



# **ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT**



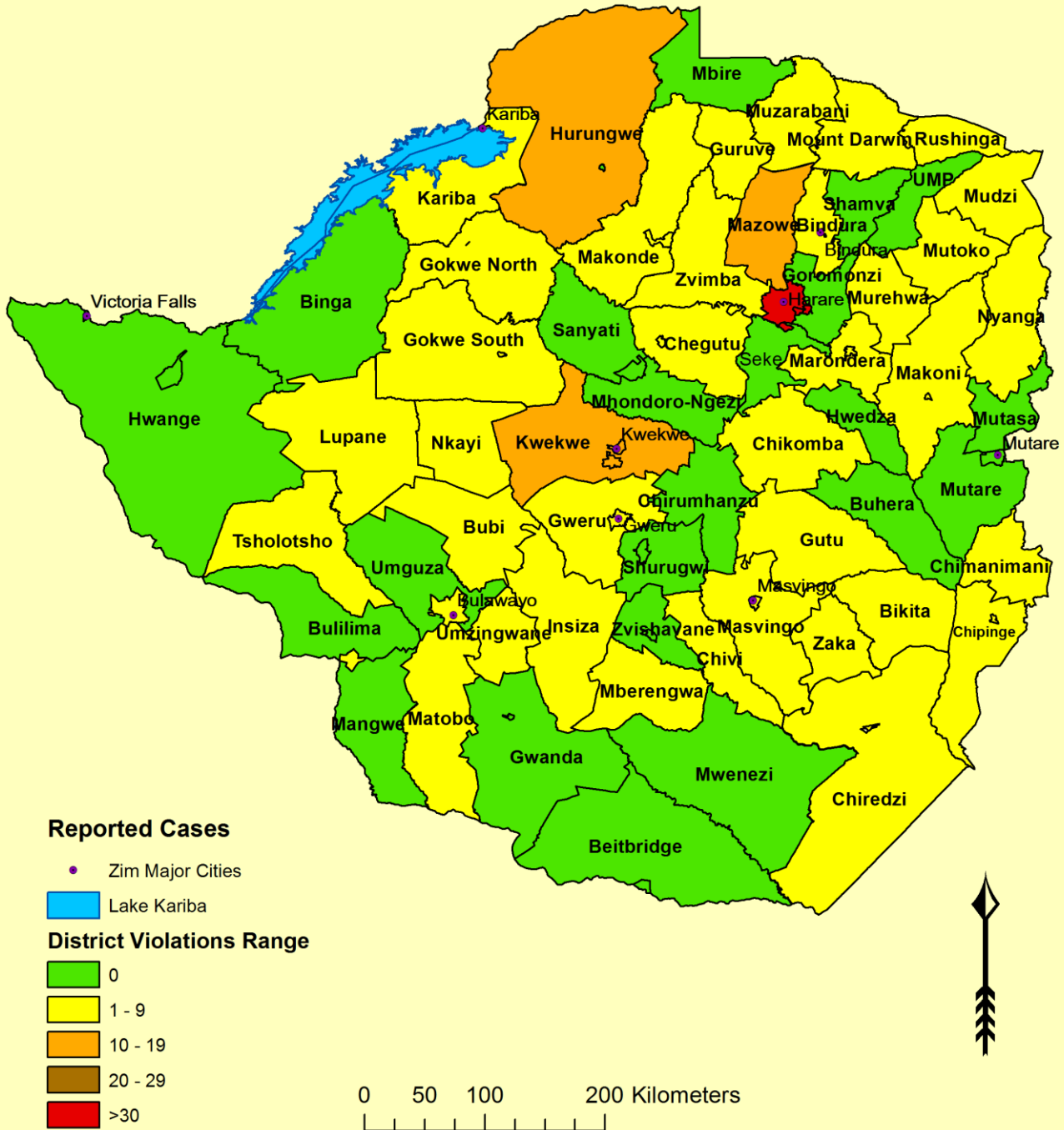
**NOVEMBER 2017**

**Towards Authoritarian Militarism?**

**Monthly Monitoring Report**

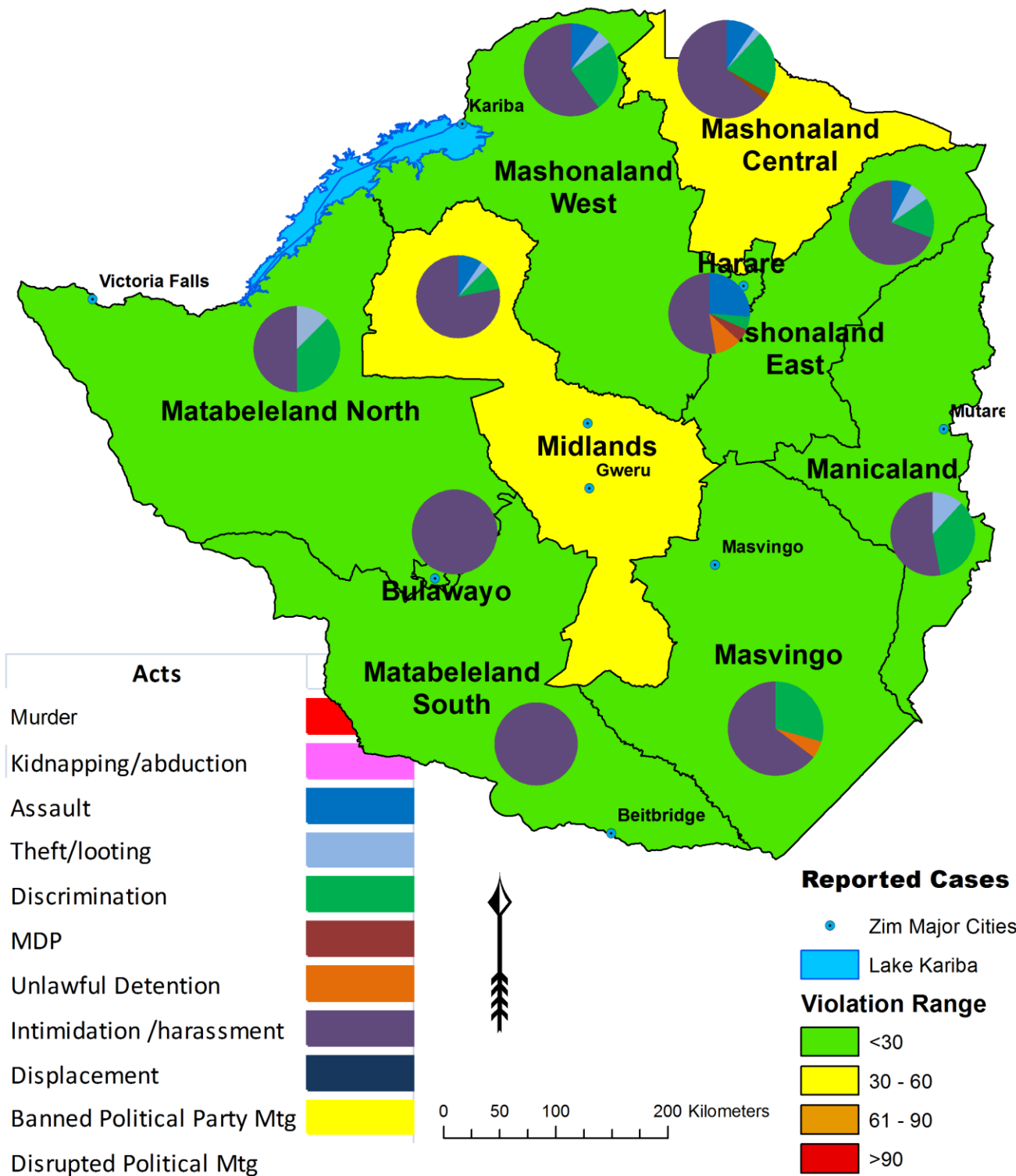


## ***November 2017 District Violations Map***





# November 2017 Provincial Violations Map





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Outlook

The Zimbabwe Peace Project recorded an increase in human rights violations to 190 in November from 189 in October. There was a decrease in cases of intimidation and harassment to 120 from 126. Most cases of harassment and intimidation were linked to the ongoing Biometric Voters Registration exercise and the intra party violence within the ruling Zanu PF party. The highest cases were recorded in Mashonaland Central. There was an increase in number of discrimination case to 36 from 31. These were mainly around the disbursements of Presidential farming inputs after the onset of the rainy season.

There was an increase of intra-party violence cases to 13 and Zanu PF was responsible for 12 of the cases. Harare and Masvingo recorded the highest cases at 3 each followed by Midlands and Mashonaland provinces with two cases each. The framing of the succession issue as an ethnic matter may have fuelled conflict in these areas.

At least ninety percent of the victims were said to have unknown political affiliations. Five percent of the victims were Zanu PF supporters or members.

There was an unusual increase of complaints against the Zimbabwe National Army soon after they were deployed in communities and police were withdrawn who were responsible for twenty four percent of the violations. War veterans were accused of perpetrations and the Zimbabwe

## 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.*

National War Veterans and Liberation Association spokesperson Cde Douglas Mahiya undertook to investigate if those implicated were members of his association. The ruling Zanu PF was responsible for at least sixty one percent of the perpetrations.

The Zanu PF internal contradictions that the ZPP had been warning would lead to open conflict finally boiled over after the expulsion of then Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa from both the party and government and his escaping into exile.







The pre-military intervention period had been characterized by persecution of activists, hate speech and intimidation and harassment of those with divergent political views to President Mugabe. Magamba TV's Martha O'Donovan was arrested allegedly for a tweet that referred to Robert Mugabe as a goblin. She was denied bail and kept in detention for more than a week. Zanu PF activists that voiced disapproval of Dr Grace Mugabe's speech at a Bulawayo rally were rounded up by police for booing the First Lady. This was in violation of citizen's right to freedom of expression as guaranteed in section 61 of the constitution. Intolerance to dissent led to victimization of Zanu PF political activists and it saw the escalation of hate speech as Dr Grace Mugabe and her supporters went into overdrive in attacking Emmerson Mnangagwa and his supporters.

Within 14 days the political environment changed dramatically as the military intervened in what they called 'Operation Restore Legacy' which targeted President Robert Mugabe's loyalists for arrests and detentions. The military moved heavy artillery into the streets of Harare and occupied key security areas. It also issued warning to minimize all unnecessary movements during the period of their operation. The political ructions saw huge crowds marching against President Mugabe in Bulawayo and Harare and his eventual recall by his party. This led to his inevitable resignation after parliament had moved a motion to impeach him.

The military involvement which largely had no reported deaths of civilians and coincided with Zimbabweans being

able to exercise their political freedoms for a few days albeit under a guided environment also had a murky side of alleged extra-judicial detentions, destruction of private property and assaults of some citizens particularly targeted political leaders.

Although the military intervention may have produced a desired outcome through the departure of President Mugabe who is blamed for mismanaging the economy, serious human rights abuses and persecution of political opponents it raised more questions about the involvement of the military in civilian politics. Will the military also intervene if their preferred candidate is defeated in elections? Is Zimbabwe precipitating towards armed solution for civilian political disputes? Are we headed for a militaristic state?

#### **Conduct of the military**

Although many Zimbabweans celebrated the fall of President Mugabe and a small period of enjoying rights such as the right to petition or march and freedom of expression, the military intervention exposed the partisan nature of the military in civilian politics and entrenched militarism in Zimbabwean politics particularly within the ruling party.

Section 208 of the constitution says that neither the security services nor any of their members may in the exercise of their functions act in a partisan manner, further the interests of any political party or cause or prejudice the interests of another party.





The military through a statement delivered by General Chiwenga pronounced itself on partisan intraparty politics. General Chiwenga demanded the stopping of purging of ZANU PF members and that free and fair election at a ZANU PF in December congress be held. Chiwenga's demands were largely political in their nature. By involving the military in internal squabbles of Zanu PF , General Chiwenga prejudiced the lawful interests of that party

He has previously described the military as 'stockholders' in ZANU PF. This is in violation of the constitution which says the military must be apolitical. The ZPP views a partisan military as a future source of instability and a threat to peace.

#### **Arbitrary evictions**

The constitution is clear about the rights of children and the rights of the disabled. However a family which has three children with disabilities was evicted from their home in Harare South by land barons in disregard of these rights. Section 83 of the constitution implores the state to take appropriate measures within the limits of the resources available to it to ensure that persons with disabilities are protected from all forms of exploitation and abuse.

#### **BVR indiscretions**

BVR related violations have continued without any meaningful action being taken by either police or ZEC. The ZPP wrote to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) urging them to act on increasing cases of harassment and intimidation around BVR. ZEC referred the matter to the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) for action and while the ZPP received reports of police action against known

perpetrators in Mashonaland East the cases escalated in other areas.

In another case where ZANU PF activists were demanding proof of registration as a voter before one could receive presidential farming inputs, many people who were classified as the so-called aliens were deprived as their citizenship status barred them from registering as voters.

These people are vulnerable as many of them no longer work after either being laid off from closing mines or evicted from farms they lived as labourers.





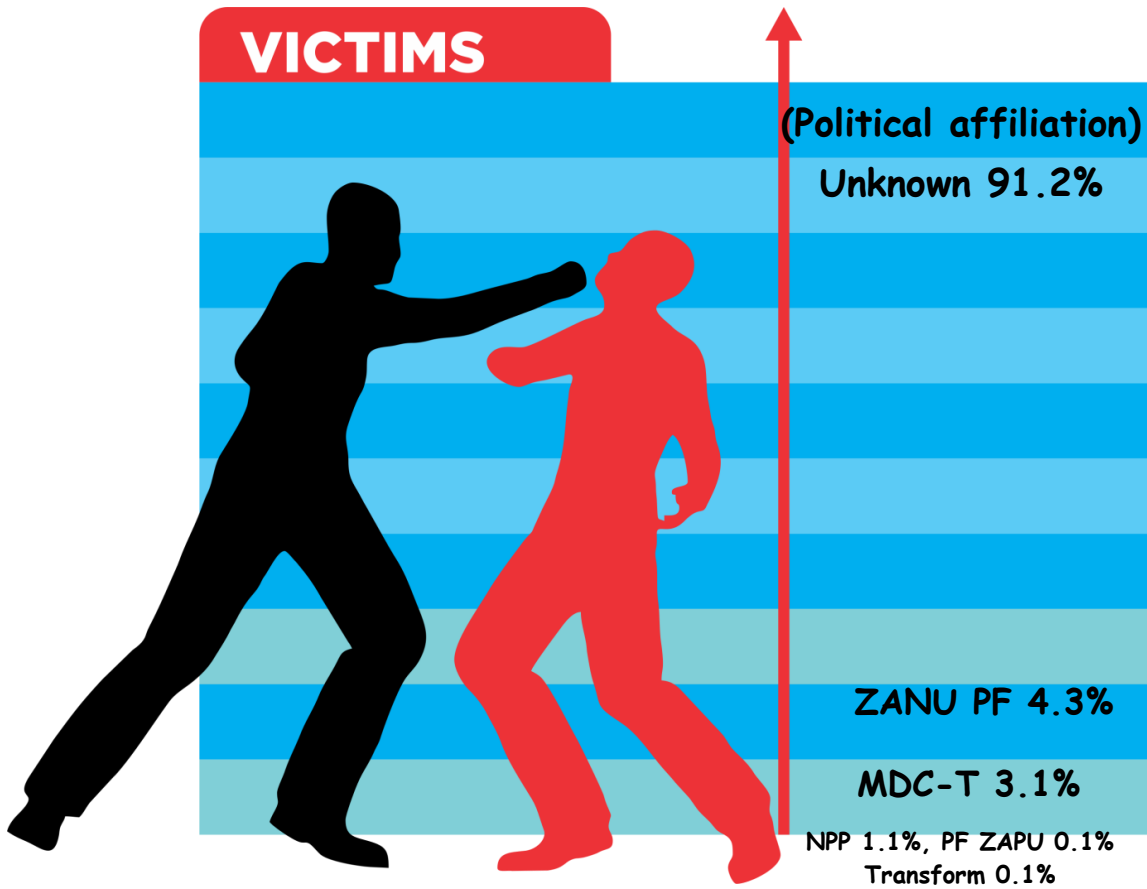
## DATA GATHERING

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





## The Dashboard: Incident Statistics at a Glance



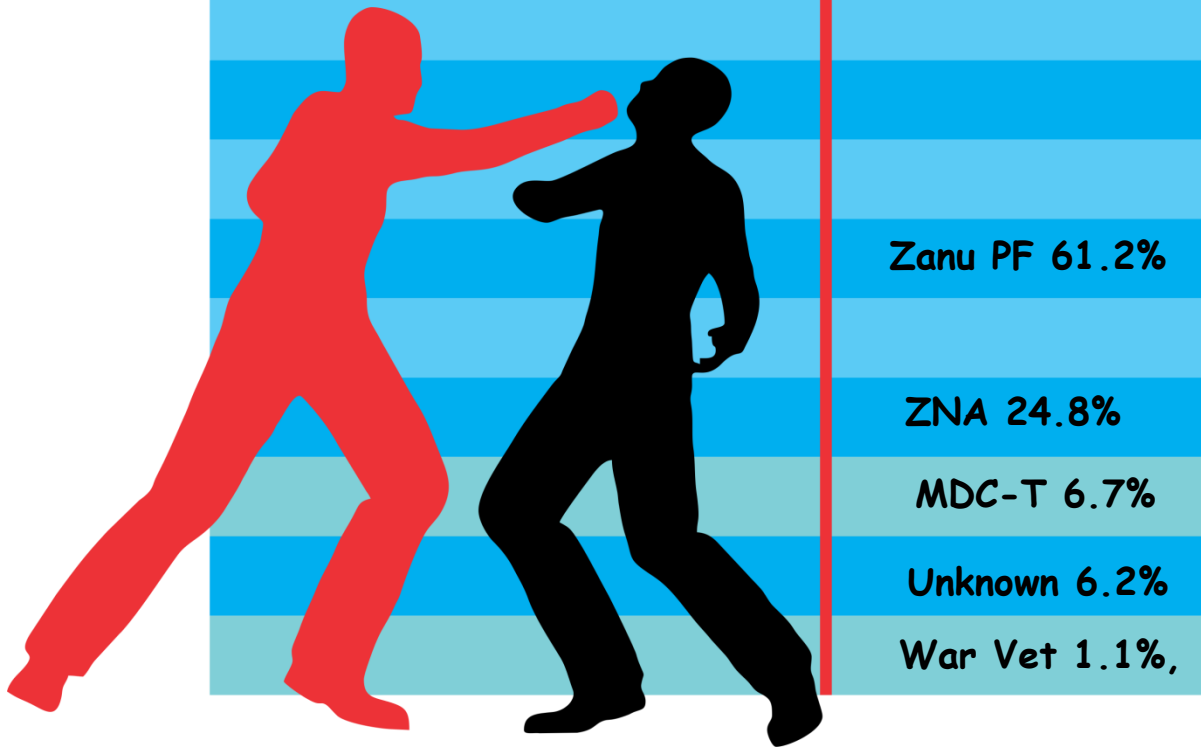
*There is a rise in the category of “unknown” victims of political violence. This could indicate the fear that was cultivated among ruling party supporters who were reluctant to identify their party and also their perpetrators who were from the same party.*





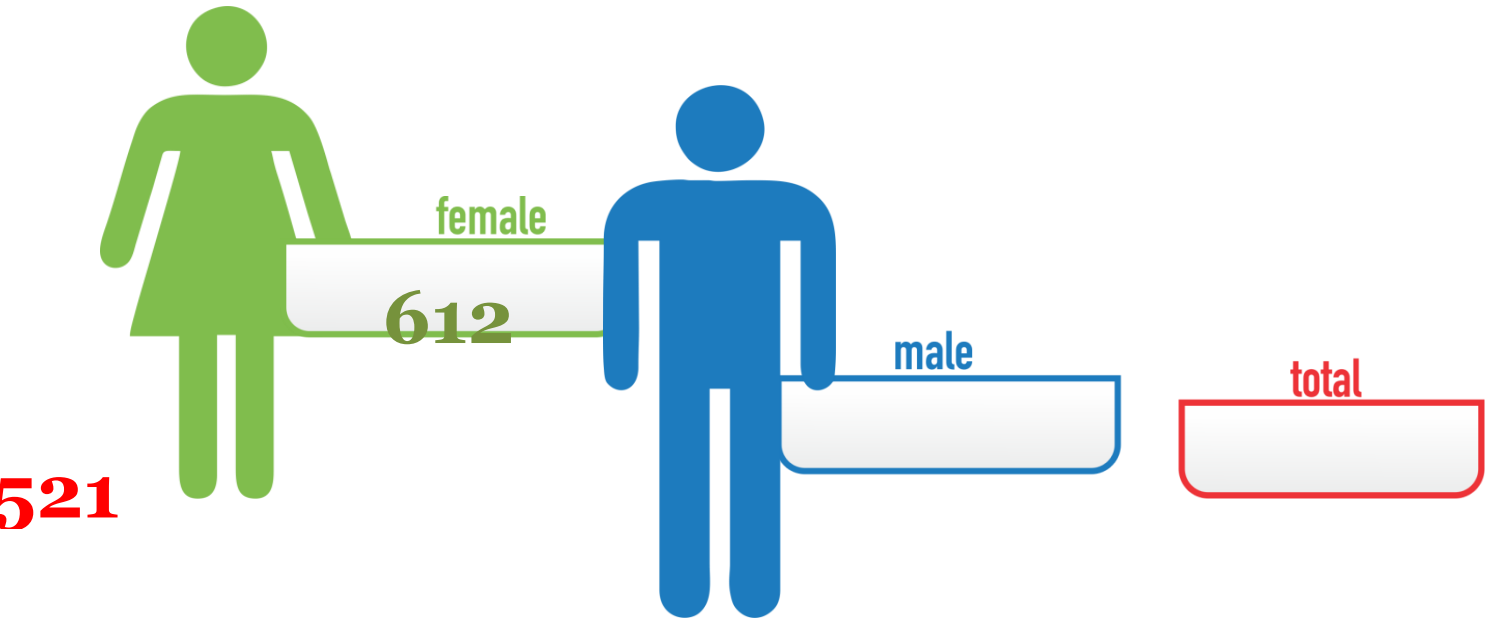


## PERPETRATORS

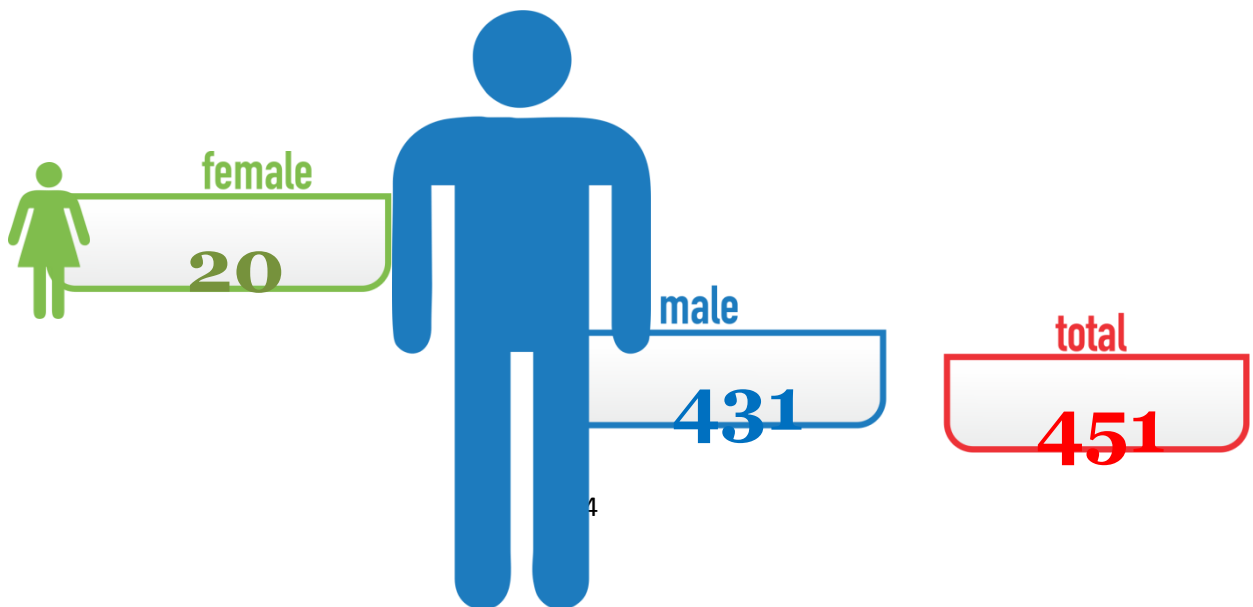




Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender





**Recorded Intra-Party Violations**

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
<b>Bulawayo</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Harare</b>	0	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Manicaland</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Mash Central</b>	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Mash East</b>	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Mash West</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Masvingo</b>	1	3	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Mat North</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Mat South</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Midlands</b>	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

*13 intra party violations were recorded for November, mainly within the Zanu PF and 1 in the MDC-T*





**Distribution of violence by type across provinces**

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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	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Assault	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	4	16
Theft/looting	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	8
Discrimination	3	0	0	3	5	6	1	4	5	9	36
MDP	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Detention	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
Intimidation /harassment	23	1	5	4	11	9	10	18	12	27	120
Displacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banned Political Party Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>190</b>

*Harassment and Intimidation cases decreased in November to 120 recorded violations, followed by a sharp increase in discrimination with 36 violations, and assault with 16 and then theft/looting being constant with 8. Mashonaland Central had the highest recorded violations for November with 43, followed by Midlands with 32, and Mashonaland East with 26.*







Provincial Highlights



**Threat level:**

On the 18th of November at Bulawayo City Hall in Bulawayo Central, during the solidarity march dubbed, “Mugabe must go”, it was reported that a Zanu PF youth said to be aligned to a faction known as G-40 only identified as John Sihlangu intimidated a group of five people who had joined the masses in demanding the resignation of President Mugabe. It is said that Sihlangu openly declared that what the people were doing was treasonous and hence there would retribution in the future. Among those who were intimidated was Philani Sibanda\*.



**Threat level:**

A case of unlawful eviction was recorded in Harare South at Riverside Glenview 1 area in ward 1. It is alleged that Julliana Dzitiro with her 4 children 3 of them with disabilities was evicted from her house in Riverside by Tsvakai Munangatire who works for the National Disabled Persons’ Association (NDPA). Reports are that Dzitiro joined the NDPA to benefit a residential stand since her 3 of her Children are disabled. Dzitiro was then made to make monthly payments to the association through Munangatire who was responsible for receipting payments of the organization. Munangatire allegedly allocated them a residential stand in Riverside claiming that the association had finally given them land. After Dzitiro had completed erecting structures on the land, on 28 October Munangatire returned to evict her claiming she had outstanding debts with the association and had to relocate to Churu farm about 3km away. When the victim resisted Munangatire sent unknown assailants who unsuccessfully attempted to evict Dzitiro resulting in damage to property. A police report was made under RRB3171136 and Munangatire agreed not to evict Dzitiro again from her land. However on 1 November Munangatire allegedly acquired an unverified court order which evicted Dzitiro from her land. During the eviction Dzitiro’s structures were demolished as Munangatire reportedly confiscated window panes, door frames and

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↓	0	2
Discrimination	→	0	0
MDP	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	1	2
Disrupted Pol Mtg.	→	0	0





asbestos to an unknown destination. According to victim the process of securing the court order was dubious as she discovered that the signatures on the document were forged.



Acceptance letter Dzitiro with her children with disabilities



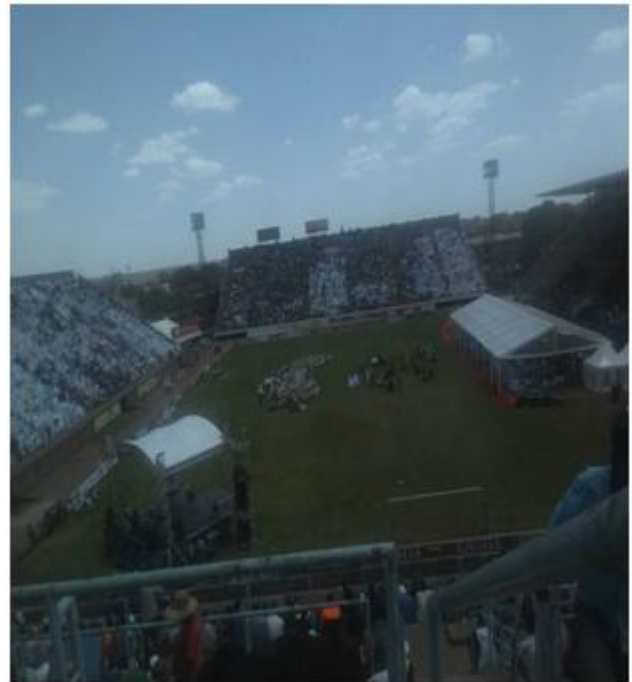
The court orders which facilitated the eviction





On 5 November Zanu PF youths allegedly forced proprietors to close down their business and attend Dr Grace Mugabe's interface rally at Rufaro stadium with various apostolic sects in Zimbabwe. It is alleged that about 15 Zanu PF youths led by Joseph Changara facilitated the closure of business around Mupedzanhano flea market and Matapi area in Mbare ward 3. The youths also threatened to assault those defiant of their orders hence many people attended in fear.

Business closures witnessed in Mbare ward 3



ZPP Pictures taken during the interface rally at Rufaro Stadium







It is alleged that Zanu PF factional contradictions manifested themselves at the party headquarters at Jason Moyo and Rotten Row in Harare Central. This happened three days after then President RG Mugabe had fired then Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa from the party and government. On 8 November violence was recorded at the party headquarters during a rally held to show solidarity and support to the President for his actions. Clashes between G40 and Lacoste youths were reported. An eyewitness who asked to have his identity protected reported that G40 youths allegedly attacked Lacoste youths who were demonstrating against the decision made by the president. Missiles were reportedly thrown during the conflict as two people reportedly sustained injuries.

On 14 November two journalists Columbus Mavunga and Gari Fadzi were allegedly assaulted by unidentified soldiers at Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) barracks King George 9 (Josiah Tongogara) 6th (KG 6th) in Harare East. According to reports the journalists were misinformed that there was a press conference at KG6 army barracks to address the nation since the military had taken control of state affairs. However when the journalists arrived soldiers on duty reportedly denied that such a press conference was scheduled. Reports are that the journalists were assaulted, detained and questioned on their source of information. It is alleged that the victims sustained serious injuries.

On 15 November, the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) conducted an operation which sought to arrest what they termed, “criminals surrounding President RG Mugabe”. ZNA Major General SB Moyo highlighted on ZBC news that

President RG Mugabe, and his family were safe, sound and their security was guaranteed. He went on to say that the decision taken by the military was not a coup but an exercise to bring order by targeting criminals around the president, who were committing crimes, causing social and economic suffering in the country. Following his remarks, Harare province witnessed a number of alleged arrests particularly cabinet ministers and other Zanu PF officials who were accused of denigrating the army. Among those alleged to have been arrested were Finance Minister Dr Ignatius Chombo and Youth league Secretary Kudzanai Chipanga who had accused army commander Constantine Guveya Chiwenga and the Zimbabwe Defence Forces (ZDF) of looting diamonds. Chipanga was quoted saying “All those in security sector fatigues who wish to engage in politics are free to throw their hats in the ring and not hide behind the barrel of the gun”.

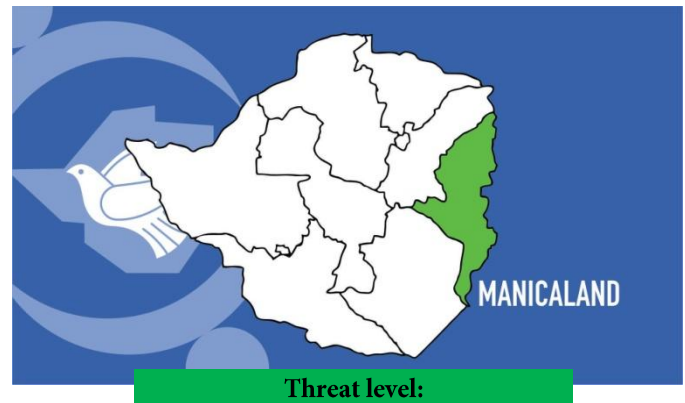
On 27 November violence was reported in Mbare ward 3 which resulted from Zanu PF factional fights. It is alleged that Zanu PF youth chairperson Josh Makwiri summoned youths to a meeting at their party office, to deliberate on the future of Joseph Changara, Takataka and the whole executive who were accused of putting the name of the party into disrepute. Makwiri reportedly accused the executive of harassing vendors and promoting violence in Mbare hence he wanted them booted out of the party and to ensure that their sins were punished. Reports are that violence broke out when some of the youths failed to reach consensus with Makwiri leading to a fist fight. Reports also confirm that missiles were thrown during the conflict forcing street vendors to halt their business.







Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↓	5	6
Discrimination	→	1	1
Theft/looting	→	2	2
MDP	↓	1	4
Intimidation/harassment	↓	10	19
Displacement	→	1	1
Unlawful detention	↓	2	4



In Nyanga North, ward 5, Kaitano, Vurandi village head Simbisai Fish allegedly asked for money from villagers in order for him to provide them with proof of residence letters for the BVR process. This happened on 1 November. Only opposition party members were asked to pay between 20 c and \$1 while Zanu PF supporters received the letters free of charge

In Makoni South, ward 23 Shenayeguta village, it was reported that Wilbert Mabuya a Zanu PF Gwidza district chairperson called a meeting on 2 November. It is alleged that Mabuya tasked another Zanu PF member Lameck Ndiraya to call villagers to a meeting in the village. The meeting was for purposes of conducting BVR voter education according to





Mabuya. It is alleged that Mabuya told the gathered villagers that during this exercise (voter education) villagers would have to queue according to the political parties they support as a way of screening individuals in preparation for the 2018 polls. This was going to enable the Zanu PF party to identify the political parties that the villagers support.

In Nyanga North, ward 2 Chabvura village village head Alois Chabvura called a meeting at his homestead on 10 November. It is alleged that the purpose of the meeting was to note down the serial numbers and names of all the villagers who had registered to vote under the BVR system. The villagers are said to have complied with this call by Chabvura who is also the Zanu PF branch chairperson. Chabvura is well known for perpetrating violence in 2008.

In Nyanga North, ward 2 Avila Mission, a case of discrimination in the distribution of farming inputs along political lines was reported on 28 November. It was said that on the day, each beneficiary was entitled to 25 kg of compound D fertiliser. The names of the beneficiaries were already compiled by the respective village heads in ward 2. When the village heads submitted the names of their households one village head Alois Chibvura left out Sukai Makamba's name on the list. Makamba complained to the ward councillor Joseph Kadyamusuma who then intervened resulting in Makamba getting his deserved share of the fertiliser. It was then discovered that village head Chibvura had been refusing to include Makamba in previous lists of aid beneficiaries as a result of Makamba's opposition political

activism since 2014. The above case also came against the background of Makamba having taken Chibvura to courts on the same cases of denying him aid which the courts ruled in favour of Makamba\*. Since then Makamba has been deliberately left out of any aid in the ward.

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Theft/looting	↑	2	0
Discrimination	↓	6	7
MDP	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	9	18
Displacement	→	0	0
Disrupted Political Meeting	→	0	0





**Threat level:**

In Mt Darwin East at Chiparira village ward 14, it is alleged that Zanu PF youth Officer Tavengwa Chiparira threatened to unleash violence in 2018 if villagers voted in favour of opposition political parties. On 2 November Chiparira addressed a village meeting issuing threats to opposition activists in the village. He reportedly warned villagers to vote wisely in 2018, saying that the BVR kits were designed to track which party an individual will vote for. He also reiterated that the image taken during the registration process will be used to identify traitors for punishment in due season. Among those in attendance was Elackson Kachiri.

It is alleged that on 5 November, Zanu PF chairperson Wiriranai Kakonye was recording serial numbers from villagers at Tsengurwe primary school polling station during the Bio-metric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise in Mt

Darwin East ward 12. Gatsi was seen outside the polling station with a notebook demanding serial numbers from those who had registered. Reports are that, he was also recording in separate sheets names of well known Zanu PF activists and those perceived to be aligned to the opposition.

It is alleged that when the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) rolled out the phase 2 Bio-metric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise, village head Herbert Chatyora coerced villagers to submit their serial numbers in Rushinga constituency. On 4 November Chatyora convened a village meeting in Chongoma village in ward 11. He allegedly instructed villagers to submit their serial numbers after registration. He also threatened to unleash violence in the ward if villagers defied his orders hence many submitted out of fear. Among those who submitted was Earnest Mhaka\*.

A Zanu PF Councillor identified only as Muzhira allegedly intimidated villagers during a ward meeting held at Mapfumo village in Mazowe Central ward 12. On 7 November Muzhira openly told villagers that the new Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) kits were designed to automatically detect sell-outs who will vote for opposition parties particularly the MDC-T and NPP (National Peoples Party). Muzhira also reiterated that the process will be concluded by detection of serial numbers by the BVR kits, to identify all culprits for punishment. He also warned villagers to vote wisely in 2018 to avoid facing the wrath of Zanu PF.

It is alleged that villagers were coerced to submit their serial numbers following the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR)





blitz at Mutematsaka Pre-School in Mt Darwin East ward 38. On 8 November after conducting BVR, Kanyoka villagers were summoned to a village meeting by village head Lazarous Kanyoka, who forced them to submit their serial numbers. When the villagers had submitted their serial numbers, Kanyoka also threatened to unleash violence on those who will vote in favor of opposition movements in 2018.

On 8 November in Mazowe Central Kawanzara village, Zanu PF activists Chief Makope, village heads Doubt Chawawa and Maponga, led by councillor Elisha Mukahihwa allegedly summoned villagers to a ruling party meeting held in ward 8. During the engagement they vowed to evict all those they will identify commenting negatively about the decision taken by then President RG Mugabe when he fired then Vice President Emerson Mnangagwa from the party and government. Maponga was quoted saying, “ino inzvimbo yedu, hatitenderi vanopandukira president”, meaning this is our area and we have zero tolerance to those who revolt against the president. He also reiterated that, “vanopandukira president tichavadzinga muno”, meaning those who revolt against the president will be evicted. Joseph Ndoro and Nicholas kariwo were part of the villagers in attendance.

It is alleged that in Rushinga constituency during the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise in wards 11 and 12, Zanu PF activists Nicholas Parira and Makiwa were responsible for recording serial numbers from registrants at Chongoma, Mutematsaka and Mugaranhewe polling stations. On 11 November villagers had received circulars messages from village heads instructing them to surrender their serial

numbers after registration. Villagers were also misled that the BVR system was adopted to track down those who vote in favour of opposition hence people were warned to vote wisely in 2018.

On 12 November 7 Zanu PF activists led by Never Chomuti allegedly denied Sylvester Mtetwa\* his right to health at Rosa hospital in Mazowe Central ward 9. Reports are that Chomuti and his colleagues denied Mtetwa\* entry inside the hospital premises as they accused him of belonging to Lacoste (a faction affiliated to then Vice President Emerson Mnangagwa). It is alleged that when the victim resisted, they pushed him around before assaulting him.

It is alleged that Privilege Torwa was harassed by unidentified Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) officers at Chipadze Shopping centre in Bindura North ward 4. On 15 November, about 3 soldiers identified Torwa inside Matsono bottle store clad in Zanu PF Regalia emblazoning a picture of President Robert Mugabe. They interrogated Torwa for wearing a T-shirt of a president under house arrest. Torwa was forced to sit down in full view of people inside the bar before he was released.

It is alleged that unidentified members of the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) destroyed Stebia Kasaga’s phone in an attempt to halt her from taking pictures during a military operation. On 15 November Kasaga identified about 5 soldiers on duty patrol at Chipadze shopping centre in Bindura North ward 12. When she attempted to take pictures,







one the soldiers came from behind and tried to confiscate her phone. When the phone fell down, the soldier intentionally stepped on it crushing it to pieces.

It is alleged that Ankas Chivaura was harassed by unidentified members of the Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) in Bindura North ward 2. On 15 November Chivaura made an attempt to take a video of an army vehicle travelling past Bata shops along First Street in Bindura Central Business District (CBD). About 3 soldiers jumped off the vehicle forcing the driver to stop. They manhandled Chivaura into their vehicle and took him to an unknown destination.

It is alleged that on 16 November Remigio Chipadze was intimidated by Zimbabwe National Army officials (ZNA) who were manning a roadblock at Trojan mine turnoff in Bindura North ward 2. When Chipadze was driving past the area he was stopped by two unidentified soldiers who asked him to produce his national identity card. Chipadze reportedly did not have his documents which led to his detention and interrogation before being released. They accused him of not being an organized citizen. They also advised him to travel with his mother in future for her to assist in carrying and safeguarding of documents on his behalf.

Zanu PF factional fights were recorded on 17 November in Mazowe Central at Nzwimbo growth point in ward 8. It is alleged that a gang of 15 Zanu PF youths led by Naison Phiri assaulted James Chirwa for destroying the party by supporting First Lady Grace Mugabe. The youths suspected to be Lacoste (a faction affiliated to President Emmerson Mnangagwa)

allegedly assaulted Chirwa with clenched fists and sticks. This forced the victim to run for his life as missiles were reportedly thrown in pursuit during the assault.

It is alleged that Zanu PF Councillor Texas Dzungwe intimidated villagers during the Bio-metric Voter Registration (BVR) blitz in Mt Darwin East at Pachanza village ward 11. On 21 November Dzungwe addressed a ruling party meeting warning villagers to vote wisely in 2018 to evade facing the wrath of Zanu PF. He was quoted saying that the BVR kits were designed to track opposition activists in the upcoming 2018 elections. He also reiterated that the kits had a smart camera to detect which party an individual will vote for in 2018.

It is alleged that on 24 November Justine Mandava was intimidated by two MDC-T activists Washington Mudadi (Provincial member) and Saymore Mhene (former ward 16 Councillor) in Bindura North at Tendai hall in Chipadze ward 5. Reports are that Mhene and Mudadi accused Mandava for issuing Matepatepa villagers with proof of residence forms for Biometric Voter Registration (BVR). They reportedly labeled him as a puppet of Bindura North MP Keneth Musanhi and threatened to sue him for his actions. They also accused him of violating the country's constitution by issuing villagers with BVR proof of residence forms.





sitting Councillor Mathew Masikati was taking registered

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↑	4	1
Theft/looting	→	1	1
Discrimination	↑	9	1
MDP	↑	1	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	27	19
Displacement	→	0	0
Disrupted Political meeting	↑	1	0

voters’ serial numbers. A group of MDC-T led by Charles Chengwe then made complaint to the police on the forceful noting down of serial numbers. The MDC-T youth were told that, the police were only responsible for cases that happen in the BVR tent not outside. A fight outside the BVR tent then broke out and only MDC-T members were arrested and detained at Cherutombo police station.



**Threat level:**

On 3 November, Zanu PF and MDC-T youths fought in Marondera Central ward 9 at Cherutombo Shopping Centre. It is alleged that a fight broke out when a Zanu PF team led by

Village head Frank Mavhurume from Murehwa North convened a meeting in ward 16 at Madeya Business Centre on 4 November. It is alleged that Mavhurume forced people to be registered under the new Biometric Voters’ system. Villagers were told that those who would fail to register will be regarded and treated as opposition supporters. Villagers who managed to register were told to submit their serial numbers to their respective village heads or village secretaries. Villagers who failed to submit serial numbers were told that the post 2018 election time would be a pain for them.





On 6 November kraal head Chinzeti convened a meeting at Nyamuvanga Primary School in Mudzi West ward 8. Zanu PF youth led by Memory Nyatsine and James Chikowe interrupted the meeting and intimidated villagers and a Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) Biometric Voter Registration observer. It is alleged that Funny Tembo a ZESN observer was intimidated and labelled an opposition supporter. Villagers were also intimidated as they were forced to produce and surrender their voters' serial numbers. Nyatsine forced villagers to chant Zanu PF slogans before accusing Tembo of being a Zanu PF enemy alleging that he is observing the registration process on behalf of MDC-T. Tembo was told that he will be whipped into line before the 2018 elections setting an example to other villagers.

In Murehwa South at Wuyu-wuyu Primary School in ward 18 the Biometric Voter Registration exercise (BVR) ended on 13 November. It is alleged that, soon after the end of the BVR exercise Zanu PF activists started intimidating villagers. Zanu PF village secretary Isau Masawi has been tasked to systematically track down all registered voters noting down their serial numbers. All villagers who registered were told to hand over their serial numbers. Masawi reiterated that, a noted serial number will be a ticket for one to become a beneficiary in the Presidential farming inputs.

In Murehwa North a suspected opposition supporter was denied farming inputs allocation on 13 November at Chingwaru Township in ward 3. It is alleged that Zanu PF councillor Felix Munyukwi snatched maize seed and fertilizer belonging to Stella Sauramba\* during a Presidential inputs

distribution exercise. Sauramba lost her farming inputs on allegations that her husband is an opposition supporter. Sauramba's husband, Shadreck Marongedza is a well known opposition activist in Murehwa North. ZPP contacted Marongedza and he confirmed the incident however he did not press any charges against Munyikwi. The incident was referred to ZHRC.

On 14 November villagers converged at Mahusekwa Growth Point in Marondera West Rural District Council Sub Office Ward 11. The purpose of the meeting was to drum up support for Zanu PF in the next year's harmonised elections. The guest speaker was Lawrence Katsiru, Member of Parliament for Marondera East. It is alleged that, Katsiru told traditional leaders not to give proof of residence to non Zanu PF supporters so that they could not register as voters. He told the gathering that Emmerson Mnangagwa was no longer Vice President after being demoted for leading a faction called Lacoste which wanted to oust President R G Mugabe from power. Katsiru also said that villagers should vote for a Zanu PF Councillor, Member of Parliament and Presidential candidates and shun Mnangagwa and his allies.

On 18 November a series of violations were recorded in Murewa West at Cross Musani Growth Point perpetrated by Zanu PF activist Anyway Chitombo. It is alleged that opposition supporters around Cross Musani were threatened, intimidated and harassed by Chitombo. These cases were recorded when Zimbabweans converged in Harare in protest to President Mugabe's rule. Paradza Chimutsa and his wife were intimidated and harassed in the bus while heading to





Harare for the march. Chitombo said, ‘When I see Chimutsa I smell blood, I feel like I should skin him alive’. Chimutsa was then told to disembark from the bus. Meanwhile, Milton Mahwamba was also ordered to disembark from the bus as Chitombo argued that the march was only for Zanu PF supporters. These cases were reported at Musani Police however, no arrest was made. ZPP contacted Sergeant Phillip Sithole and he confirmed that Chitombo was stirring unrest in Murewa.

On 18 November Munyaradzi Mutsindikwa a Zanu PF youth was assaulted by Zanu PF ward chairperson Bester Jokonya at Nharira Growth Point in Ward 16 Chikomba Central. It is alleged that Mutsindikwa provoked Jokonya when he labelled him an ousted G40 member in public. Jokonya felt humiliated by the sentiments resulting in him assaulting Mutsindikwa with clenched fist. Mutsindikwa sustained minor injuries on his lower abdomen and in his hands. Zanu PF party members quickly intervened and rescued Mutsindikwa however; the matter was not reported to the police.

Kelly Moyo and Debra Nyangani were intimidated and harassed by Anyway Chitombo at Cross Musami growth point in Murehwa West sometime in November. It is alleged that Chitombo’s love proposal was turned down by Moyo. Chitombo, enraged accused Moyo and Nyangani of being MDC-T activists. Chitombo further threatened to evict Nyangani and Moyo alleging the two were traitors working at a government clinic but supporting an opposition party. The two are now living in fear since Chitombo constantly intimidates them.

Headmaster Paul Mango held a meeting at Chingwena Primary School in Mudzi West Masarakufa ward 8 on 22 November. It is alleged that there was disorder during the meeting when Mango told parents that children with tuition and levy arrears would not be allowed to sit for their end of year examinations. School authorities and Parent confronted each other exchanging harsh words. Eventually, parents tried to negotiate with school authorities to come up with payment plans however their efforts were futile. Mango and the School Development Committee then sent home children with tuition arrears, pupils from grade 1 to grade 6.

A former MDC-T supporter and now Zanu PF activist, Anyway Chitombo is said to be precipitating unrest in Murewa West around the Cross Musami Growth Point. No action is being taken against Chitombo. Chitombo is alleged to have been the mastermind behind the establishment of several torture bases in Murehwa in 2013. On 25 November Chitombo is said to have threatened, intimidated and harassed MDC-T supporter at Cross Musami Growth Point. Chitombo threatened people using hate speech he said, ‘we should cleanse Murewa by killing all opposition supporters’. Residents and shop owners who do not follow Chitombo are said to be at risk especially during the pre-election time.





*Zanu PF activist Anyway Chitombo, the man behind most of the human right abuses in Murewa West.*

In Mudzi South ward 12 on 26 November, villagers were forced to contribute money towards the Zanu PF congress scheduled for December. It is alleged that Zanu PF District Chairperson David Kanjere convened a caucus with village heads on 24 November to assign them. Village heads were given a mandate that each household was to contribute \$0;50 cents toward the congress. Village heads then addressed their subordinates giving them the target, which every household was obliged to contribute \$0;50. Kanjere told village heads that households that fail to contribute will be excluded from the Command Agriculture inputs assistance.

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↑	2	0
Theft/looting	↓	2	4
Discrimination	↑	4	3
MDP	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	18	15



**Threat level:**

Zanu PF ward 29 Councillor Audrey Hativagone had a fight with villagers at Wamica Club in Chegutu East on 7 November. It was recorded that Hativagone had a Zanu PF factional misunderstanding with Command Agriculture beneficiaries. Hativagone is alleged to have annoyed the beneficiaries when he said that farming inputs were to be allocated to supporters aligned to Mugabe denying Mnangagwa’s supporters. These sentiments did not go well with villagers leading to a verbal exchange and some shoving. The fight interrupted the distribution resulting in Grain Marketing Board officials failing to distribute the inputs.







Villagers from ward 17 under Chief Nyamhunga were forced to contribute money on 17 November in Hurungwe West during a farming inputs distribution programme. It is alleged that villagers were compelled to contribute \$0.50 for the Zanu PF December Extra-ordinary Congress. Villagers were told that, those who fail to contribute will not benefit from the Command Agriculture inputs scheme. The distribution was controlled by Zanu PF ward councillor Tichaona Mathew Runi. During the distribution Runi said, 'Baba Mugabe varikubatsira varimi saka tese tinofanira kuvabhadharira congress yavo'. Among the villages present were Mashuma, Nyamhunga, Sengwe and Karambazungu.

On 23 November villagers convened at Pfupajena Primary School in Chegutu West to receive Command Agriculture inputs. It is alleged that the distribution was conducted by uniformed soldiers and controlled by Zanu PF youths led by Chairperson Edward Chirikure. Beneficiaries had to produce valid voter's registration slips and details from the slips would be noted down. The development did not go well for 'aliens' as they were denied inputs because they failed to produce the needed voter registration slips. Among the 'aliens' who were denied inputs was Precious Mutara\*.

On 23 November an MDC-T activist Willard Chiimbiravana was assaulted by Zanu PF District Chairperson Thomas Matikiti. Chiimbiravana resides at Norman Farm Plot 9 Sadhoma in Makonde West on a farm he inherited from his late father who was a local decorated war veteran. It is alleged that Matikiti deployed forceful and brutal measures to evict

Chiimbiravana from the farm. The death of Chiimbiravana's father led to the inherited property being turned into a clinic by Zanu PF supporters through force. On the date in question Chiimbiravana was assaulted with open and clenched fists. The matter was reported to Chief Magonde and the hearing was scheduled to be held on 30 December. Chiimbiravana sustained serious injuries on his upper abdomen and on his face and he was told to secure a medical report. The victim has sought refuge in Chinhoyi since he has been traumatised by the incident.

A case of assault, harassment and intimidation of tour guides and pupils boarding boats was recorded on 28 November in Kariba at Zambia Island. It is alleged that uniformed Zimbabwe National Army officers assaulted a female tour guide leader and harassed pupils. The crew aboard the boats were school children from around Zimbabwe and tour guides who were cruising in the Kariba Dam. The ZNA officers commanded the crew in the twelve boats to park at Zambia Island. Tour guides and pupil were forced to sit on wet ground for hours as the ZNA officers went through the boats. Afterwards tour guides were threatened and told that the ZNA officers will go through their phones as they suspected that there was someone leaking information. School children were traumatised by the incident.





Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↓	2	3
Theft/looting	↑	1	0
Discrimination	↓	5	6
Displacement	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	12	15
Unlawful Detention	→	0	0

comply with the demands imposed by Maphosa at the gathering.

In Bikita East, ward 17 at Boora Primary, villagers were forced to chant Zanu PF slogans on 3 November. The constituency’s legislator Kennedy Marimba who was present led the chanting of Zanu PF slogans before the distribution of the maize seeds. Every villager present was compelled to chant the Zanu PF slogans if they wanted to get the seeds. It is alleged that Marimba went on to tell the villagers that the seeds were from President Mugabe .Villagers also received 2kgs of fertilizer each while those who were distributing the inputs identified as Kurupei and Mandenga took 50kgs each of fertilisers.



Munashe Pwanyai, the ward 16 Councillor in Chivi Central is alleged to have forcibly relieved Francis Mhomho from the position of Zanu PF ward chairperson in an intra-party dispute. It is alleged that this happened on 7 November at a Zanu PF meeting held at Nyamakwe Business Centre. Pwanyai is alleged to have replaced Mhomho with Innocent Paradza on the chairperson position and Mhomho was also said to have been accused of being sympathetic to Emmerson Mnangagwa’s alleged Lacoste faction. The meeting was said to have been characterised by threats and insults which were hauled at each other by the Zanu PF members who were in attendance.

In Gutu Central, ward 33 at the Chief’s Hall, it was reported that a Zanu PF youth Officer Fungai Agnes Maphosa threatened residents during the distribution of agricultural inputs on 2 November. It is alleged that Maphosa said that those who had not brought with them their BVR voter slips were not going to receive the agricultural inputs under the Presidential Input Scheme. It was for purposes of recording their serial numbers in a Zanu PF book for unclear reasons. It was suspected that the move was aimed at screening suspected MDC-T supporters from the programme since they refused to

According to the information gathered on 12 November, in ward 25 of Gutu South, it was alleged that the ward 25 Councillor Donat Shenjere allocated specific days which villagers are supposed to go and register to vote. It is alleged







that Shenjere through the kraal heads allocated Thursday, Friday and Saturday as the days of the week which ward 25 villagers are supposed to register. This move was reported to have surprised even the ZEC personnel doing the voter education in the area. Villagers are prohibited to go and register on any day which falls out of the councillor Shenjere’s allocation.

Janet Rushwaya was allegedly threatened by a Mrs Chipwanya F for working with women suspected to be from the MDC-T in Masvingo West, ward 12 Chirichoga High on 17 November. Both women are members of Zanu PF. It was reported that the threats came after a women’s cooperative by the name Cornerstone Women in Business was allowed to present its business to the Zanu PF councillor William Shangwa in ward 12. As it was the only registered group, the councillor said they were going to be considered for government assisted loans. This did not go down well with Chapwanya who had thought the loans were only meant for Zanu PF supporters loyal to the former first lady Grace Mugabe. Chapwanya then threatened Rushwaya with unspecified action and also accused her of belonging to the Lacoste faction. The loans were never disbursed.

A member of the Zimbabwe National Army who refused to disclose his name is reported to have addressed villagers and threatened them at Nyamakwe Business Centre, ward 16 of Chivi Central on 28 November. It is alleged that the military member said those who were yet to get registered to vote were

not supposed to benefit from government programmes in reference to aid. It was said that this happened at a gathering where the elderly and those living with disabilities were receiving government sponsored agricultural inputs through the Grain Marketing Board. It was also said that this member of the ZNA went on to tell the gathered people that the next time they come for such programmes they will be required to carry with them their registration slips, to prove that they are indeed registered voters. He is alleged to have also said that he had been sent by what he termed the higher office to deliver the message.

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↑	1	0
Discrimination	↑	5	4
Intimidation/harassment	↓	11	13
Unlawful detention	↑	1	0





**Threat level:**

On the 1st of November at Sipepa village ward 5 Tsholotsho North constituency, Zanu PF members only identified as Pullie Maqonda, Sibusisiwe Dlamini and Rumbidzai Mutasa ordered individuals to submit their serial numbers after they had successfully registered as voters. It is said that the trio instructed individuals to submit their serial numbers in view of capturing such numbers in their Zanu PF cell group register. Hazel Sibanda is among those who was ordered to submit her serial numbers.

On the 8th of November at Masenyane village in Lupane West constituency, at a farming input distribution gathering, Zanu PF councillor identified as Mathabisa Moyo instructed individuals to submit their voter registration serial numbers. It is said that, Moyo had made it clear that only those that had submitted their serial numbers were to be given farming inputs particularly seeds. Sadly, it is alleged that individuals conformed to the demands as they gave away their serial numbers.

On the 1st of November at ward 29 of Nkayi South constituency, it was reported that a Zanu PF member only

identified as Rosa Banda denied eight villagers who had anticipated receiving farming inputs from the government their allocation. It is said that Banda denied them under unclear circumstances and their names got replaced by known party members. It is alleged that those who were given only got 5kgs instead of 10 kg meaning that part of their share was set aside by Banda. Among those who were denied is Mavis Maphosa\*.

On the 9th of November at Lukala diptank ward 2 of Bubi constituency, it was reported that a village head aligned to Zanu PF only identified as Mlingwa Gwayi denied Benson Maphosa\* - a 74year old his monthly food allocation. It is said that Maphosa\* had gone in full anticipation of being granted his food allocation under the government scheme of drought relief program. While at the distribution centre, it is alleged that Gwayi removed Maphosa from the list and the latter got his name replaced.

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	➡	0	0





Theft/looting	↑	1	0
Discrimination	↑	3	1
Displacement	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	4	5

that it was a must for everyone to submit and those who would have failed would eventually be punished.

On the 11th of November at Shumbeshabe village centre in Matobo North constituency, it was reported that two Zanu PF members only identified as Agnes Siziba and Mercious Siziba demanded voter registration slips from over fifty villagers who had gathered to discuss issues relating to farming inputs. While at the meeting, it is said that they instructed individuals to submit their voters' registration slips with visible serial numbers. This left individuals in fear of what was to happen to them after submitting their records.



**Threat level:**

On the 12th of November at Mtshingwe resettlement (Nkwalini village) in Insiza North constituency, it was reported that Zanu PF members only identified as Philip Sibanda and Mica Siziba instructed all village heads to collect serial numbers from the individuals who had successfully registered to vote. It is said that they underscored that it was obligatory for everyone to submit as they were prepared to punish those who failed to comply. The meeting had been specifically been conveyed to force villagers to submit their voter registration slips.

On the 6th of November at ward 11 of Umzingwane constituency, it was reported that seven Zanu PF members led by Councillor Sithembiso Nyoni instructed individuals to submit their voter's serial numbers. It is said that Nyoni and accomplices had previously announced that farming inputs were meant for individuals that submitted their voter's registration serial numbers. In her address, it is said that Nyoni underscored the fact that those who fail to submit would eventually relive the experiences of Gukurahundi. Other perpetrators included Nokuthula Sibanda, Gedion Ngwenya, Sikhulumeni Ncube, Sichelesile Sibanda, Anna Dube, Pharaoh Moyo and Agrippa Mnkandla.

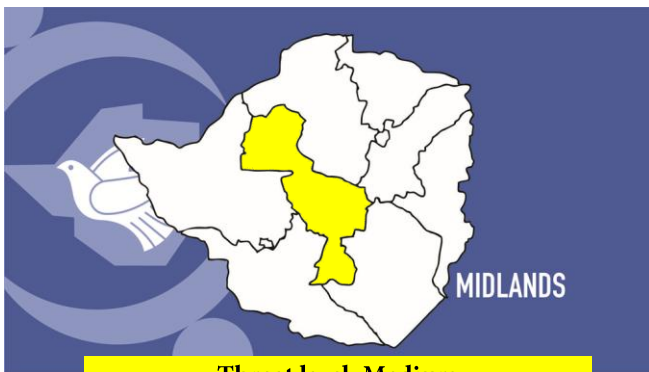
On the 3rd of November in ward 3 Insiza South constituency, it was reported that the village head identified as Mr Khale and his influential friend a Mr Moyo demanded voters registration slips from individuals. It is said that the two, warned villagers





Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	➡	0	0
Theft/looting	➡	0	0
Discrimination	⬇	0	3
Displacement	➡	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	⬇	5	9

It was reported that, on 2 November, in Gokwe Chireya ward 4 at Chireya Business Centre and Kajirivanda Primary School, villagers were called to a meeting. The villagers were called to these two centres and were addressed by Michael Tupe who is the Zanu PF district chairperson. At these two meetings villagers were told to bring with them their voter registration slips for recording of their serial numbers into the Zanu PF party books. Villagers were further intimidated by being told that the BVR method will enable the Zanu PF party to see where and who the villagers would have voted for in the 2018 elections. The same meetings were said to have been convened in Kabuyuni being led by three Zanu PF members namely Elias Vumbanyama, Edward Munyuki and Oliver Manhenga a youth chairperson.



On 2 November, in Zhombe, in ward 7 Sidakeni, it was reported that a suspected MDC-T activist Lucky Dube was harassed and intimidated by Tapson Tshuma. It is alleged that Dube was accused of being an MDC-T activist and he was told that the 2018 elections were just a few months away and Zanu PF was going to deal with him. Tapson Tshuma is said to be the Zanu PF branch chairperson. The victim Dube is now living in fear since the day he received the threats.

On 2 November, in Gokwe Nembudziya ward 11, at Chinyenyetu Community Hall, a case of harassment and intimidation at an agricultural inputs distribution was reported. It is alleged that a COTTCO worker Collin Chenzara told cotton farmers who had come to receive cotton seed and fertiliser that they were supposed to know where they put their vote in the 2018 polls since the seed is coming from the Zanu PF party.

In Gokwe Central, ward 15 Bomba village under Chief Njelele, villagers were ordered to gather at the village centre by unidentified Zanu PF members in the village on 2 November. It is alleged that villagers, at this gathering were allegedly ordered to submit serial numbers from their voter registration slips to their village heads. At the gathering an announcement was made that those who would refuse to comply were not





going to get inputs under the presidential scheme expected in the area anytime during the month of November.

On 2 November, in Gutu Central, at the Chief's Hall a case of intimidation was reported. It is alleged that a youth officer Fungai Agnes Maphosa allegedly announced to the gathered villagers that those who had come to the presidential agricultural inputs distribution without their voter registration slips were not going to receive the inputs. These inputs were said to have been 10kgs of maize seeds. The registration slips were supposed to have their serial numbers entered in the Zanu PF cell books before one received the maize seeds.

In Gokwe Chireya, ward 10 Chenjerai, Goredema village, a case of harassment and intimidation where villagers were forced to surrender their voter registration slips was recorded on 4 November. It is alleged that villagers were instructed to bring the voter slips by Lovemore Goredema at a gathering at Goredema Centre. These serial numbers were entered in a Zanu PF cell book.

On 5 November, in Redcliff ward 24, Madimula Business Centre the Zanu PF branch chairperson called for a meeting for villagers to register for the presidential agricultural inputs. It is alleged that while at the meeting, Nyoka allegedly threatened villagers by saying that those who were not Zanu PF members were not going to get the inputs. Villagers who attended the meeting for the first time were allegedly forced to parade themselves in front of the gathering. It was alleged that these were forced to declare their allegiance to Zanu PF. It was also said that ward 24 Councillor Munashe Matani ordered those who support opposition parties to surrender their regalia and join Zanu PF. The victims who were paraded included

Vusa Nyoni\*, Peter Mpofu\*, Titus Ncube\*, Brandon Ncube\* and Kennedy Ncube\*.

Simbarashe Ndomeno an MDC-T member was harassed and intimidated by Nathan Choga a Zanu PF member, in Gokwe Nembudziya, ward 11 Makore, on 10 November in a matter concerning the recording of serial numbers of those who had registered to vote. It is alleged that Ndomeno asked Choga why Zanu PF activists were demanding the villagers' voter slips' serial numbers and Choga said Zanu PF are the party in power so they do what they want without anyone questioning them. Ndomeno was further threatened with unspecified action if he continued enquiring on the matter.

In Kwekwe Central a case of intra-party violence was reported on 11 November at the Commuter Omnibus Rank. It is alleged that the Zanu PF youths suspected to be aligned to different factions, the Lacoste and G40 factions clashed. It is alleged that the fight was characterised by fighting weapons which included machetes, iron bars, wooden logs, and small axes. It was said that the youth suspected to be aligned to the G40 faction ordered the other youths suspected to be aligned to the Lacoste faction to stop marshalling the rank and leave the job to them (G40 youths). It was reported that some youths were injured. Out of about 10 youths only Joseph Samu was identified and all were arrested and detained at Kwekwe Central Police Station

On 11 November, in Mberengwa North ward 11 Cheshaga Primary School, it was reported that villagers were forced to attend a meeting. It is alleged that the villagers were called to the venue where they were all going to be recorded in a "Zanu PF book", which was said to have been done in order to ensure







that they were all going to vote for Zanu PF in the 2018 polls. The perpetrators were identified as ward Councillor Alfred Hloka, Zanu PF ward chairperson Smart Jack Ncube and the ward's party secretary identified as Sibanda.

On 14 November, in Gokwe Central, ward 16 Mubvumbi village a case of intimidation at a funeral gathering was reported. It was said that when headman Mubvumbi was afforded the chance to address the gathering he told the villagers that he had been instructed by the police to collect serial numbers of the villagers' voter registration slips. Villagers immediately protested and told him he was not going to get any serial numbers from them. He is alleged to have threatened those who were not going to comply with unspecified action.

In Gokwe Central, ward 19 Mabuyani village a headman was accused of trying to extort money from villagers on 17 November. The victims Valentine Ncube\* and Grey Dube\* reported that their village head Mabuyani charged villagers 10 cents for a copy of proof of residence. Thus it was also said that Mabuyani, claims that the money is for photocopying. The same photocopying was reported to be costing five cents for 3 pages yet Mabuyani was charging 10 cents on a single copy.

On 17 November, in Kwekwe Redcliff, at Zisco Club, residents were assaulted and treated in a degrading manner for unclear reasons by patrolling members of the military. It is alleged that the members of the military arrived at the club where patrons were drinking their beer and ordered all of them to lie down and they proceeded to poke the patrons with button sticks.

One patron is alleged to have been found with a knife and he was seriously assaulted and detained.

In Mkoba, at Mkoba 6 Shopping complex, on 17 November, a case of harassment and intimidation on political grounds was reported. Alfred Jingini was assaulted for allegedly wearing a Zanu PF t-shirt with the image of the former Zanu PF president Robert Mugabe on it. One male vendor approached Jingini and told him that Mugabe was on his way out of power hence he did not want to see Jingini wearing his t-shirt ever again. Other vendors joined in and insulted Jingini. One vendor only identified as Shapiro then grabbed Jingini's t-shirt and allegedly tore it before slapping Jingini twice. Jingini then fled the scene

On 19 November, in Redcliff, ward 24 Langton farm, a case of victimisation of villagers due to political affiliation was reported. It was reported that the villagers were called for a voter education meeting by the Zanu PF district chairperson identified as Mutsungi and Zanu PF branch chairperson Shadreck Lunga. At the gathering the two took turns to intimidate the villagers as they told them that they were supposed to go and register in their numbers so that they can vote for Zanu PF without fail in the 2018 elections. Two villagers who were suspected to be opposition supporters namely Lameck Mpofu\* and Nikita Mukombwe\* were accused of not attending Zanu PF meetings. These two were said to have been warned and told to start attending Zanu PF meetings failure of which they were going to be evicted from the farm which is an informal settlement.

On 21 November, in Mkoba 7, it was reported a group of 10-12 youths suspected to be from the MDC-T allegedly visited





one Ms Dube’s residence and harassed her. Dube is said to be the Zanu PF ward chairperson in Mkoba 7. It is alleged that this happened at night when the gang of rowdy youths knocked at Dube’s steel gate using stones before chanting MDC-T slogans for a period close to 10 minutes. Thus after drawing Dube’s attention the youths alleged dispersed without physically harming Dube. Dube is a staunch Zanu PF member who always ridiculed members of the MDC-T in public gatherings.

Theft/looting	→	1	1
Discrimination	↓	3	6
Torture	→	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	23	11

*\*Names of victims have been changed.*

On 30 November, in Mberengwa East ward 2, a case of the ward councillor violating the electoral act was reported. It is alleged that Councillor Tofirei Mhaka Zhou who had been expelled from the Zanu PF party for allegedly supporting the Lacoste faction of the now President Emmerson Mnangagwa bounced back and started harassing villagers in relation to the BVR process. It is reported that he ordered village heads in the ward to collect voter slips’ serial numbers from villagers. Mhaka is alleged to have said that the serial numbers were going to be submitted to the Zanu PF Gweru provincial offices.

Category of incident		November 2017	October 2017
Assault	↑	3	1







**Food and Other Aid Violations**

0/Zero	1/One	5/Five	9/Nine	4/Four	5/Five	3/Three	3/Three	0/Zero	3/Three
Bulawayo	Harare	Manicaland	Mashonaland Central	Mashonaland East	Mashonaland West	Masvingo	Matabeleland North	Matabeleland South	Midlands

On 11 November a partisan and an unfair distribution of Presidential inputs was recorded at Kuwadzana Home Craft Hall ward 22 in Zvimba South. It is alleged that perceived opposition supporters were denied farming inputs by Zanu PF Councillor Loveness Kamunda and Zanu PF ward chairperson Wonder Hutepasi. Kamunda and Hutepasi monitored and facilitated the distribution using a Zanu PF participants register. Zanu PF members who benefited were given 50 kg of fertilizer and 5 kg of either maize seed or soya beans seed per household. Among those who were denied on allegations that they were MDC-T activists were Byron Chisvo\* and Esther Makoni\*. Beneficiaries were told to vote for Zanu PF in the forthcoming 2018 elections.



*Presidential input scheme beneficiaries at Kuwadzana Home Craft Hall ward 22*

It is alleged that, on 6 November at Kawondera Primary School ward 9 in Zvimba West there was an unfair distribution of Presidential farming inputs. Beneficiaries were entitled to a 50 kg bag of fertiliser and 10 kg of maize seed. Zanu PF councillor John Chinake with the help of Grain Marketing Board (GMB) officials carried out the distribution. Before the distribution Chinake announced that inputs would only be given to people who successfully registered to vote. The beneficiary distribution register used by Chinake is





alleged to have names and voters serial numbers of recently registered villagers. Villagers who did not appear on Chinake's register were denied farming inputs. After the distribution villagers who received inputs were forced to chant slogans and to sing revolutionary songs.



Agricultural inputs distribution at Kawondera in Zvimba West



Command Agriculture farming inputs distribution at Kutama ward 6 in Zvimba South

Teachers in Zvimba South ward 6 at Kutama were denied government farming inputs on 25 November. It is alleged that Zanu PF ward coordinator Edmore Masuwa denied teachers fertilizer however he gave them maize seed. Villagers received their ration which was a 10kg of maize seed and two 50kg bags of fertilizer per household. This was the first time for teachers to secure seeds through government assistance at local level.





It is alleged that there was partisan distribution of farming inputs at Kamutsenzere Grain Marketing Board (GMB) ward 4 in Mt Darwin North Mukumbura area. On 1 November Zanu PF activists Charles Mutemamombe, Gift Mushayawaro and Danmore Mushangura allegedly distributed fertilizers and maize seeds to Zanu PF members only. Reports are that Petros Chimhini\*, Jackson Maramba\*, Simon Mapeto\* and Marcia Muskwe\* were denied inputs on allegations of alignment to the opposition MDC-T. Efforts to get a comment from the responsible authorities at the Grain Marketing Board in Mt Darwin were fruitless.

A case of discrimination was recorded on 3 November in Guruve North at Negomo Primary School ward 19. During a community social welfare food aid distribution, Zanu PF Councillor Ranganai Nzvimbo allegedly distributed maize to Zanu PF activists only. Nzvimbo also told beneficiaries that the maize was from President R G Mugabe hence people were made to chant ruling party slogans during the exercise. Many villagers were labelled sell-outs and turned away for not attending ruling party meetings. Allen Makwati\* was among those who were turned away.

It is alleged that Simon Nzimba was denied presidential farming inputs because his son Onismo Nzimba was identified monitoring the Bio-metric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise at Chakoma Primary School in Mt Darwin West ward 35. On 4 November during a community distribution of maize inputs at Bveke village in Mt Darwin East, ward 12 village head David Kauya allegedly denied Nzimba his allocation. Kauya

reportedly told Nzimba to go and benefit inputs from ZESN since his son was accredited as an observer.

It is alleged that on 5 November there was partisan distribution of Presidential farming inputs at Chongoma Primary School in ward 11 Rushinga constituency. Zanu PF activist Sizer Mudziwedombo reportedly distributed fertilizers and maize seeds from the President to Zanu PF members only. Reports are that, during the distribution, Mudziwedombo was in possession of a checklist used to determine beneficiaries. Rudo Mangezi\* and Tranos Mbizi\* were labeled traitors and who had defected to Joyce Mujuru.

It is alleged that an MDC-T activist Maynard Chitiyo\* was denied farming inputs from the President in Guruve South ward 11. On 8 November during a community fertilizer distribution exercise held at Mpinyuri Primary School, Chiyangwa village head Paradzai Katanda allegedly refused allocating Chitiyo a 50kg bag of fertilizer. He accused him of being a traitor aligned to the opposition MDC-T. Reports are that many people were turned away during the distribution for not attending ruling party meetings.

It is alleged that on 9 November, there was partisan distribution of Presidential farming inputs in Mazowe Central at Nzvimbo council hall in ward 8. Reports are that fertilizer and maize seed inputs from the President were distributed to Zanu PF activists and village heads only. The beneficiaries were inclusive of ruling party district members Jacob Mujuru (youth league representative), Chionisa Kodzwa (Women





league representative) and village head Maponga only to mention a few. Kodzwa allegedly told villagers in Kawanzara that the inputs distributed were a token of appreciation for those who have executed ruling party duties with loyalty. Linda Chimwaza\* and Basil Moyo\* were part of the villagers who did not benefit.

In an incident recorded on 10 November in Guruve South Nyamhondoro village in ward 11, about 12 villagers approached the councillor Simbarashe Gatsi to inquire on why their names were not included on the list of beneficiaries for the Presidential farming inputs. Gatsi allegedly told them that, he had isolated them because they were aligned to the NPP (National People's Party) led by Joyce Mujuru. He also warned them that they will face the full wrath of Zanu PF since their days were numbered. Among those who were part of the group were Tinashe Felix Khondiwa (Rimbi village), Sekai Gwande (Chagadama village), Ronack Mupogo (Nyamhondoro village) and Fanuel Zhakata from Makunde village.

It is alleged that on 12 November Matha Dzviti\* was denied farming inputs from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) in Mazowe South at Bricon farm ward 15. During distribution of maize seed and fertilizer, Zanu PF branch Chairperson Munyaradzi Gatsi allegedly removed Dzviti's name on the list of beneficiaries because she was an opposition activist aligned to Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF). When Dzviti made an enquiry, Gatsi chastised her saying she must go and consult the Grain Marketing Board.

Zanu PF activists Gift Hombo and Langton Nzazi were accused of withholding farming inputs from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) in Mazowe South at Forx farm ward 16. On 13 November during a community distribution exercise villagers were not given adequate fertilizer, soya beans and maize seed. It is alleged that beneficiaries were supposed to receive 50 kgs of fertilizer, 10 kgs maize seed and 20 kgs of Soya beans but they were not given enough. Those who received fertilizer were denied maize seed and soya beans while beneficiaries of maize inputs were denied fertilizer and soya beans as well. Zanu PF activists reportedly received full packages yet villagers were given less portions. Among those who did not get adequate portions was Alois Chimene\*.



In Zaka East, ward 20 Cheshanga Business Centre, Tinei Tungwarara\* was denied agricultural inputs in form of maize seeds by Vengesai Mafuva and Madekwana on 14 November. It was said that the two perpetrators Vengesai Mafuva and Madekwana are ward 20 Zanu PF branch chairperson and Arex field officer respectively. It was also reported that Tumbare was told that his name was not appearing on the







distribution list as he had not been attending Zanu PF meetings previously. Tungwarara is a known MDC-T member.

Chido Hwangwa\* was allegedly denied maize seeds input by village head Mukotosi Njaya in Masvingo West, ward 11, on 17 November. It is alleged that Hwangwa was accused of not paying \$2 annual development levy required by the local authority (Masvingo Rural District Council) for the past 4 or so years. It was reported that both the victim and perpetrator are known MDC-T supporters.

In Masvingo West, ward 33 King Mine Mashava, a case of unfair distribution of farming inputs was reported on 23 November. Residents were being given 10kgs of maize seed and while at the gathering the ward councillor Tawanda Dube refused to give all listed beneficiaries and declared that he was going to distribute to those who had attended the 18 November solidarity march in Harare which called for the stepping down of the then President of the country Robert Mugabe. A new list of those who had attended the march was crafted and were given the maize seeds, and those who were given were then told to vote Zanu PF in the 2018 elections.



In Chipinge South, ward 24 Manzvire village, a case of harassment and intimidation was reported on 4 November. It is alleged that one male identified as Moyo victimised Precious Chibwe\* on political grounds at a farming inputs distribution gathering. It was reported that while at the gathering Chibwe had her name called by one Chigaro, an Agritex officer who was in charge of the distribution and gave her (Chibwe) 10 kg of maize seeds. Moyo who is a war veteran forcibly took the maize seeds from Chibwe and told her that the inputs were only meant for Zanu PF supporters not her. Chibwe is said to not have reported the case anywhere as she feared for her life.

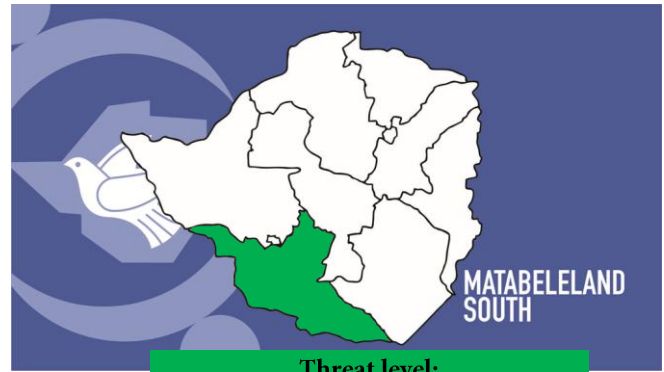
In Chimanimani East, in ward 15, villagers were denied agriculture inputs on 28 November. At Ngangu Hall there was soya beans seed and top dressing fertiliser distribution. It was said that Tinashe Chagonda was allegedly denied the inputs by one Juawo Katandika who is the Zanu PF branch chairperson on basis that Chagonda and his wife do not attend Zanu PF meetings held in the ward. This did not go down well with other villagers who were present who argued that the inputs were for all villagers despite political affiliation.





**Threat level:**

In Mutoko South ward 26 at Corner Store Shopping Centre, villagers were denied farming inputs on allegations that they did not submit their voters' serial numbers. Villagers who benefited were allocated 10kgs of maize seed and 50kgs of compound D fertilizer. It is alleged that Zanu PF ward chairperson Gift Chirowa conducted a partisan and unfair distribution of Presidential farming inputs. More so, beneficiaries were forced to contribute \$0.60. The contributions were said, will be channelled towards funding the December Zanu PF Extraordinary Congress. Senior Zanu PF supporters and those with influential posts at ward level were given double rations during the inputs distribution.



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In Mberengwa West, at Chingechuru Primary School, a case of discrimination on suspected political reasons in the distribution of aid was reported on 1 November. It is alleged that John Matutu a Zanu PF member was denied aid in form of 10kg of mealie meal, 10kg of fertilizer, and 10kgs of soybeans by Zivai Hove the area's branch chairperson. It was said that the victim was accused of being an opposition supporter as it was said he had been seen wearing a red suit at a meeting in Muvonde which Hove allegedly chose to associate with the opposition MDC-T party. The victim was allegedly scolded at the meeting before being asked to leave.

Sydney Senda who was said to be a suspected MDC-T supporter was alleged denied maize seeds and fertiliser at a





distribution gathering in Gokwe Kabuyuni, ward 2 Zhomba Business Centre. It is alleged that two Zanu PF members Tomson Ndlovu and Mary Mutemawho were in charge of the distribution of these inputs told Senda that the inputs were not for opposition activists and they were not going to benefit from program in any way. Senda was then dismissed from the gathering.

*\*Names of victims have been changed.*

*Annexure 1:*

**ANNEXURE 3. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person







SEXUAL ASSAULT:

It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.

a) RAPE

b) AGGRAVATED INDECENT  
SEXUAL ASSAULT

Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter

Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.

ASSAULT

Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.

a) FALANGA (FOOT  
WHIPPING)

Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood, or a whip. The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.

b) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATIO  
N (WATER BOARDING)

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

c) BEATING

Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or their own excreta.)

d) OTHER ASSAULT

TORTURE

Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or





other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind

**THREAT**

It is whereby a person threaten to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.

**HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION**

Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult of threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity.

**MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS**

**KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL  
DETENTION**

Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority (based on section 93 of the Criminal code Act)

a) **ABDUCTION**

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

b) **UNLAWFUL ARREST**

Is the arrest of a person by another person (usually a police officer), whereby the latter's position generally authorizes him/her to arrest the other person, but not in this particular case. Essentially, it is a form of abuse of power on the part of the police officer

c) **UNLAWFUL DETENTION**

Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.

d) **FORCED DISPLACEMENT**

Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual





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

## PROPERTY RIGHTS

### THEFT

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

### ROBBERY

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

### STOCKTHEFT

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.





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