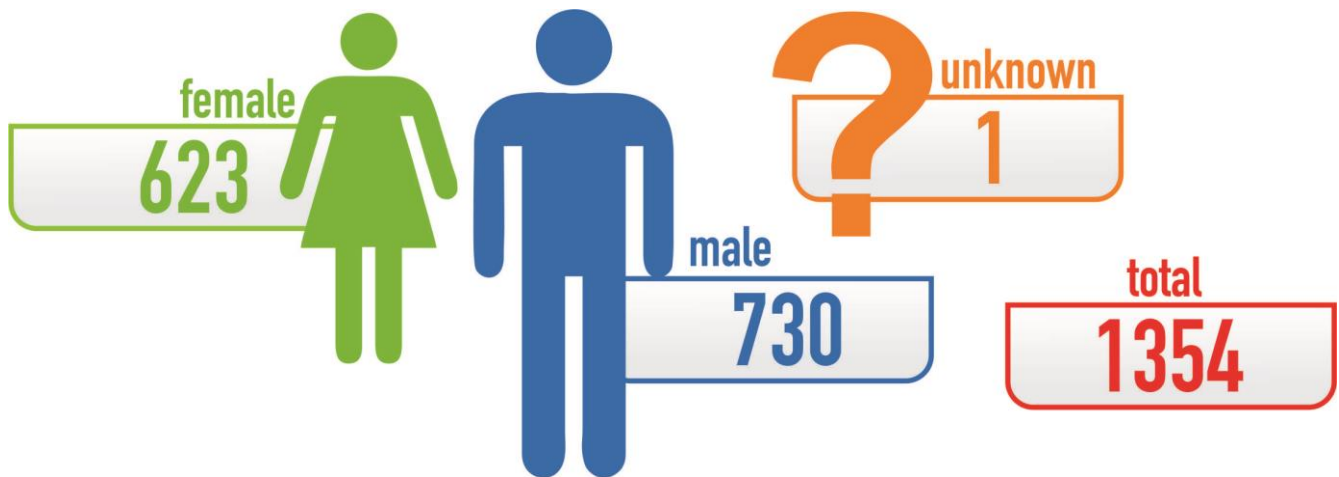
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The Dashboard: Incident Statistics At A Glance

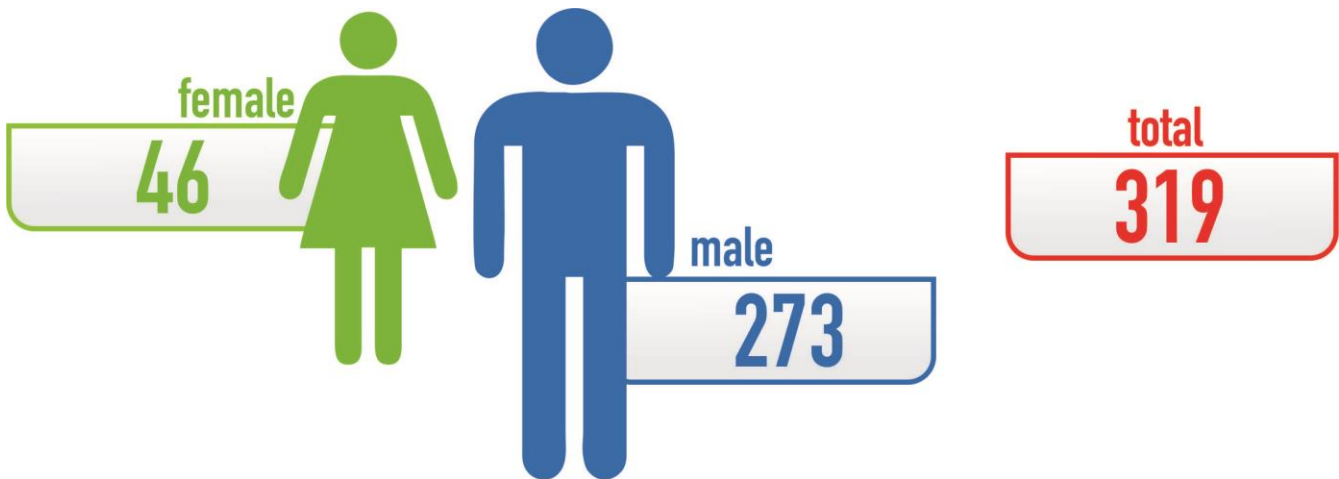




Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender



Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
Bulawayo	0	1	0	0	0	1
Harare	0	1	0	0	0	1
Manicaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash Central	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash East	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash West	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	0	0	1
Overall Total	0	5	0	0	0	5

5 intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF only for May





Provincial Violations

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	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	9
Theft/looting	0	1	0	1	7	0	2	6	0	1	18
Discrimination	3	2	2	4	7	15	0	2	3	4	42
MDP	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Detention	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Intimidation /harassment	10	2	3	7	22	9	5	10	7	7	82
Displacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	1
Disrupted Political Mtg	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	16	6	5	15	37	25	12	18	13	12	159

Harassment and intimidation cases continued to dominate the recorded violations with 82, followed by discrimination with 42 and theft/looting with 18. Masvingo had the highest recorded violations in May with 37, followed by Manicaland with 25, and Mashonaland East with 18

Provincial Highlights



It is alleged that at Nyamhunga Number 2 Primary School in Uzumba on 9 May, the headmaster, Mr Kashiri, sent home students who had not paid their tuition fees and levies in full. It is alleged that just before break time the headmaster called all students to the assembly point and dismissed those that had not paid tuition fees and levies. Mr Kashiri told students to bring \$40 fees for the whole term. He is alleged to have also turned away those intending to make payment plans.

It is alleged that school pupils were turned away on their first day of school due to none payment of tuition fees and levies. Three schools in Norton, namely Vimbai, Chiedza and Norton 2 primary schools turned away pupils on the first day of school on 9 May. Only parents who bank with Agri-Bank were given payment plans although their children were still sent back home.

It is alleged that on 17 May, municipal police in Karoi hired a taxi to ferry them to clamp down on illegal taxi operators. It is alleged that the municipal police threw a spike in front of a moving vehicle which had loaded passengers at an undesignated area. In an attempt to evade the spikes the taxi operator hit vendors and other pedestrians. In retaliation vendors vandalised the taxi that had been used by municipal police and later set it ablaze. The Zimbabwe Republic Police later came and fired three warning shots and used tear gas to disperse the angry mob. However,





their efforts were in vain as the police truck was also pounded with stones. One of the victims, Chiedza Mandizvidza, who had visited her child's vending stall died on her way to the hospital while others that had sustained injuries were admitted at Chinhoyi Hospital.



THE CAR THAT WAS VANDALISED AND LATER SET ON FIRE BY VENDORS WHEN MUNICIPAL POLICE WERE USING SPIKES TO IMPEDE MOTORISTS

On the night of 19 May Zanu PF youths from Chinhoyi are alleged to have invaded a plot owned by *Michael Zuze in Uplands, Bhaguta. The youths arrived in a truck and were chanting party slogans when they took Zuze's property and loaded it on the truck. When they failed to break into the main bedroom some of the youths put up in the lounge while others slept outside the house. Irene Gombe, a staunch Zanu PF supporter has been accused of masterminding the invasion. Zuze and Gombe engaged the Ministry of Lands as well as local police and Zuze produced his offer letter as proof that he legally owned the plot.



School headmaster, Obert Mire, sent away pupils from Chinhengo Primary School with outstanding tuition and levy on 23 May in Chegutu West. The move did not go down well with parents who felt the school authorities were being inconsiderate of the effects of the acute liquidity crisis on parents.

Threat level: low





David Kufakwemba, a Zanu PF ward 24 councillor, gathered people of Mudzi North on 5 May 2017 at Nyamuyaruka Business Centre. The agenda of the meeting was to come up with a strategy on the contributions towards the presidential rally in Marondera. Residents were compelled to pay \$1.50 per household. Villagers were not happy about the forced contributions however a number contributed towards the rally out of fear.

At Goromonzi Primary School, in ward 16 of Goromonzi North a number of pupils were allegedly turned away by deputy headmaster, Chavi, on their first day of school. The students were turned away on opening day, 9 May, because their parents had failed to pay fees ahead of opening day.

On three consecutive days, from 9 to 11 May, teachers from St Roberts Dzova primary and secondary school in Hwedza were forced by Zanu PF village chairperson, Mavhondo to each pay a \$1 towards fundraising for the presidential rally in Marondera in June.

Villagers from Wedza were allegedly forced by Zanu PF District Secretary, Bachi, to each contribute 50 cents towards transport fares to ferry 400 party members to Marondera. Villagers were informed through letters addressed to cell chairpersons and signed off by the district secretary and district treasurer. On 11 May, Godfrey Tembo collected money from people in Magamba cell, Jongwe branch of ward 15.

Henry Kachepa, a Zanu PF youth officer, is alleged to be forcing youths in Mudzi North at Chigwell Farm ward 24 to contribute a dollar each towards a Zanu PF youth gala. It is alleged that Kachepa is using force and threats to collect money as he intends to throw a Zanu PF gala in Mudzi North. Youths in the area have complained about the exercise arguing that they cannot afford.

Residents in Wedza North constituency are allegedly being forced to contribute 50 cents towards the rally on 2 June 2017 when the President interfaces with the youth. It is alleged that Wedza Member of Parliament, David Musabayana, Senator Rosemary Goto and the District Administrator Kenneth Shumba revealed that they were given a target of \$10 000 to contribute as a district to ensure smooth running of the rally. A full council meeting was held in Wedza North on 13 May in the council boardroom to map a strategy for the collection of the funds. When called for comment, Senator Goto said she was in no position to confirm or deny fundraising and said these are preparations being undertaken by herself and others on behalf of Zanu PF as a party.

Communities in Wedza South are being forced by the youth district committee led by Rheneas Dhawe to contribute towards the same rally. Households with members who are gainfully employed are being compelled to contribute a dollar and households where no one is formally employed are compelled to contribute fifty cents. Contributions commenced on 3 May. On 19 May the committee noted the names and identity numbers of those that have made the contributions.

Threat level: low





were told not to report to school until their parents had paid full tuition fees.

Pupils from Forrest J Primary School in Mazowe North were sent away on opening day and told to only report to school after their parents pay fees and settle all outstanding arrears. Headmaster, Takwana Ngochi and chairperson of the school development committee, Rhoda Chawawa are said to have been the ones turning away students.

Threat level: low

It is alleged that on 2 May at Mudoka C village, ward 7 in Muzarabani North *Liberty Muskwe was verbally threatened by Hamunyari Kasengezi an alleged member of the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) and a serving military intelligence officer under Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA). Muskwe was wearing a t-shirt written 'ZESN Observer' met Kasengezi at Muzarabani growth point. The t-shirt drew Kasengezi's attention. He called Muskwe demanding to know why he was wearing the t-shirt. Muskwe snubbed Kasengezi saying he is asking a stupid question. Muskwe was lectured on how such t-shirts symbolize opposition affiliation. It is alleged he was warned that when election campaigns start he will be among the first who will be targeted. Muskwe is reported to have reported the threats to the police and he claims to have been given a cold shoulder by police officers who said both of them were drunk when the threats were made.



In Mazowe West Zanu PF councilor, Peter Chinyoka, threatened villagers from ward 15 in Dandamera with eviction if they are not in possession of Zanu PF cards by August 2017. Chinyoka made these threats while addressing villagers, business people, farmers and vendors at Dandamera shopping center on 6 May.

It is alleged that at Kudzanayi Primary School in Highfield West, pupils with outstanding tuition fees were denied entry into the school premises by the school authorities that included headmistress Mrs Marupiya. Reports are that there were school development committee members stationed at the school gate turning away pupils with no receipts.

Pupils were allegedly denied their right to education by school head Mr Manjerwa at Negomo government primary school in ward 19, in Guruve North. Reports are that, on 9 May when schools opened, Manjerwa sent home all pupils over outstanding school fees. It is alleged pupils

It is alleged that on 9 May in Kambuzuma at Kuwadzana 1 Primary School, headmistress, Mrs Chifamba sent away pupils with outstanding tuition fees. Pupils were allegedly told not to report to school until a payment had been received by the school authorities.

Zanu PF youths allegedly disrupted a meeting organized by Chitungwiza Residents Trust in Zengeza East at Mubaiwa hotel (ward 9). Reports





are that the meeting that was held on 11 May was organised to resolve corruption issues which forced Local Government Minister, Saviour Kasukuwere, to suspend Mayor Philip Mutoti and 25 councillors. It was reported that Zanu PF youths clad in party regalia arrived in a commuter omnibus suspected to be owned by councilor Charamba Mlambo and ordered participants to disperse. A Zanu PF youth leader identified as Lad Manhango is alleged to have taken away *Washinton Kamoto's phone and \$68 and thereafter assaulted him for taking pictures. The matter was reported to the police under RRB number 31424500.

It is alleged that ward 6 MDC-T deputy organizing secretary, Didymus Bande, and vice-chairperson, Philip Muzerengi, assaulted three Zanu PF members who refused to allow MDC-T to conduct door to door campaigns on 13 May. These MDC-T supporters are also accused of taking \$53 from the Zanu PF supporters. Bande and Muzerengi are also alleged to have assaulted Zanu PF youth political commissar for Epworth district when he discouraged his relatives from joining MDC-T.

It is alleged that on 23 May there was intra-party violence at Kuwadzana paddocks between rival Zanu PF youth factions over a land dispute. Reports are that Kuwadzana MP Betty Kaseke and Chairperson for Package Housing Association, Tawuya Mawuka, each allocated the land in question to each of their supporters who belong to different factions. The two groups then violently clashed over ownership of the land. Anti riot police were called in and dispersed the youths. One of the youths is said to have lost his teeth during the fights.



In Lobengula, Nkanyezi Primary School headmistress, Mrs Tshuma, told parents of ECD learners to at least pay half of the \$64 or have their children withdrawn from ECD classes. The headmistress gave the order on 16 May 2017. Only a few parents managed to pay while the rest had their children withdrawn over either the previous term's outstanding bill or second term fees.

Intra-party violence is alleged to have marred a Zanu PF provincial coordinating committee meeting called by Vice President, Phelekezela Mphoko on 21 May at Davis Hall. Supporters of the ruling party are reported to have differed on what should be the fate of political commissar, Saviour Kasukuwere. The result was violent skirmishes where district youth chairperson, Magura Charumbira was reportedly stabbed and nearby vendors had their wares looted.

Meanwhile, on 14 May at Barbourfields, violence erupted during a Highlanders versus Dynamos football match. Highlanders fans threw missiles at the assistant referee who they believed had undeservingly awarded Dynamos an equalising goal. Analysts have often said that fights between supporters of the two teams has political undertones that can best be addressed by the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC).

Threat level: low





In Matobo North at Phumuzamaphiko ward 18, it is reported that the school headmistress of Mazhayimbe primary, Thoko Ncube Mugadza, turned away school children that had failed to settle their debts since the beginning of the academic year. It is alleged that Ncube and members of the School Development Committee announced on opening day that those that had outstanding debts would not be allowed to attend lessons until they are cleared. Those that owe school fees have been away from school. Mazhayimbe primary is among the schools in the province that are earmarked to be closed due to low student turnover.

Threat level: low



After hearing rumours that their allowances had been misused by a district administrator identified as Mr Jucer, it is alleged that kraal heads from Lupane district petitioned the official to pay back their outstanding allowances. The kraal heads asserted that they have not been paid since

October 2016. When the heads intended to hand over the petition on 2 May at Lupane Center, Mr Jucer threatened to terminate the contracts of kraal heads if they went ahead with the petition.

In Bubi ward 16, it was reported that an influential Zanu PF member, Sithembile Ncube, allegedly disqualified a student of Dabengwa Secondary School, *Cleopatra Fuyana, as the ward junior councillor, after discovering that her mother is a prominent MDC-T supporter. Fuyana lost the post despite being a top student and winning among other nominees on 10 May.

Police officers allegedly stormed and threw teargas canisters at an MDC-T private meeting at Sobendle Ward 9 in Lupane West on 19 May. The meeting was hosted at the homestead of an aspiring MDC-T councillor. Police officers are said to have intended to disrupt the meeting as they said it was illegal. Some of the attendants were detained by the police for several hours at Jotsholo holding cells.

Threat level: low



In Kwekwe Mbizo at Mary Ward Primary School on 18 May, it was reported that *Wisdom Nyamayaro who is a Zanu PF supporter and aligned to the G40 faction was victimised by a fellow Zanu PF supporter Thomas Makoni. It was reported that Nyamayaro was putting on a Zanu PF t-shirt with Masango Matambanadzo's picture





which Makoni associated with the G40 faction on the day of the incident. The two met at Mary Ward Primary School and Makoni who is said to be sympathising with the Lacoste faction allegedly told Nyamayaro to remove the t-shirt and he complied due to fear of further victimisation.

In Vungu ward 5, it was reported that on 19 May a villager *Thandiwe Sithole was barred from attending village meetings because she is an opposition party supporter. It is alleged that village head Marvis Dube asked Sithole to leave the gathering that had been called by the village head as part of the routine village meetings in Nkani village. It was said that Dube told the villagers who had gathered that Sithole was a sell out since she has been seen all over the ward campaigning for the MDC-T on several occasions. Sithole was further told that she must leave the Nkani village and seek a new home somewhere before the 2018 polls as she may spoil Zanu PF's chances of winning so that the village is left with only genuine Zanu PF supporters. This disturbed Sithole who felt her rights of accessing information related to development in the area violated.

It is alleged that on 21 May Zanu PF youths who were on a campaign programme for the Chiwundura primary elections stabbed a member of the MDC-T youth wing, *Tawana Mizi, at Gambiza Shopping Centre in Chiwundura, Gweru. The MDC-T supporter was stabbed during violent clashes between Zanu PF supporters belonging to different factions. *Mizi was rushed to Gweru Provincial Hospital. The issue was reported to the police but no arrests have been made.

At a meeting held in Chiwundura at Muchakata Shopping Centre on 24 May it is alleged that Lovemore Mbulawa, an aspiring candidate in the upcoming by-election, was intimidating villagers into voting for Zanu PF. He is alleged to have said if the Chiwundura villagers do not vote for a Zanu PF candidate untold suffering and assaults would befall them in the aftermath of the by-election through to the 2018 polls.

During a Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF) meeting that was held on 25 May at Rutendo Hall in Redcliff police are alleged to have stormed in and disrupted the meeting. The reason they gave was that the same venue had been booked for a Zanu PF meeting so they were supposed to make way for that to avoid political clashes and misunderstandings. Lawrence Moyo and Ruvimbo Zhou who were leading the deliberations said that they doubted the venue could have been double booked. In company of the police was a Zanu PF member by the name Dhidhidhi of Baghdad area.

Threat level: low



In Mutare West at Zedza Primary School and Holy Ghost College it was reported that since the commencement of the second term, pupils have continuously been turned away over failure to pay fees. *Nathaniel Choga and *Emanuel Zishiri, both doing grade 6 at Zedza Primary in Matsago village have not attended classes due school fees arrears. It was also reported that *Irene Zhou and *Timothy Chirandu who are both doing their form four at Holy Ghost College in Nyachityu village are also not attending classes because they have not paid fees. School heads, Mrs Karinda and Mr Mafi, of Zedza primary and Holy Ghost College, respectively, authorised that pupils should not attend lessons and have claimed that this is a directive from the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.





From 9 to 15 May authorities at Manzinde and Muromo primary schools in Mutare South were turning away pupils with outstanding school fees. It is unclear if the schools are accepting part payments or payment plans from parents.

On 17 May in Buhera Central ward 18, it is alleged that Zanu PF youth chairperson, Isaac Fari, assaulted *Theodore Kazembe and accused him of being an MDC-T supporter. Fari is reported to have said that he missed Kazembe during the 2008 elections but on this day he was bent on beating him up. Kazembe sustained serious injuries as result of the assault and sought medical treatment at Murambinda Hospital. The case is said to have been reported at Murambinda Police Station and it is unclear if any arrests were made.

In Buhera West ward 5 Chibvongidze village, it was reported that on 25 May, Lawrence Nyerere allegedly threatened *Loveness Shoko with abduction ahead of the 2018 polls. It is alleged that Nyerere visited Shoko's homestead and told her that she was going to disappear come the 2018 election because she supports MDC-T.

Threat level: low



In Bikita West ward 13, three Zanu PF supporters that are campaigning for the post of councillor in the coming general elections are allegedly threatening villagers to vote in a Zanu PF candidate. The Zanu PF candidates David Pisai, Hekla Mushayi and Ziwewe have threatened villagers with assault if Zanu PF loses again to MDC-T. Headman Clemence Mpakwa is also reported to be saying people living in his area must only vote for Zanu PF and not any opposition party.

In Chivi Central ward 16, the councillor, Francis Mhomho, was allegedly forcing people to attend the commissioning of the Tokwe-Mukosi Dam. The dam was commissioned by President Robert Mugabe on 19 May. Mhomho is alleged to have said ward 16 residents should all attend the event and those who fail to attend will have confirmed their affiliation to the opposition. The meetings where people were forced to attend were held on 17 May at St Martins primary, Marutsva village, Nyamakwe Business Centre and Dombo primary.

In Masvingo West, ward 12 at Nemamwa Growth Point it was reported that on 24 May village head William Shangwa allegedly called people to a Zanu PF campaign meeting where every villager was forced to attend. Shangwa is also the Zanu PF district chairperson for the area. The gathering was addressed by Viola Chapwanya, Zanu PF Women's League Chairperson. It is alleged that Chapwanya made threats of assaulting and killing anyone who was going to vote for opposition parties. She allegedly threatened to burn homes of all those who were going to go against this

Threat level: medium

Ezra Chadzamira.

Food and other violations





Summary of Food Violations by Province



Zanu PF Chairperson for Chegutu West, Fanuel Makamure, threatened people during a food for work gathering at Waze Primary School in ward 16. On 11 May Makamure threatened to burn homes of all opposition supporters and to set an example with Ndingadawo Matobolo's home. Makamure told opposition supporters not to entertain Matobolo who is an MDC-T member campaigning to be Member of Parliament of the area in the 2018 elections.

*Leopold Nerwande was denied food aid during food distribution at Dombwe farmer's hall in ward 17 by Katyamaenza who is responsible for food distribution in Chegutu. On 14 May Nerwande, who is 68 years old was denied food aid meant for elderly community members. Nerwande was told that he has not reached the age that makes him qualify for the aid. However, other younger community members received bags of maize. There are allegations that Katyamaenza resells leftover food aid.

Several households in Zvimba ward 9 were denied food aid under the food for work programme for vulnerable groups. The social welfare team helped in distribution of the maize in the presence of councillor John Chinake of ward 9 and chairperson Hazvinei Makota. Villagers gathered as early as 8am however distributions commenced around 5pm. There was chaos during the distribution as beneficiaries were told to top up money for transport while other beneficiaries did not appear on the master register. About one thousand bags of maize were delivered and each beneficiary was entitled to receive two bags and transport costs were pegged at \$1.25 per bag. A few bags were distributed then Chinake and Makota kept some bags for themselves at Kawondera Primary School overnight. The rest of the bags were distributed on the morning of 30 May.





A FOOD FOR WORK BENEFICIARY WHO RECEIVED FOOD AID A DAY AFTER OTHER BENEFICIARIES

elderly community members, orphans and vulnerable children. Forty beneficiaries received food but those known to support opposition political parties were excluded. During the distributions Tendai Matikiti, Zanu PF youth chairperson in Murehwa North, is alleged to have forced people to chant Zanu PF slogans and sing revolutionary songs. The Ward Councillor, Sheppard Semayi was responsible for distributing and screening the beneficiaries.



THE TRUCK WHICH DELIVERED FOOD AID AT KAWONDERA PRIMARY SCHOOL



It is alleged that MDC-T members were discriminated against by a ruling party ward secretary in an incident recorded on 11 May at Mutorezani farm, ward 28 in Muzarabani South. Reports are that Abraham Munina, Rodwell Munina and Dalis Arufeyo went to Tapiwa Mukwase, ward 28 secretary, to submit their names as food aid beneficiaries but they were turned down and labelled traitors. It is said that Mukwase told the three men that when campaigns begin they are going to face his wrath. He also said it was an offence to add them on the list of beneficiaries because the government is Zanu PF. Mukwase is said to have announced that only Zanu PF supporters benefit and opposition members would only benefit if they repent.

Zanu PF councilor Peter Chinyoka and Walter Nzaka, threatened to deny food handouts to beneficiaries with no ruling party membership cards. The threats were made prior to a food distribution exercise at ward 15 Dandamera community hall on 12 May in Mazowe West.



There was a social welfare food distribution at Magamba shopping centre, ward 30 in Murehwa North on 22 May. The food was meant for the





It is alleged that during a food for work program targeted towards community development, Zanu PF members were undeservingly given 50kg bags of maize per individual at the expense of deserving villagers who had actually done the required work. Reports are that on 13 May at Kawanzira village in Mazowe Central Zanu PF members Jacob Mudzudzu, Itai Taremba and Maitiro Kawanzara were among the people that received bags of maize without taking part in the food for work program.

It is alleged that Zanu PF councilor Peter Chinyoka violated the rights of the elderly during community food distribution at Dandamera village, ward 15 in Mazowe West. Reports are that on 19 May Chinyoka addressed villagers saying next month social welfare food aid will be allocated to beneficiaries who would have conducted assigned work tasks such as cleaning drainages. Some of the beneficiaries are elderly community members who cannot perform the manual tasks.



A member of Lobengula ward 14 taskforce, Mr Magumise, is alleged to have forced two elderly women to vacate Lobengula Hall during food aid distribution. On 18 May the elderly women had notified Magumise that they had not been given their monthly handouts of food aid meant for the elderly and disabled community members when they were ordered to vacate or be escorted out by police officers.



It is alleged that in Gwanda North at Nyandeni resettlements ward 5, beneficiaries were denied food aid by Bhigo Moyo and several other Zanu PF members. It is alleged that, Moyo and crew took several bags of maize for themselves and only distributed a few bags of maize to some deserving beneficiaries. Unfortunately, others returned home without food hampers. Robert Moyo a known MDC supporter is among those that were denied food aid.



It is alleged that there was a partisan distribution of food in Binga North at Siansundu Business Centre on 9 May. Chief Saba is alleged to have announced that food aid is provided by the Zanu PF led government and should therefore benefit those who support Zanu PF. MDC-T activists and supporters were removed from the list of beneficiaries.

In Tsholotsho North at Gcekeni line ward 5, three Zanu PF members identified as Mnqobi Ndlovu, Patricia Bhenyu and Boarder Ndlovu are alleged to have forced villagers to join and chant Zanu PF slogans during food distribution. Villagers were





told that if they do not chant slogans and don't have membership cards then they would not get food aid. Due to the fact that hunger has gripped most households, villagers that had gathered to collect food aid chanted the slogans.

In ward 22 of Tsholotsho South, it is alleged that councillor Phumuza Ziga Dube and zone leaders that included Silingiwe Tshuma, Peter Mterere, Magret Rashirayi, Othilia Moyo and Edward Ndlovu denied various beneficiaries food aid after a food for work program. The program was rolled out by Environmental Management Agency (EMA) where villagers were picking litter every Wednesday and getting a bag of maize per month as payment. However, on 19 May, the rightful beneficiaries did not get maize while others did by virtue of being Zanu PF supporters.



On 15 May it was reported that food aid meant for the elderly as well as those who had been working under the food for work programme in Silobela was allegedly politicized by ward 24 councillor, Munashe Matani. Zanu PF supporters that had not taken part in the programme received maize while names of some recipients were removed from the register. About six bags of maize were not given to anyone and this raised suspicion over who the bags of maize were reserved for.

In Redcliff ward 23 at Jackson Business Centre, it was reported that on the 28 May, the ward Zanu PF chairperson Palament Gwebu took advantage of the farmers gathering to threaten villagers. This

meeting was for small scale farmers and Gwebu is alleged to have said if one is not a Zanu PF card carrying member, he or she was not going to receive farming inputs to be distributed during preparations for 2017-2108 farming season. Zanu PF ward 23 secretary, Chivanga, is said to have supported Gwebu.



On 5 May, villagers from ward 8 and ward 34 in Zaka Central, gathered at Chipoto Business Centre to receive food aid from a donor organisation. It is alleged that each recipient of a 50kg bag of maize was required to pay \$1.20 towards transportation of maize. Of the rightful beneficiaries, only five could afford to pay and the rest of the maize was given to Zanu PF card carrying members.

In Bikita East ward 17 people gathered on 16 May to receive maize and 5kg bags of rice from the department of social welfare. However, allegations are that small quantities of the maize were given to villagers and none of them received rice. It is also alleged that social welfare officer, Bleswald Bumhira, gave himself and several Zanu PF supporters each a 50kg bag of maize.

In Zaka West ward 24 at Bota Ward Centre on the 27 May, a case of unfair distribution and politicization of food aid was recorded. Rice was brought to the ward centre on the 26 May on request of the ward councillor Cletos Isaac Vhudzi then when people had gathered Zanu PF activists took over the distribution process. Notable among them were Chifudza Mawadze of Mawadze village, Councillor Cletos Isaac Vhudzi, Curthbert Chiguvi Zanu PF ward youth chairperson, Nesbert





Chiguvi a Village Health Worker and Regina Muchamba from the Zanu PF Women's league. These allegedly turned away MDC-T supporters on grounds that this was a donation from President Mugabe so they could not benefit. The Zanu PF supporters are also accused of making people sign for 5kg bags yet they actually received 3kgs per person. The remaining 2kgs from each person are

alleged to have been taken by the Zanu PF supporters and stored in Chitumba Store. The following day the Zanu PF leaders assembled at Makambe and shared the rice among themselves. Villagers were also made to each pay 20 cents transport before receiving the rice.

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	
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)	
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 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	
B) UNLAWFUL ARREST	The taking away of a person using intimidation , open force of violence
C) UNLAWFUL DETENTION	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
D) FORCED DISPLACEMENT	Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority. 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.

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

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