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#The Hashtag Protests

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THEMATIC OVERVIEW

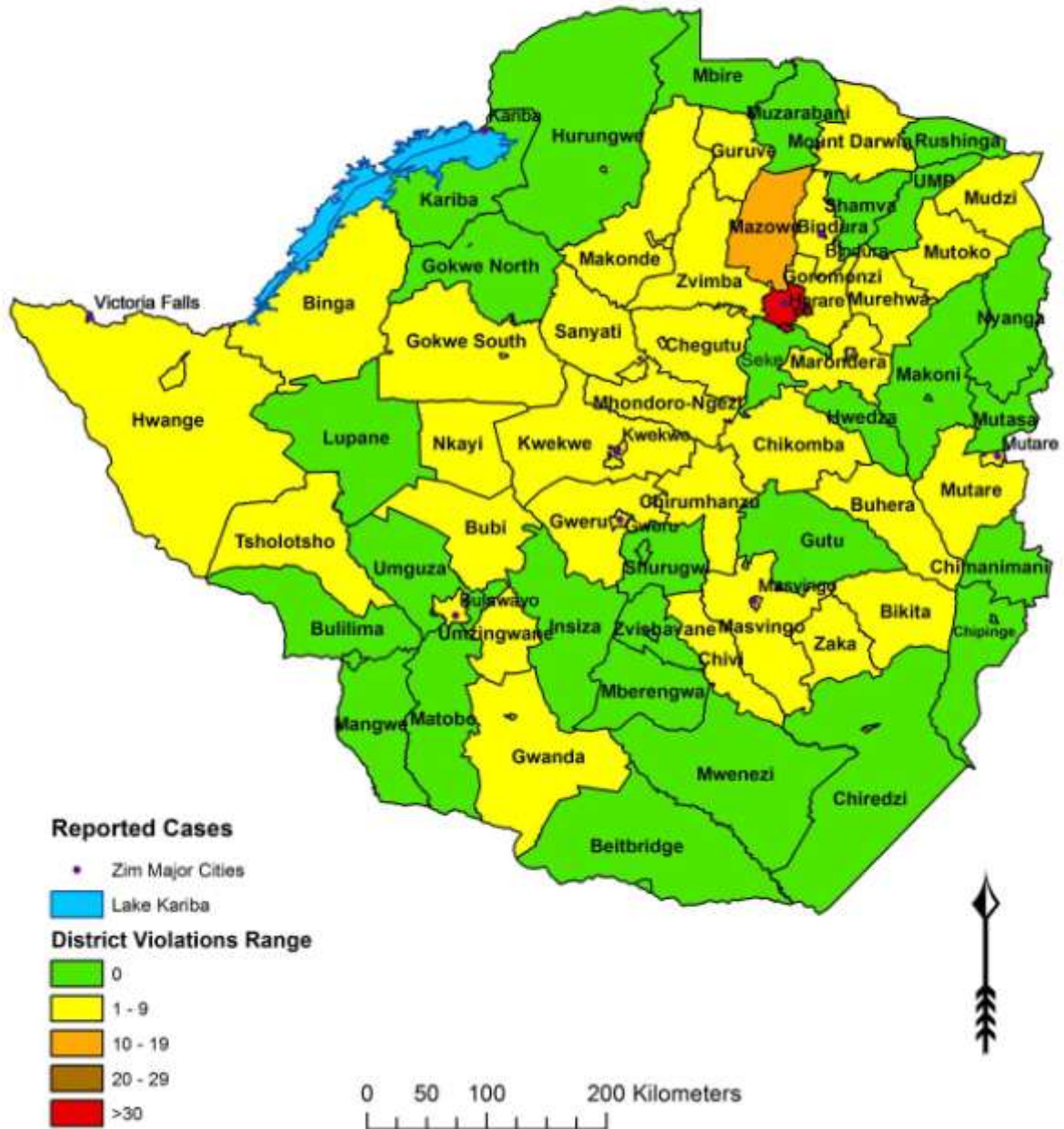
Theme: The rise of protest movements in Zimbabwe

In the month of June Zimbabwe witnessed an escalation in protests mostly driven by non political party actors. Some of the protesting groups included the Occupy Africa Unity Square movement which is a group of citizen activists founded by the disappeared Itai Dzamara in 2014. Another prominent movement was the #This Flag campaign which is led by Pastor Evan Mawarire. Another protest movement was dubbed #Tajamuka/Sesijikile which is a conglomeration of youths from various political and civic groups protesting against gross human rights violations and political repression. The other protestors were members of the National Vendors' Union of Zimbabwe (NAVUZ) who protested against Vice President Phelekezela Mphoko's continued stay at Rainbow Towers hotel. The protests were mostly driven by discontent over the deteriorating social and economic conditions. In addition the protests also highlighted the rampant human rights abuses and corruption. The protests demonstrated the nexus between socio economic rights (SER) and civil and political rights (CPR) in Zimbabwe.

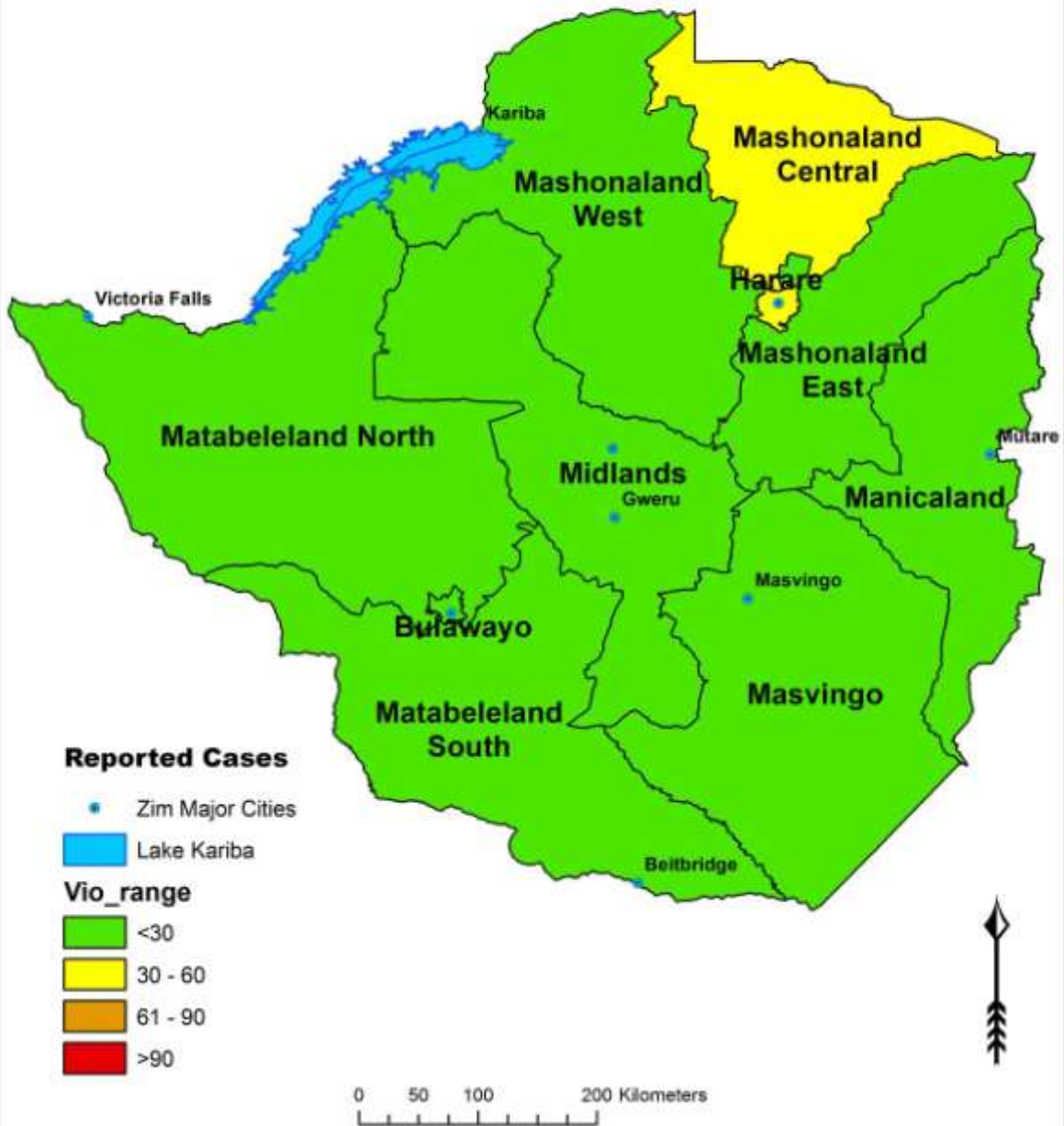
The state response to the protests was characterised by repression and labelling. On 8 and 9 June fifteen (15) activists from Occupy Africa Unity Square were arrested. Five of them were charged with robbery (which they argued was a fake robbery). The other ten were charged with Defeating or Obstructing the course of justice, a crime they apparently committed in trying to prevent the arrest of the first five. On 20 June police pounced on Africa Unity Square protestors and assaulted them before ordering them off the park. The assaults were a violation of Section 59 of the Constitution which states that every person has the right to demonstrate and petition as long as the processes are conducted in a peaceful manner. NAVUZ chairperson Sten Zvorwadza, was on 26 June arrested at the Rainbow Towers hotel after he and others members staged a protest. He was charged with contravening the Criminal Law Codification and Reform Act for allegedly threatening to burn down the hotel and for malicious damage to property. Zvorwadza was arrested with three other activists; Don Mavhudzi, Tendai Kagodora and Liberty William. Among those arrested were five journalists who were covering the demonstration at the hotel. Apart from the assaults and arrests of protestors, a government Minister accused the protestors of being sponsored by the West while protesters insisted they were spurred on by real issues that they continued to face. The response of the state to the protests was likely to provoke more protests.

The deteriorating socio economic situation in Zimbabwe has shown that SER are a major and growing source of violent conflicts throughout the country. It is also evident that in many cases SER are as politically motivated and politicised as other human rights abuses. ZPP is convinced that SER violations are part of a framework constituting structural violence that prevents sustainable peace.

June 2016 District Violations Map



June 2016 Provincial Violations; Map



Executive Summary

The simmering political and economic tensions in Zimbabwe triggered an unprecedented build up of protest movements which gathered momentum in June. These protests were mostly driven by non political party actors. This phenomenon was a reflection of the general frustrations across the broad spectrum of citizens. This report highlights the arrests of Occupy Africa Unity Square activists and NAVUZ activists for organizing protests.

Political intolerance continues to be pervasive across the country. On 18 June in Zengeza West Member of Parliament (MP), Simon Chidhakwa of the MDC-T had to run away after being assaulted at a resident's feedback meeting. In a related incident, on 25 June, members of Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF) were reportedly assaulted in Harare by suspected Zanu PF supporters accusing them of attending a ZimPF rally. In a case of extreme intolerance, in Pumula a group of about 15 war veterans met at fellow member Mkwananzi's residence on 6 June where they denounced Zanu PF MP Godfrey Malaba for having attended an MDC-T member (MaMsipha's) funeral. They accused him of having spoken well of the deceased opposition member and vowed to de-campaign him in future elections. Most cases that were reported in our June report were a violation of Section 67 (2) (a) of the Constitution which states that every person has the right to form, join and to participate in the activities of a political party of their choice. For instance on 4 June in Mvurwi town Zanu PF is reported to have given orders to various church leaders not to go to church on 5 June as there was going to be a rally at Mvurwi Stadium.

Section 58 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe states that, every person has the right to freedom of assembly and association and the right not to assemble or associate with others. A number of cases are cited in our June report where violations of this right took place. On 14 June 2016 in ward 9 of Chegutu West the Idawekwako Burial Society group members were allegedly summoned by the Zanu PF shadow councillor identified as Chirikure. Some members of the burial society were accused of campaigning for ZimPF and were asked to leave the burial society. In a different incident, a Youth Officer named Mashopani who is resident in ward 28 of Masvingo South was reported to be forcing villagers to attend Zanu PF ideological lessons every Wednesday afternoon. The affected villages are Mhokore, Bhudha and Todzanai.

Politicization of food aid programs is rampant across the country. In most of the reported cases the ruling Zanu PF used food aid to coerce people to join the party. In Tsholotsho North well known perpetrators Jones Mutasa and Clement Mkandla of Zanu PF barred members of the opposition access to food on political grounds. In an extreme case, on 16 June, an MDC-T party activist Nancy Rugwe* of Kufakwatenzi village Buhera South was allegedly assaulted by Joseph Chinotimba (MP)-Buhera South at a food distribution point. It is reported that the villagers including Rugwe had been engaged in a food for work program at Kufakwatenzi Primary school.

Land invasions continued unabated in and around Harare. It is reported that on 5 June Zanu PF youths in Epworth led an invasion at Dunstan area along Airport road. On 16 June in Goromonzi South, a group of Zanu PF youths from Goromonzi North and South invaded Phase 20 ward 25 Caledonia stands also known as Eastview Park. Riot police had to be called to quell the situation and the youths are said to have eventually allocated themselves stands in the area.

Biting cash shortages were witnessed in Zimbabwe in the month of June. Long queues were a common sight at banks and the withdrawal limit was set at USD100 for individuals. The withdrawal limits exacerbated the suffering for most households where the Total Consumption Poverty Line (TCPL) for an average of five persons per household stood at \$481.00 in June 2016 (Zimstats). The

Reserve bank of Zimbabwe announced a raft of policies like the restriction of telegraphic transfers and these policies had the net effect of deepening the suffering of the ordinary people who are out of formal employment. Another key intervention by Government announced in June was Statutory Instrument 64 of 2016. The instrument removes a number of finished goods from the Open General Import Licence (OGIL), requiring bulk importers to seek clearance to bring in such commodities. This policy was met with resistance since it impeded on the livelihoods of cross border traders and small scale retailers within the country. A phenomenon that became key in June was the commoditization of the US dollar which further worsened the chronic liquidity situation through externalization. As correctly noted in the Press Release by The Zimbabwe Heads of Christian Denominations (ZHOCD) on 10 June, the commoditization of the US dollar led to low productivity, uncompetitive exports, and rampant cheaper imports leading to deindustrialization and massive job losses. The queues that were common in 2008 have been seen at most banks initially as some people tried to remove their money from the banks having heard of the introduction of bond notes and subsequently informed by the shortage of cash.

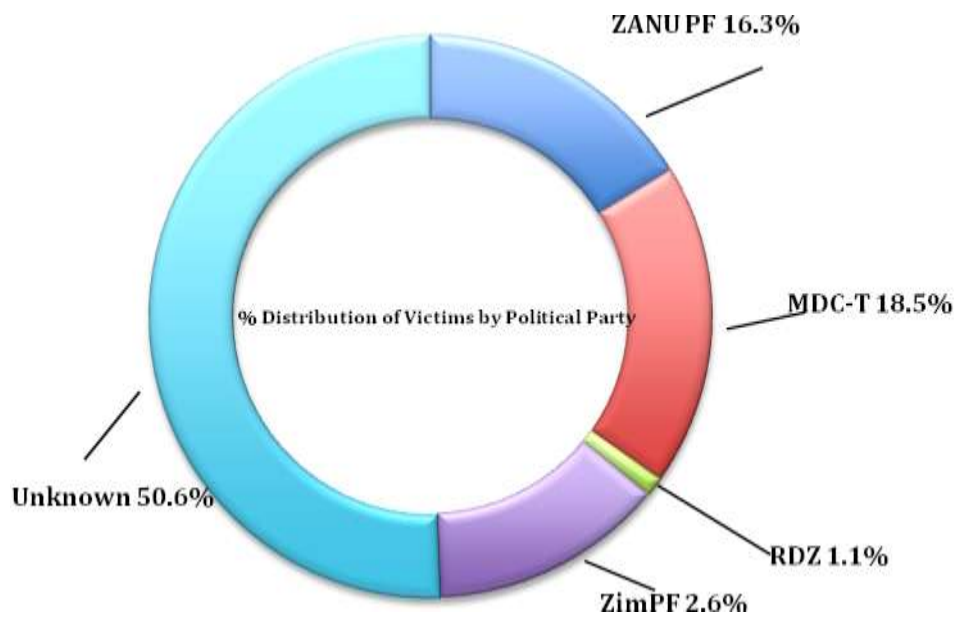
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Data Gathering Methodology

Information contained herein is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors, who observe and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). The monitors compile reports that are handed over to ZPP coordinators who man the different ZPP regional offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verifications of the reports from the monitors, the Regional Coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at the national office into the ZPP monthly monitoring reports published in retrospect.

THE DASHBOARD – INCIDENTS’ STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

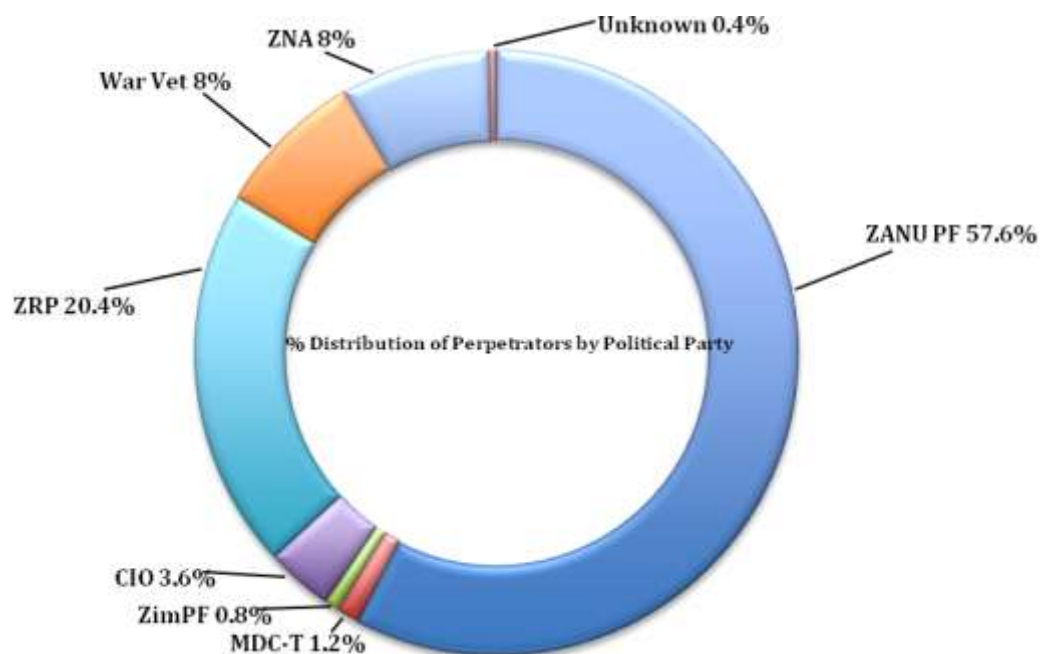
Analysis of Violence Victims by Party



The June 2016 victim and perpetrator figures show the continued activity and inclusion of the Zimbabwe People First, as both victims and perpetrators.

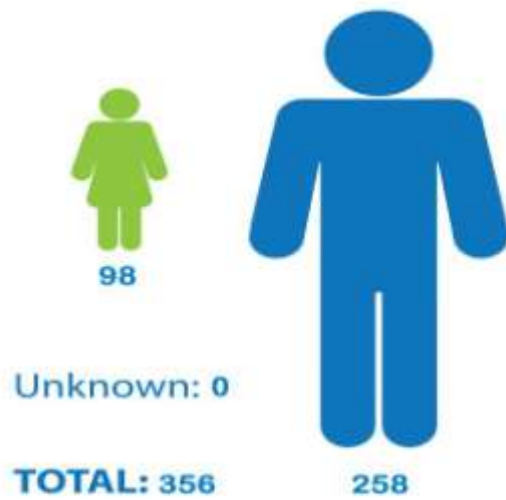
Zanu PF victims have decreased in June (16.3%) as compared to May.

Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Political Party



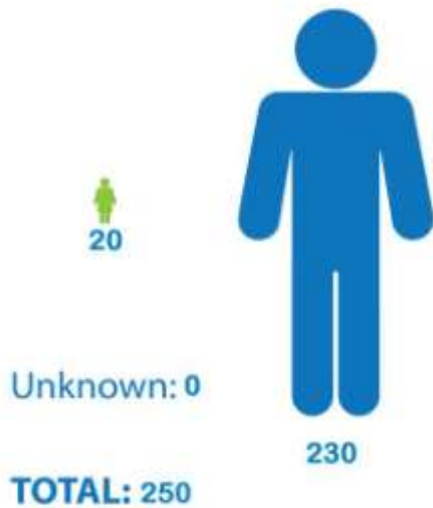
June has recorded an increase in state-sponsored perpetrators such as the ZRP (20.4%), ZNA (8%), and CIO (3.6%). The War Vets also make up a significant percentage of 8% for June

Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



In June men continue to constitute the largest group in the victim demographic (72.5%). Women make up 27.5% of the victims.

Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender



Perpetrators of human rights violations continue to be a male-dominated demographic with 92% being recorded for June.

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	1	0	0	0	1
Mash East	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash West	0	0	0	0	0	0
Masvingo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat North	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat South	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall Total	0	3	0	0	0	3

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF only with 3 violations recorded for June

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kidnapping/abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	1	0	1	1	14	1	1	0	19
Theft/looting	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	6
Discrimination	2	1	1	5	1	2	2	0	7	9	30
MDP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	4
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Unlawful Detention	0	3	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	2	13
Intimidation /harassment	4	4	0	3	8	2	9	7	5	20	62
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	8	8	2	12	11	5	36	15	13	34	144

N.B. The above table highlights individual incidents where an incident could have numerous victims and perpetrators

Harassment and Intimidation cases continue to dominate the recorded violations, followed by discrimination and assault

Harare had the highest recorded violations in June with 36, followed by Mashonaland Central province. June has a marked increase in the Unlawful Detention cases (13 cases recorded) as compared to May which only had 2 cases

Provincial Summaries

Bulawayo

The Province continued to suffer serious levels of hunger due to drought and poverty caused by high levels of unemployment. Though food was available in shops most people had no money and most could only afford a single meal a day. On the political front the Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF) held several meetings culminating in their rally on 19 June at Stanley square addressed by their leader former Vice President Joice Mujuru.

HIGHLIGHTS

- As the debilitating hunger continued to bite, hundreds of people who had attended ZimPF rally at Stanley Square in Makokoba on June 19 ended up shoving, jostling and fighting for food. In the end most of the food was strewn around and destroyed. There is evidence of serious food shortages in the province and the result is the violation of people's right to food.
- A group of about 15 war veterans met at fellow member Mkwanzani's residence in Pumula East on 6 June where they denounced Zanu PF MP Godfrey Malaba for having attended an MDC-T member MaMsipha's funeral. They accused him for having spoken well of the deceased opposition member and vowed to decampaign him in future elections.
- On 27 June 30 youths were arrested for protesting against poverty. The youths were mobilised by a Bulawayo pressure group, Bulawayo Youths Arise (Buya). The protestors were reportedly later released without charge.
- No violations were noted in Bulawayo South. ZimPF was noted campaigning door to door in the month of June.
- On 29 June residents held several meetings in Bulawayo East where they complained about the unreasonably high number of police roadblocks and promised to take this up with MP Thabitha Khumalo
- In Lobengula about 120 Zanu PF youths who had been promised housing land after registering were reportedly omitted from the official list even after paying the fifty cents registration fee. Zanu PF ward officials Mrs Tau Ndlovu, Mary Esther Tshuma, and Tapsom Makona made the announcement on June 29 at a venue in New Lobengula. The youths felt discriminated against and deprived of their right to land.

Harare

During the period under review the province was a hive of activity as a number of violations were recorded. Section 58 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe states that, every person has the right to freedom of assembly and association and the right not to assemble or associate with others. This was not the case in Zengeza West where residents were assaulted for

attending a feedback meeting. Section 59 of the Constitution was also violated when the police indiscriminately assaulted members of the Occupy Africa Unity Square who were staging a peaceful demonstration. The section clearly stipulates that every person has the right to demonstrate and petition as long as the processes are conducted in a peaceful manner.

Highlights

- It is reported that on 5 June Zanu PF youths in Epworth led an invasion at Dunstan along Airport road. It is alleged that the Zanu PF youths were allocating stands to Epworth residents at Dunstan where people had previously been evicted and moved to Stone Ridge. The council had indicated that the area had been set aside for a hotel. Epworth residents were said to have been made to pay \$5 to get a stand and were paying to a Zanu PF activist only known as ‘Mother’.
- There was an annual meeting for the Johanne Masowe Goshen Apostolic Church led by Madzibaba Biggy in ward 6 Epworth on 9 June,. It is reported that the MP for Epworth Zalerah Makari was expected to officially open the church meeting. It is reported that Churu and Damson Damson with other Zanu PF youths who are against the MP assaulted the people who were going round Epworth calling for the meeting. It is reported that Damson lost to Makari during the Zanu PF primary elections held in 2015 following the death of Amos Midzi. Makari went on to win the by election to represent Epworth and it is believed that is the source of their rivalry.
- A rally took place at Kuwadzana 5 at Parklage suburbs on 11 June. The agenda of the meeting was to hear the way forward from the Minister of Local Government Saviour Kasukuwere following the invasion of the Kuwadzana 5 Paddocks 3 years ago by a consortium of cooperatives known as Western suburbs led by Tawuya Mawuka. In attendance were other Zanu PF officials like Patrick Zhuwawo and MP for the area Betty Kaseke. Kaseke apologized to Hon Kasukuwere on behalf of the people for invading the paddocks and asked the Minister to let the people stay on the land as she indicated that it might be a place to get more votes in future elections. The minister advised the people to stay and the council to give them the required papers and start development. The minister told people to stop invading undesignated areas. He said the people in Kuwadzana always voted for MDC-T so they must stop that in order for them to get more benefits. He assured people that they will get more if they did not vote for MDC-T. Also present was Jim Kunaka who once defected to ZimPF who announced that he was back in Zanu PF. Kunaka said he wanted to prevent opposition political parties holding rallies in Harare to make sure all constituencies in Harare vote for Zanu PF. He indicated he wanted to start in Budiriro where a by election was looming. It is believed that the move to allow people to stay at the stands is to buy votes in preparation for the 2018 elections.
- Zengeza West MP, Simon Chidhakwa of the MDC-T organised a residents feedback meeting concerning the Nyatsime stands and the local government bill on June 18. Although the police had been notified of the meeting as required by law Zanu PF members started playing soccer where people were seated. The Zanu PF councillor for ward 7 Charamba Mlambo is believed have paid the Zanu PF youths to disrupt the meeting, beat up the MP and MDC-T supporters present at the meeting. The youths were led by the Muzuva family who are staunch Zanu PF supporters who run are

believed to terrorise residents from their base at a car park at the Zengeza 5 Football ground. The police had to intervene and teargas was used to disperse the crowd. The MP had to run away after he had been assaulted. The Standard Newspaper of June 19 also reports of the assault of an Alpha Media Holdings journalist in the same incident. According to the newspaper Officer Commanding Chitungwiza District Chief Superintendent Ndou confirmed the police had been notified of the meeting.

- On 18 June Epworth ward 7 residents had a development meeting. A quarrel arose over the amount of money they were proposing to contribute towards the installation of electricity. The meeting ended up being a political meeting after Zanu PF party chairperson Muroyiwa and other party officials took over forcing people to pay \$25 per month although people wanted to pay \$10 due to economic hardships. They chanted Zanu PF slogans denouncing opposition party leaders. All those who were opposing \$25 were said to be opposition party supporters and were threatened with beatings.
- There was chaos in Kambuzuma on the afternoon of 19 June after Zanu PF and MDC-T youths clashed. The clashes started after Zanu PF ward chairperson Madhobha together with youths only known as Viny and Julius raided MDC-T youths market stalls at Kambuzuma section 3 shops. They took the MDC-T party President Morgan Tsvangirai's portrait and shredded it to pieces and also took MDC-T fliers before driving away. The youths assaulted an MDC-T youth known as Chris who was manning the market stalls and looted some groceries. Upon hearing the news the MDC-T youths grouped and some went with Chris to Warren Park Police Station to make a report while others went after the Zanu PF youths in section 5. It is not clear if a police report was indeed made. When the two groups met they exchanged blows and when Zanu PF youths saw that they were being overpowered they started picking up stones and half bricks and which they threw at MDC-T members and one of them hit Madhosi the MDC-T provincial member who lost a tooth. He reported the case to the police and was treated at Harare Hospital. No arrests were made by the police although they indicated investigations were ongoing.
- Zanu PF youths led by Archford Mavhimira were moving around tearing ZimPF posters for a rally which was held on the 25th on 21 June, at what is known by the MDC-T as the Freedom Square while Zanu PF refers to it as the Robert Mugabe Square. The Zanu PF youths were saying they were irritated to see the face of Mai Mujuru they even gathered at a place where ZimPF usually gather for their meetings as a way of intimidating them but the ZimPF held their meeting at Donald Chimatira's house.
- Glenview South MP Pius Madzinga was allocated an office at Glenview 3 Community Centre and now the centre is reportedly a no go area for other political parties and every programme there must have something to do with Zanu PF. Zanu PF are always there monitoring the premises to make sure that all activities there are being conducted by Zanu PF members. The community centre is the property of the City of Harare but the Zanu PF youth were saying Local Government Minister Kasukuwere is the boss and the centre is theirs now.
- On 25 June, members of ZimPF were reportedly assaulted by suspected Zanu PF supporters accusing them of attending the ZimPF rally. Seven people were injured

and received medical attention while two were critical and had to be hospitalised for several days. Some of the injured were Patricia Pfachi (56) who sustained a broken arm and dislocated wrist and Collen Mbavha (35) whose right eye was injured. Mbavha reported the case at Waterfalls Police Station under police report RRB 2825475 while Matilda Marichi had hers on police report RRB 2825476.

- Highfield East residents continue to be forced to attend Zanu PF cell meetings against their will. On 26 June Tobias Runyanga was forced to attend one of the cell meetings on 166th Street against his will when he was supposed to attend to a relative who was in hospital. The meeting started at 2pm and lasted until 4.45pm.
- Occupy Africa Unity Square activists have had a fair share of incidents which saw them being arrested after declaring a #5to6 protest where they enlisted literally living in the square as a campaign against what they called deteriorating human rights abuses in the country as well as the bleeding economy. After a few days of the campaign 4 activists were arrested on a charge of theft and obstruction of justice. Patson Dzamara brother to abducted Itai, Makomborero Haruzivishe, Oliver Chikumba and Tinotenda Mombeyarara were taken into custody on the night of June 8 while their fellow activists were arrested the next day. The first four were hauled before the courts where they were granted bail of \$1000 each which they failed to raise for several days until the bail was reduced to \$400. A few days after they were released on June 20 riot police descended on them again in Africa Unity Square and beat them up resulting in some of them seeking medical attention. It was after this action that the activists took action to interdict the police as they believed they were interfering with their right to demonstrate peacefully as guaranteed by the constitution.
- NAVUZ leader, Stern Zvorwadza, appeared at the Harare Magistrates court on 28 June, charged with threatening to torch Rainbow Towers Hotel in protest over vice President Phelekezela Mphoko's continued stay at the hotel which they argued wasted tax payers' money at a time the government had acquired a house for the vice President. The activist-cum-unionist stormed the hotel with eight others and proceeded to the foyer before staff at the hotel called in the police to quell the protest. Zvorwadza was arrested after initially demanding that the police leave the hotel as he believed they were protesting peacefully. Zvorwadza is now awaiting trial.

Manicaland

Politicization of food aid programs was common with Zanu PF members using the aid to coerce people to join the party. Those in the opposition were reported to have been told in some constituencies that they have to join the party if they want to benefit from the aid. Even the Department of Social Welfare food was said to be politicized in areas like Buhera South and West. Tensions were high in Mutare towards the end of June. On 23 June the opposition MDC-T held a demonstration in the city centre protesting against President Mugabe's rule. On the 27th of June commuter operators protested against corruption and harassment by traffic cops by pulling their buses off the roads.

Highlights

- On 16 June, an MDC-T party activist Nancy Rugwe* of Kufakwatenzi village Buhera South was assaulted by Joseph Chinotimba (MP) - Buhera South at a food distribution point. It is reported that the villagers including Rugwe had been engaged in a food for work program at Kufakwatenzi Primary school. On the day in question, the villagers were supposed to receive their share of food as is the norm after working on the project for the prescribed number of days required to access the aid. Chinotimba (MP) was reportedly there supervising the process. When the MP (Chinotimba) saw the victim, it is alleged that he stood up and said all those in MDC-T and ZimPF should leave the place as a matter of urgency as there was no food for them. The victim refused to leave on the strength that she believed that it was within her rights to claim the food for which she had offered labour in the food for work program. Chinotimba (MP) went straight to the woman and assaulted her using a big stick. It was only at this juncture that the woman and all those that support the opposition and who had participated in the food for work program dispersed without their deserved share of a 50 kg bag of maize. Several people including Irvine Chamba* witnessed the incident.
- The Village Development Committee (VIDCO) chairperson Nicholas Mutara called for a meeting on 25 June, at Jagers Business Centre Buhera West, where all the surrounding villages were expected to meet. At the meeting, the chairperson Mutara announced that food aid that had previously been availed by the department of Social Welfare was no longer coming. He is reported to have implied that all the food that was available was coming from (Kumusoro) meaning higher offices and that this food is not meant for opposition party members. He declared that from that day onwards, all the food that would be received in the VIDCO was meant for Zanu PF members only unless one repents and joins Zanu PF.

The whole idea could be a deliberate move mooted by Zanu PF to entice and/or coerce people to desert political parties of their choice and join Zanu PF more so at a time such as this when there are growing food shortages in the constituency. It must also be noted that Buhera is perennially drought stricken and that the people there need food assistance.

Buhera West is the home of opposition party leader Morgan Tsvangirai. The antics by Zanu PF were meant to punish opposition party members but at the same time violating their right to food. Several MDC-T party supporters including Obvious Chari and Mavis Kalote* were there when the reported declaration was made.

- On 30 June, Reuben Pinjisi* of MDC-T and residing in Dangamvura Mutare was verbally harassed by Keresiya Bandure (Zanu PF) after he refused the offer of a residential stand. The stands are being given to people as a way to recruit more members for the party. The victim was reportedly called a “non repentant traitor”.

Mashonaland Central

The province recorded an increase in the cases of politically motivated violence during the period under review. Most cases that were reported were a violation of Section 67 (2) (a) of the Constitution which states that every person has the right to form, join and to participate in the activities of a political party of their choice. This right was violated when Bindura South residents were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting. In Mvurwi, freedom of religion was violated when church leaders were ordered to release their congregants in order for them to attend a Zanu PF rally. The aspiring candidate for the Mazowe North by-election was threatened by officers believed to be from the President's Office who wanted him to withdraw his candidature. People in various parts of the province are being threatened with assaults similar to those of 2008 if they continue supporting opposition parties like the MDC-T and ZimPF.

Highlights

- At the meeting called on June 4 Abraham Mhembe, the Zanu PF ward chairperson is reported to have told the people gathered that his party did not want to see any other political party in the ward apart from Zanu PF. The meeting is reported to have been held in Ward 12 Bindura South. Mhembe threatened those who were believed to be going to Goromonzi for the ZimPF meetings with beatings similar to those of 2008.
- On 4 June in Mvurwi town Zanu PF through its local leaders is reported to have given orders to various church leaders not to go to church on 5 June as there was going to be a rally at Mvurwi Stadium. A council vehicle was used to move around the town calling for the rally. The guest of honour was Honourable Chen Chimutengwende. It is reported that the Mvurwi urban councillor Vincent Murengwa sent letters inviting various churches to attend a rally at Mvurwi stadium at 1000hrs. An excerpt from the letter, "*I greet you in the name of Christ our Lord. You are kindly requested to release your congregation on the 5th June 2016 for a Rally which is to be held at 1000hrs in Mvurwi Stadium on the same date. Your usual cooperation is highly called for. Yours faithfully V.Murengwa CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.*" It is alleged the endorsed Mazowe North aspiring MP Martin Dinha wanted to meet the people for the first time as the campaign intensified in preparation for the 23 July 2016 by-election. This move was a direct violation of the freedom of association and conscience.
- Keresiya Chabatamoto of Umuzi Farm and Beauty Fuse of Brawlands farm in Mazowe South attended a workshop which was reported to have been organised by the Taiwan Food Relief Committee on 5 June , At the end of the workshop the participants were each given 20kg rice. Tracy Mudimu of Chibara farm who was also a member of the committee and a Zanu PF supporter ordered the women to leave the rice at her house saying it was better to feed sick Zanu PF people instead of feeding opposition supporters. The two women were allegedly forced to give up their rice as they were accused of not attending Zanu PF meetings.
- The home belonging to Elias Malukula's mother was under Zimbabwe Republic Police guard on June 7. Malukula was the Renewal Democrats of Zimbabwe (RDZ) Mazowe North by-election candidate. Malukula's mother lives at Impinge farm also known as Bentley farm located between Mvurwi and Guruve but it is under Guruve

South constituency. The thatched home was said to be under police guard at the farm compound where Malukula's parents were formerly employed as farm workers. According to Malukula he has been taken twice to Bindura by Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) officers who tried to force him to withdraw his candidature in the election where he was up against Advocate Martin Dinha of Zanu PF. Malukula said he escaped twice by running away from the CIO offices. It is reported that the police officers guarding his parent's house tried to convince his parents to talk to him to withdraw from contesting in the by-elections but he refused. Malukula's right to stand for election for public office was violated as the CIO was forcing him to withdraw his candidature. His parent's right to privacy was also violated by the presence of the police.

- On 16 June 2016, Mvurwi police detained the RDZ candidate Malukula over their party's symbol. This was after the Zanu PF candidate Dinha lodged a complaint with Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to disqualify Malukula over the use of an eagle as his party symbol. He was detained for 3 hrs and released after the intervention of a lawyer. The RDZ through their lawyer asked ZEC and Zanu PF to approach the courts as they said they registered the party with that symbol and had never had any problems in other by-elections.
- At Masembura Secondary School in Bindura South it is reported that Abraham Mhembere the Zanu PF ward chairperson and Mark Chihuri a war veteran dismissed Clara Mushonga from the School Development Committee (SDC). Clara is an MDC-T supporter and was told by the two men that she was not fit to sit in the SDC because of her affiliation to the MDC-T. The incident is reported to have happened on 8 June 2016.
- It is reported that the voter registration of the Mazowe North by-election that ended on 8 June was politicised. Letters of proof of residence in farms were issued by Zanu PF chairpersons. This exercise was meant to instil fear in the electorate for them not to exercise their democratic right. A resident Joe Shumba* went to register at Dhawe farm and was asked to get a letter from the party secretary named Simon Chakanetsa who perpetrated violence at his home in 2008. He refused to register and asked the ZEC staff to give him an affidavit and also told the Agricultural Extension Officer Mrs Magwenya who holds the farmers' register for Dhawe farm to assist him but she refused. Mrs Magwenya is reported to have told Shumba to get the letter from Chakanetsa leading to a disagreement between the two until the ZEC official ordered them to register him after Magwenya had confirmed that Shumba was a plot holder in the area. An eyewitness Adel Moyo* confirmed the incident.
- After the ZEC voter registration exercise, Zanu PF held a meeting at Pembi Chase farm in ward 26 and the meeting was chaired by unknown party officials from Guruve. The officials gave orders to the farm leadership to go into every household to conduct another Zanu PF registration for all who are eligible to vote in the by-election. They also talked about listing the electorate who are mostly former farm workers in their numbers who they should follow on voting day. The majority of the farm workers are said to have started panicking as a result of the intimidation. The farm workers were also threatened with eviction from the farm compound if anyone was caught 'offside'. They were told that they were staying at the farm because of

Zanu PF and the President's Office was responsible for Martin Dinha's nomination to stand in this by-election and so no one must go against that. The meeting was held on 12 June.

- Nyarai Mandere* (34) and Thandeka Tarwirei* (28) were harassed by Zanu PF youth chairperson for Chiwaridzo district Rodrick Jacha and Anyway Mavhangira (40) at Chiwaridzo Shopping Centre on 12 June 2016 in Bindura North,. The two victims were on their way to Chipadze hall where there was a ZimPF rally and were wearing T/shirts with the picture of their party President Joice Mujuru. Jacha told the two that they were enemies of the party and threatened to burn their houses. Mavhangira and Jacha called the war veteran's chairperson only identified as comrade John to come and deal with the two. The two women also called their provincial coordinator Peter Kufandaedza*. When comrade John arrived he saw Kufandaedza* whom he had worked with previously and they resolved to ignore the incident and the women managed to attend the rally.
- There was a door to door pick up of youths in ward 19 on 14 June 2016 in Guruve North. The youths were forced to attend a village meeting to decide the fate of some of the youths who failed to pay transport to attend the One Million Man March that was held in Harare on 25 May 2016. The identified youths were then forced to pay \$5 each by Albert Muzava the Kazunga village Zanu PF youth chairperson and Munyaradzi Chaora. The affected youths were Ashton Tomu*, Munuse Nyoni* and James Muti*.
- Leonard Danga* an MDC-T supporter is reported to have had a misunderstanding with the Zanu PF shadow councillor for ward 14 in Mt Darwin East, Chigango on 16 June. Chigango wanted Danga to return to Zanu PF following his defection to MDC-T. Danga refused to return to Zanu PF and was threatened with unspecified action in 2018 by Chigango. Danga is reportedly living in fear following the threats.
- Zanu PF youths were reportedly toy-toying in the streets in ward 12 of Progress and Garikai suburbs on 17 June 2016 in Bindura North. The Zanu PF youths reportedly wanted to intimidate the MDC-T youths who were supposed to conduct a march on the same day from Progress Phase 2 to Chipadze, then to town. The march was expected to start at 9am. The Zanu PF team was led by Samuel Bonde the Simon Muzenda branch chairperson for Garikai Phase 3. The Zanu PF youths started toy-toying at 4am.
- MDC-T held a demonstration in Bindura on 18 June, as part of its countrywide demonstrations. The party demonstrated against what they called the mismanagement of the economy, disappearance of \$15 Billion, introduction of bond notes, disappearance of innocent citizens, partisan distribution of food and high levels of unemployment.



Some of the MDC-T demonstrators in Bindura

- In Bindura North on 24 June, Jetro Mabasa (28) a Zimbabwe National Army (ZNA) officer reportedly burnt Promise Mashayamombe's* house to ashes in Garikai Phase 3 in ward 12 after a misunderstanding over the residential stand. Mabasa had illegally acquired the stand in 2015 from Ambrose Ncube* who worked at Bindura National Housing. Ncube is reported to have been dismissed from work on allegations of corruption. The stand which was sold to Mabasa belonged to Tanaka Chikuya* who worked in the Provincial Administrator's office as a secretary. When Mabasa bought the stand he decided to quickly develop it and when Tanaka and her husband Ambrose Ncube saw the development at their stand they sued Mabasa. Mabasa lost the case at the court as he was in possession of fake documents and was ordered by the court to stop making developments at the stand. Ncube decided to build a temporary structure and asked his brother Maneti Ncube to stay there with his family. On the day of the incident Maneti and his wife had gone to work when the house was allegedly burnt by Mabasa. Mabasa is reported to have run away and has not been caught since the case was reported to the police by Ambrose Ncube. The family is desperate as they lost all their belongings during the arson attack.



The remains of the structure that was gutted by fire

- In Mazowe South in ward 16 on 25 June at around 10am in Umuzi low density suburb Terrence Chitiza, a member of the Zanu PF security for ward 33 and Edison Chifuje the Chairperson for ward 16 are reported to have called for a meeting. The two men

threatened to deal with all the people who did not attend the meeting. Masline Chibereko*, a member of ZimPF is one of the opposition supporters who had their rights to freedom of association violated by Chitiza and Chifuje who forced her to attend the meeting.

Mashonaland East

The province recorded a variety of violations during the month under review. As the 2018 election campaign gathers momentum a number of reported cases indicated that people in different parts of the province were threatened with violence during the 2018 election campaign period. This is a direct violation of the citizens' rights to support the party of their choice without intimidation. In Mudzi West two men were assaulted and evicted for allegedly supporting the opposition thereby violating Section 66 (2) (b) of the Constitution which states that every Zimbabwean citizen and everyone else who is legally in Zimbabwe has the right to reside in any part of Zimbabwe.

Highlights

- In Mudzi West, Richard Moyo* and Tatenda Meki* were assaulted by Tinditu and Magodo believed to be from the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) and another only known as Soul Jah man. The two perpetrators accused the two victims of being opposition MDC-T supporters. The two men were asked where they got the Mercedes Benz they drove and were chased way from Kotwa where they were staying. Tinditu and Magodo are reported to have told the pair that they should never set foot in the area again as it was a no-go-area for opposition supporters. The incident happened on 5 June in Kotwa ward 17.
- On 6 June at Ruwa Town Council in ward 2, Goromonzi South at 0830 hours there was a demonstration by youths who are believed to have been hired from Caledonia ward 25 and Solomio ward 7 by Oswell Gwanzura of Zanu PF. The youths were transported by lorries and dropped at the Town Council where they protested against dirty water and damaged roads. The youths smashed town council vehicles until the offices were closed at 12pm. Gwanzura is a Zanu PF shadow councillor in Ruwa and also the owner of Shingiriro Cooperative in Solomio. The Zanu PF youths Chikanga, Chikasha and Dhongi were the leaders of the demonstrations as they claimed to be war veterans. Managers at the Town Council had to run away and this disturbed business. The demonstrators left around 1600 hours after intervention of Ruwa police who calmed the situation.
- A group of Zanu PF youths who allegedly came from Goromonzi North and South and went to Phase 20 ward 25 Caledonia stands also known as Eastview Park on 16 June 2016 in Goromonzi South. The youths claimed they had been sent by President Robert Mugabe to get stands in Caledonia. Riot police had to be called to quell the situation. The youths are said to have eventually allocated themselves stands in the area.
- In Chikomba East in Masvaure village, Chief Ngundu of ward 26 on 16 June sent his aides to go round the village looking for people who had piles of firewood at their

homestead. It is reported that everyone was supposed to get a clearance letter from the chief's aides Simba Chimombe and Anna Dzikiti. It is reported that the aides were reportedly practicing corruption especially to those known to be MDC-T supporters. On this day Chimombe and Dzikiti arrived at Elias Chihuri* and Munashe Dzambata's* house and saw piles of firewood and were given letters notifying them that they had been arrested and should go to the chief's homestead for a hearing. On 18 June, the two walked about 5km to the Chief's homestead as they did not have money for transport. Upon their arrival the Chief told them that before he heard their case they were to pay \$35 each. They did not have the money and had to leave. It later dawned on them that the main reason they were being harassed was because of their affiliation to the MDC-T. The two went to the Chief after 4 days and apologised and surrendered MDC-T t/shirts and other regalia and they were pardoned. The two were victimised for supporting the party of their choice while it was their right to support the MDC-T they had no option but to surrender their party regalia for the sake of peace.

- On 19 June 2016 at 1500 hours, Councillor Sengai Masingise for ward 1 in Ruwa of the MDC-T was arrested and detained overnight at Ruwa Police Station. He was leading a group of 15-20 youths who were toyi-toying after their party meeting. The Ruwa Officer in Charge, Nyandoro saw the toy-toying youths while he was driving and called Constable Mabheka to call Masingise to the police station. Masingise handed himself to the police where he was detained overnight and was made to pay \$20 admission of guilt fine. He was released the next day and was told not to lead demonstrations and the police were not going to clear MDC-T meetings in future.
- In Mudzi West, ward 8, Chinzeti village all villagers were allegedly forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting at Nyamuvanga Primary School on 20 June. The meeting was addressed by the MP Magina Mudyiwa. The Zanu PF youth officers forced villagers to attend the meeting against their wishes it is reported. Mudyiwa intimidated people telling them that if they did not attend Zanu PF meetings they were going to be in trouble before 2018. The villagers were also told not to receive food from any other agency and if they do they will meet the description of opposition supporters. Villagers were forced to attend the meeting due to fear.
- In Marondera Central, Fungai Mhofu* was encouraged to join ZimPF by Josias Mutingwina and Tenifara who are members of the ZimPF. The target refused saying he did not want to be involved in politics as he works for the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), a church organisation. The two are said to have threatened to dysfunction CCJPZ in Marondera if their target continued to refuse to join their party. The men claimed that they wanted their target to join their party because of the influence he has in the community because of the work he does in the community. The men are said to have initially called him to the Country Club where they had a meeting with other officials from Harare but the victim refused. A day later Matingwina and Tenifara went to the target's house and tried to convince him but he still refused. The target is said to have been threatened with unspecified action if he continued to refuse to join the party and is living in fear. The incident happened on 30 June.

- In Hoyuyu Mandondo ward 26 it is reported there was a Zanu PF meeting which was meant to intimidate Rejoice Mandebvu*, the chairperson of Heal Zimbabwe Trust Peace Club in Mutoko on 30 June. Zanu PF supporters accused Mandebvu of allowing Heal Zimbabwe Trust to get into the area without their approval. After the meeting Mandebvu was ordered to go home and write the minutes of all the meetings they had held. Charles Chimhini who claims to be a war veteran of village 6 in Mutoko South harassed Mandebvu and is reported to have ordered the club to stop its activities in the area.

Mashonaland West

The period under review recorded a number of intra-party violence in the various parts of the province. Most of these cases made it clear that Zanu PF was rattled by the activities of ZimPF. Members of a burial society who belonged to ZimPF reportedly had their freedom of association violated following their expulsion from the group after Zanu PF had instructed that they be expelled because of their affiliation it is alleged. Due to the drought the right to food has been violated as food is distributed on partisan grounds where only Zanu PF supporters are benefitting at the expense of other community members who do not support the ruling party. In Chegutu East people were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting against their wishes as they were told that is how they were going to get food. Zanu PF is taking advantage of the dry spell to coerce people into attending their meetings promising them food.

Highlights

- At the funeral of the late prominent businessman Joseph Kudzi Marumahoko who was declared a liberation war hero, Zanu PF activists clashed with MDC-T supporters who on 2 June 2016 in ward 4 Chinhoyi district. The MDC-T supporters had also gone to pay their condolences to the Marumahoko family since one of his sons Busani Dube Marumahoko is an active MDC-T member. Busani was once the former deputy Mayor of Chinhoyi. Zanu PF supporters gathered at the funeral wake insisted that MDC-T supporters should not mourn with the family leading to attacks which resulted in the injury of some of the supporters of both parties. One MDC-T activist Tapiwa Chihota* aged 37 was left nursing a black eye while Tichaona Mahachi* aged 29 was battered and sustained a head injury and bruises. The disturbances involved senior Zanu PF and MDC-T officials who only buried the hatchet after the issue was reported to Chemagamba Police Station. Although a docket was not opened the officer-in-charge asked the Public Relations and Community officer to settle the matter. The funeral was attended by the Mashonaland West Provincial Affairs Minister Faber Chidarikire.
- It is reported the Idawekwako Burial Society group members were summoned by the Zanu PF shadow councillor identified as Chirikure on 14 June 2016. The reason they were called was that they were being accused of campaigning for ZimPF. Chirikure said the burial society was funding mourners at funerals in order to get a platform to campaign for ZimPF. The chairperson of the burial society Alan Sungai* denied the allegation saying their society was open to anyone despite their political affiliation. Sungai was then given orders by Chirikure to remove some members from their group

who were suspected of being members of the ZimPF. The incident happened in ward 9 of Chegutu West.

- On 22 June 2016, Councillor Ethilege Mbangani and the Zanu PF youth chairperson in ward 16 Chegutu East, Simba Mutori allegedly forced people to go to ward 20 where there was a Zanu PF meeting. Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa was expected to address the meeting. Mbangani told the people to attend the meeting as the Vice President was facilitating for them to get maize. The councillor capitalised on the fact that the community had food shortages due to the drought. Most people are reported to have attended against their wishes but were drawn by the possibility of getting food.
- Peter Mhotsi* (54) of Milverton village ward 2 Chakari constituency was harassed by Crispin Baye (42) of the same village. This happened on 25 June 2016 at Milverton School grounds. The victim was reportedly accused of dividing the players of Milverton football team which is believed to only have Zanu PF players.

Masvingo

Masvingo in general as a province has been noted to violate the rights of opposition activists and those of civil society organisations as most activities of these groups were obstructed in one way or the other.

The various towns dotted in the province witnessed congestion at banks as the public tried to withdraw cash from the banks which in the period faced serious cash shortages. The situation was made worse when the government announced the postponement of pay dates for civil servants due to budgetary constraints.

The many ZimPF party meetings failed to take place in areas such as Chivi and Zaka due to intimidation and harassment targeted at the organizers.

Major Highlights

- In Zaka East, the councillor for ward 20 Faustino Chigevenga (Zanu PF) is reported to have refused to authorize the local Health Inspector one Chizingizi* of Zibowa Clinic to distribute mosquito nets in the ward claiming that the party chairperson had to be informed first. This happened on June 6 despite the fact that this was a government program which is supposed to be non partisan thus respecting the rights of all. In rural areas, Zanu PF chairpersons are known to call the shots in whatever program is initiated.
- In another case of political intolerance, on June 14, Fungai Mdzingo and Taitya Govo (Zanu PF) both of Gandashanga village ward 16 Chivi Central verbally harassed Adiel Mpofu* (ZimPF) and accused him of belonging to a party of sell outs it is alleged. The incident took place at Nyamakwe Irrigation Scheme where people were doing food for work programs-clearing the water canals. The actor said that the local councillor Munashe Pwanyai had made a mistake to include the victim in the program. They said that this was a Zanu PF government initiated program and only those that support the party should benefit going at variance with government policy where food and other goods are supposed to be distributed fairly regardless of political affiliation.

- In the same constituency, Chivi Central, an MDC-T party meeting was disrupted by Wilson Runopanwa on 17 June at Gwitima Business Centre. The MDC-T members who include Gilbert Kirosi* were discussing party issues when the actor who is a war veteran approached them and allegedly threatened to beat them up if they continued with their meeting. He instructed them to immediately disperse if they wanted to remain alive. The victims complied due to fear although their freedoms of association and assembly were violated in the process.
- In an effort to clamp down on civil rights, the security agents led to an abandonment of a civil society planned peaceful march on 18 June in Masvingo City. The Masvingo Residence and Rate Payers Association and other civic bodies wanted to demonstrate and hand over a petition to the Minister for Provincial Affairs Shuvai Mahofa. The issues on the petition included high unemployment in the town due to company closures, the many road blocks on the high way, poor service delivery by the town council and the concern that the whole of Masvingo City was turning into Great Zimbabwe University. Many buildings in the city have been converted to lecture rooms. It is said that the night before the march, influential people including those in civil society like Gilbert Sibanda of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) received threatening messages on their phones of dire consequences if they went ahead with their march. The following day nobody appeared at Civic centre the venue and meeting place. However, it must be pointed out the police had been notified of the march.
- On 26/06/16, a ZimPF member Kainos Keche* of Mhandamabwe Chivi Central was verbally threatened and nearly suffered physical bodily harm at the hands of Zanu PF members after he had ferried people using his truck from various parts of the constituency to attend a ZimPF party rally at Mhandamabwe Business Centre that was addressed by Dzikamai Mavhaire, Kudakwashe Bhasikiti and George Mudombi. The actors who included Howard Mudungwe, Munashe Pwanyai and Francis Mhomho accused the victim of aiding the enemy to penetrate the area and thus bring opposition politics in the constituency.
- A Youth Officer Benard Musukutwa (Zanu PF) on 28 June caused drama and mayhem at Chisungo High school in Bikita East ward 20 when he brought back 20 students who had been sent home to collect fees or bring their parents to the school to make school fees payment plans. The Youth Officer claimed that he could not allow the MDC-T dominated School Development Council to abuse the school while they watched. The students had been asked to collect fees by the school committee chairperson Femberai Chinofunga who is a former MDC-T councillor for ward 21. The two exchanged harsh words in the presence of students and the situation disrupted lessons for a while. In this particular case while Musukutwa was seen as going against the school, his actions actually demonstrated that he was aware that the students who were not responsible for paying their own fees had the right to education. It has been said in the past that schools need to find other means of ensuring that parents met their obligations in terms of paying fees without denying the child the right to education.

- A Youth Officer named Mashopani who is resident in ward 28 Masvingo south is reported to be forcing villagers to attend Zanu PF ideological lessons every Wednesday afternoon. The affected villages are Mhokore, Bhudha and Todzanai. The Youth Officer is being aided by a war veteran named Madzivire and Village Head Mudzimba. The actors are claiming that they are teaching people how to vote, yet voter education is supposed to be the preserve of Zimbabwe Electoral Commission and those that they allow to conduct these on their behalf. The whole program of forcing people to assemble against their will is a direct violation of their freedom of assembly and association.

Matabeleland South

There was a generally quiet situation in the province during the month of June. Political parties had low profile meetings with no major incidents. Villagers have been scouting for survival means as they faced hunger. Shortage of drinking water was another source of concern as most boreholes ran dry.

One case of police brutality was recorded when a police officer seriously assaulted a motorist at a roadblock in Mzingwane.

Highlights

- On 3 June an as yet unidentified motorist was seriously assaulted by a police officer at a roadblock at Mawabeni in Umzingwane after failing to pay a spot fine. The police officer dragged him out of the car and beat him up as the wife of the victim screamed attracting church congregants from a nearby church. When the church goers rushed there they found the man unconscious and phoned Esigodini police who came and arrested the police officer and took the man to hospital.
- Mrs Mavis Mabhena* a well-known human rights activist who was employed under the food for work program funded by World vision was dismissed from the program by Village head Mathezi Nyoni on 5 June in Gwanda North. The village head had always accused her of being an opposition party member. It was alleged that she was an MDC-T activist. So when she fell sick he immediately replaced her.

Matabeleland North

Violations were mainly noted in incidences of discrimination, freedom of association. In Tsholotsho North well known perpetrators Jones Mutasa and Clement Mkandla of the G40 faction of ZanuPF believed to curry favour from the First Lady Grace Mugabe barred members of the opposition access to food on political grounds.

In Binga North some villages heads aligned to MDC-T were reportedly excluded from a peace building workshop by a ZanuPF aligned village head under Chief Saba.

Political parties held low level meetings and no violations were reported.

Highlights

- At a meeting held at Nkayi High School on 17 June, District Chairperson Phibion Kamera Nhundura claimed he wanted Rural District Council Chief Executive Officer

Zimbabwe Ndlovu dismissed alleging he was working with the MDC-T. It is pertinent to note the MP for the area and majority of the councillors are MDC-T.

- On 8 June in Tsholotsho North there was distribution of food donated by MP Jonathan Moyo at Sipepa Centre. Perpetrators Clement Mkandla and Jones Mutasa of Zanu PF said the maize was for party members only and those not on the party register would not get any food. All Ward 5 residents not in party structures were denied access to the maize it is reported.
- Four village heads alleged under Chief Saba were allegedly denied participation in a Christian Care supported peace building workshop on 18 June in Binga North. Their names were deliberately omitted by the senior village head Thaddeus Mwemba who was tasked with inviting other village heads. He left out Mr Siamangoma and three other heads known to be activists.

Mrs Bwalya, Mrs Mkwanzani and Mai Parties were on 3 June forcibly evicted by the messenger of court for failing to pay rentals at Cinderella Township ward 10, Hwange Central. Some other people including a Pastor were similarly evicted in Makwika village number 3. The evictions were done in the evening between 7 and 8 pm. It is reported one Fortune Muwani of Zanu PF then contacted Colliery board members and some influential people in Harare complaining that if this continued it would de campaign the party ahead of the general elections. The Colliery Managing Director then ordered a stop to the evictions and those evicted to return to their homes.

Midlands

Efforts are being made to bring unity in the two major political parties MDC-T and Zanu PF after some intra party political squabbles in each of the two parties. On the side of Zanu PF, a politburo member Jorum Gumbo was appointed interim provincial chairperson tasked with patching political differences between the so called G40 and Team Lacoste factions of Zanu PF the former believed to curry favours from the First Lady whilst the latter is associated with Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa. Team Lacoste believed to enjoy support of war veterans is reported to have threatened to go it alone and in the process tearing Zanu PF into two. On the other hand, MDC-T has two political provinces-Midlands north and south. These were seen as the major drivers of factionalism as they emerged led by Sesel Zvidzai and Amos Chibaya respectively. The party has resolved to amalgamate the two provinces into one all in an endeavour to end factions within the opposition party.

Highlights

- On 17/06/16, a girl aged 15 of village 1C ward 23 Gokwe Chireya was sexually abused/raped by a known Zanu PF party activist named Talent Tauya. It is reported that the incident took place while the girl was walking home from the shops at around 3pm. The actor pounced on the defenceless victim and sexually abused her. A passerby by the name Abel Munikwe* managed to rescue the girl leading to the arrest of the perpetrator. The personal dignity of the victim as enshrined in the constitution was violated.
- A group of about 30 kombi and pirate taxi drivers led by one MacDonald Mpofu of Zvishavane Town (Zvishavane Ngezi) approached the local Radio station (YAFM)

complaining about the many road blocks on the highway on 29/06/16,. The drivers told the radio presenters that they were fed up with police harassment and wanted the message to be made public. The radio station wanted to know why the kombi drivers had not gone directly to the police to present their grievances and their response was that they could not go to the very people who were persecuting them. They felt that the numerous police road blocks were violating their rights to make a living as they continued to be made to pay fines.

- The residents of Gweru led by the Gweru Residence and Rate Payers Association on 29 June, intended to hold a peaceful demonstration in the city centre. The issue at hand was to protest against what they called the “overstay “of the commission running the affairs of Gweru town appointed by Local Government Minister Kasukuwere. It is reported that a day before the demonstration, the organizers of the march received text messages from unknown numbers threatening them with unspecified action should they proceed with their march. Although the police had been informed about the demonstration and given their nod on the day of the demonstration the police changed their stance. As a result of this, the peaceful march failed to take place. This is a clear demonstration that the right to demonstrate and petition according to section 59 of the Constitution was violated.
- On 30/06/16 in Mashove village ward 12 Gokwe Nemangwe, Edward Sigauke* a ZimPF coordinator was verbally harassed and nearly suffered physical harm and/or assault when he called for a ZimPF party meeting at Nemangwe centre to try and set up party political structures. A Zanu PF member Rangarirai Timire the chairperson of the area is understood to have approached the victim and told him that Nemangwe is a no-go-area for opposition party politics especially to former Vice President Mujuru’s party. The meeting eventually failed to take place as the victim feared for his life and in the process the freedom to assemble was violated.

FOOD AND OTHER VIOLATIONS

Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Submission to the Parliamentary Thematic Committee on Human Rights on Social Welfare Assistance

The permanent secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare Mr Ngoni Masoka made a submission to the Parliamentary Thematic Committee on Human Rights focusing on social welfare assistance, food deficit mitigation strategy, drought management and Basic Education Assistance Module (BEAM). The submission was made on June 15.

The Ministry of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare implements the Harmonised Social Cash Transfers Programme on behalf of the government of Zimbabwe. This is a programme meant to provide cash transfers for vulnerable households in the country. The scheme targets those who are labour constrained

and food poor who according to the ministry are about 10% of the Zimbabwean household population. The intention is to increase incomes for orphans and vulnerable children and to reduce the incidence of negative and unsafe coping mechanisms by families and children in the face of serious deprivations. The amounts range between \$10 per month for a single person household to \$25 for a 4 person or more household per month. The thematic committee heard that the programme targets 53 000 households in 19 participating districts.

According to the Ministry of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare a programme specifically seeking to mitigate the food deficit as a result of drought operates in the following ways;

- Free food made up of a 50kg bag of grain and \$10 a month to cater for milling and cooking oil is distributed to labour constrained households (elderly, disabled, chronically ill) making up 20-25% of food insecure households.
- The productive safety net in which households that are food insecure but have labour capability participate in rehabilitation of community assets in return for either a 50kg bag of grain or \$20 cash.

According to the report submitted to the thematic committee on human rights government is assisting 626 206 food insecure households making up 3 130 000 people with grain. Members of the thematic committee on human rights were concerned about reports of how food and other aid are reportedly manipulated in some communities to which secretary Masoka reaffirmed government policy which state that food should be distributed to all who deserve it and not along party lines. He however confirmed that they had in the past received such reports, which they had responded to and addressed although communities still complain of being discriminated against when it comes to food and other aid. He also emphasized that his ministry was committed to hear any cases of food discrimination as they had the mandate to address such anomalies.

Bulawayo

As the debilitating hunger continued to bite, hundreds of people who had attended a ZimPF rally at Stanley Square in Makokoba ended up shoving, jostling for food on 19 June in Makokoba, . In the end most of the food was strewn around and destroyed.

Mashonaland Central

In Guruve South ward 11 there was distribution of mosquito nets which was done by village health workers on 5 June. Kushinga Mpinyori (32) who is the Zanu PF district chairperson as well as a health worker was writing down names of people in every household to determine their sleeping patterns in order to distribute mosquito nets. Michael Mashumba* (35) of

MDC-T was given 2 mosquito nets instead of 6 after being told that he was lucky to have received the two nets as he did not deserve them because of his affiliation.

It is reported that the MDC-T Councillor Cowen Muchemwa of ward 14 had his maize allocation taken by village head David Kaunye who was distributing the maize. Food distribution was done at Karanda Business Centre and was led by the Social Welfare officers and village head Kaunye. Muchemwa was said to be away when the distribution took place and the village head had taken his portion promising to give him upon his return. However, upon Muchemwa's return Kaunye claimed to have no knowledge of the maize. This happened on 14 June in Mt Darwin East.

In Mazowe South on 14 June, David Musarira* a man living with disabilities who resides at Eastville in Glendale was informed by Charles Kasere of Highway in Glendale that he was not going to get maize. Kasere is the ward 33 councillor for Zanu PF who is known for converting government food relief meant for vulnerable groups into food for work programme where he only selects Zanu PF supporters to participate. Kasere fully knowing that the victim was not able to work and was also a member of the MDC-T told him that he was not part of the food for work programme because of his affiliation.

An international organisation is reported to have distributed maize in Gunguwo village in Mazowe Central on 16 June. It is reported that Willard Makono, the Zanu PF chairperson was telling Christian Care officers who to give and not to give the maize. It is reported that only Zanu PF supporters benefitted from the distribution. At the end of the distribution all known ZimPF and MDC-T supporters were given 50kg bags to share between 3 people whereas Zanu PF supporters received 50kg each.

It is reported that on 17 June in ward 12 Muonwe Township in Bindura South people were given maize from Social Welfare and Nyasha Makoni* of Zanu PF made a mistake and included Ansilliah Moyo's* name on the list of people who were doing food for work. Ansilliah is an MDC-T supporter who according to Abraham Mhembere, the Zanu PF ward chairperson was not supposed to benefit. Mhembere is said to have heard about it and told Makoni to stop working as the party secretary as he was accused of being an MDC-T supporter. Makoni was summoned to the village court where he was told to compensate for his wrong doing by giving a chicken to the village head. The village head was identified as Masembura.

Mashonaland East

In Mudzi North on 10 June 2016, Norest Taka* was denied maize from social welfare by councillor for ward 17 Kufakwemba. Taka was told that her relatives were Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) observers in 2013 so they were opposition supporters and she was told to get food from food ZESN. The incident happened at Nyamiyaruka Business Centre.

In ward 30 Murehwa North on 10 June at Zihute hall there was a meeting called by council chairperson Shepherd Femai together with the Zanu PF youth officer Innocent Mhutewebani.

The meeting was to ban MDC-T and People's Democratic Party (PDP) supporters from participating in the food for work programme. Femai said MDC-T and PDP supporters should not have their names written as they were to get maize from their respective parties. He claimed the maize from the Grain Marketing Board was meant for Zanu PF supporters only.

On 15 June in Marondera West there was a distribution of maize by the department of Social Welfare for the underprivileged. Village head John Mashapura of Mashapura village had written names of all the people in his village but Councillor Douglas Chifamba refused for some of them to benefit claiming they did not attend Zanu PF meetings. Chifamba claimed that the people did not support their party and were not going to benefit from the party. The maize was from the GMB and was being distributed by officers from the department of Social Welfare according to the councillors' list. Some of the people who were affected were Fanuel Moyo* and Brian Pasipamire* whose names were left out.

On 17 June 2016 at Wuyu-wuyu Business Centre in Murehwa South there was distribution of maize from the department of Social Welfare. The criterion that was used was that those above 60 years were given first preference followed by those who were in dire need in all the 11 villages. Unfortunately things did not go according to plan for Sekai Gevha* who was from village head Muchabaiwa Chirimutombo's area. Sekai was not given the maize after the village secretary was told by Tichafa Chitanda, a Zanu PF youth not to write her name on the list because of her continued support for the MDC-T. Sekai reported her case to Councillor Gilbert Danhahwa who promised she was going to benefit in the next distribution. The next distribution will be done in July 2016.

On 17 June in ward 9, Matongorera village in Murehwa North at Matongorera village head homestead there was a delivery by three trucks with maize from the department of Social Welfare. It is reported that another truck was taken by Netsai Chisango ward 9 councillor of Zanu PF. It went to her house where the maize was sold to retailers who resell maize. Most villagers did not benefit as most of the maize was sold at the expense of the starving community.

Mashonaland West

Dorcas a church based organisation from Chegutu was allegedly stopped from distributing food in ward 24 of Chegutu West on 6 June. The organization is a ministry under the Ambassadors for Christ church. The senior pastor Gwitima said he had gone to ward 24 with the mission to help some of their church members with maize meal and cooking oil but the village head Passmore Pasipamire and the ward councillor Ngonidzashe Mfudza said they had not followed the government protocol of informing the councillor so they were not going to distribute food. The village head had names of people mostly Zanu PF whom he wanted to benefit and that did not go well with the church leaders who refused to follow the drafted list. Mfudza then told them not to distribute the food since they refused to follow their rules. However, the distribution was later done privately. The incident happened at Ameva Secondary School.

In Zvimba North on 19 June, maize was delivered but it was kept at Councillor Tsitsi Mahachi's house in Nyomba for a day. Mahachi is suspected of having reduced the 50kg bags by taking some of the maize. It is reported that maize was later delivered to Mafuta Business centre and Chininga Primary School around 6pm with transport that had been hired by Mahachi. The distribution was done around 9pm and the councillor added names of people who were not originally on the distribution list like Charles Bovha who is believed to be her right hand man. Bovha received a 50kg bag, his wife Chipo got 50kg, his mother another 50kg, his brother Captian Bovha 50kg and another brother believed to be deceased was also allocated 50kg. Mahachi also brings her children who get allocations as well as those she purports to be responsible for loading and offloading the maize. It is said that since the distribution of food began the very first people to benefit were still benefitting and the councillor is said to have vowed not to change the list of beneficiaries. This has resulted in some of the beneficiaries selling the maize. A lorry is said to go to the area after distribution to buy maize to take to Harare. Mahachi is said to have told ZimPF members to get maize from their party President Joice Mujuru. It was heard that people were ordered to pay \$2 per person for transport and the elderly struggled to raise the money. Some of the elderly people were said to be going in people's fields to gather soya beans so they can sell it to get the \$2 for transport. The community's right to food was violated by the councillor for distributing the maize on partisan grounds. It is sad to note that the elderly were forced to raise \$2 for transport which they are not supposed to pay in the first place.

In Mhondoro-Ngezi, Leoroy Gandi* contested to be an MDC-T councillor for ward 5 in 2008 against Ephraim Chengeta of Zanu PF. It is reported that since that time village head Taurai Matonga vowed not to give him agricultural inputs. His whole family has been discriminated against. The victim claimed that he had not received maize since 2008 when he contested on an MDC-T ticket to date. Village head Matonga is said to be behind his denial accusing him of supporting the MDC-T. He reported the issue to Councillor Ephraim Chengeta who promised to look into the matter yet still he does not get anything.

George Pandimire* who was a Zanu PF youth chairperson for ward 7 was harassed for defecting to ZimPF in front of his wife and family. He was warned by Leonard Zuze, a Zanu PF youth chairperson to look for alternative accommodation as his stand was going to be repossessed. It is understood that Maphosa had been allocated a stand by Zanu PF and was told that since he had defected to ZimPF he should be given a stand by his new party. The incident happened in Rimuka ward 7 Kadoma Central on 22 June.

On 30 June, Alois Bwanji* of Kadoma Central was reportedly denied from benefitting from the maize distribution. It is reported that Funny Phiri, the MP told Bwanji that there were too many people and the maize was insufficient. It is believed that Bwanji was denied the maize due to his non-attendance of Zanu PF meetings. The distribution was conducted by MP Phiri, Zanu PF party secretary Manu Mavata and department of Social Welfare officers. The distribution was done at the MP's office at Sarudzai Beerhall.

Midlands

- In Zhombe ward 8, the constituency is reported to have received a truck load of maize on June 2 meant for the drought relief program after the people had done some food for work programs. The food was still locked at Nebata Primary school by the end of June with no explanation as to why it was not being distributed. Those involved Mr. Eleven Posiwa and Ambrose Musekiwa (Zanu PF) are refusing to divulge when the food would be distributed. This resulted in opposition party members who took part in the food for work program- Raviro Magumbo* and others to suspect something sinister about the maize being withheld when it had been delivered. They suspected the idea was to distribute food to Zanu PF members only thereby violating the rights of those who exercised their freedom of association as enshrined in the Constitution.
- On June 7, a Zanu PF activist only known as Mrs. Dube who is also chairperson for the party in ward 12 Mkoba availed food hand outs comprising 10kg maize meal and one bar laundry soap to each of those who attended a Zanu PF meeting. The food it is believed is being availed as a means of attracting urban voters on the side of Zanu PF. Currently the party is conducting a recruitment exercise and there is a chance that such distributions have the potential to discriminate others.

Matabeleland North

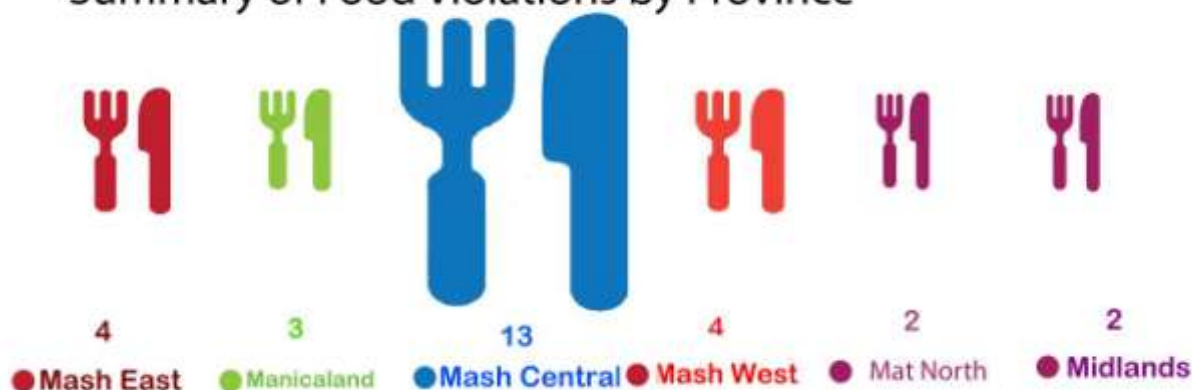
- Majority of villagers were surviving on one meal a day as they did not harvest anything and could not afford to buy from shops due to lack of finances. In urban area of Hwange people have gone for three years without salaries.
- During a Social Welfare supported food distribution where each household was to get 50 kg bag of maize meal a ward member barred former councilor John Gama from getting the food saying it was meant for party members only. This was at Mbembeswana centre in ward 3.

Matabeleland South

Serious food shortages continued dogging the drought prone province. Organizations like World Vision supplied food aid to a few selected districts but even this was not enough. Many villagers would go for up to two days without a meal. The lucky ones would afford one meal a day. Worst affected districts are Beitbridge, Gwanda and Matobo.

(* - not real names)

Summary of Food Violations by Province



FOOD AID DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

The number of people in Zimbabwe facing hunger as a result of the El-Nino-induced drought which has hit the Southern African region has been revised upwards to four million. Livestock has not been spared from the effects of the drought with scores of them dying across the country.

Government in collaboration with donors, UN agencies and other partners has, since the Declaration of the 2015-2016 agricultural season a State of Disaster in January, been mobilising food for the food insecure. However, concerns have abounded over the past months of partisan distribution of food aid. The following is recommended for food aid distribution:

The modalities of food assistance must respect the fundamental humanitarian principles of Humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence. Decisions on the allocation of humanitarian food assistance should be strictly needs based. Funding should be allocated in an objective manner, according to these principles, to improve the food consumption of those in greatest need, without bias or prejudice.

Basic principles

ZPP and partners recommend that food distribution in Zimbabwe must be based on a platform of ethical principles that derive from international humanitarian law:

- The right to life with dignity and the duty not to withhold or frustrate the provision of life saving assistance;
- The obligation of states and other parties to agree to the provision of humanitarian and impartial assistance when the civilian population lacks essential supplies;
- Relief not to bring unintended advantage to one or more parties nor to further any partisan position;
- The management and distribution of food and other relief to be based purely on criteria of need and not on partisan grounds, and without adverse distinction of any kind;
- Respect for community values of solidarity, dignity and peace and of community culture.

Minimum Standards for Food Distribution

Key Considerations: That distribution of food aid be Responsive, Transparent, Equitable and Appropriate, in addition to following specific suggested minimum standards -

- Recipients of food aid are identified and targeted based on need by means of an assessment carried out through consultation with stakeholders including the beneficiaries
- Registration of households receiving aid should be formalised, transparent and all inclusive paying particular attention to vulnerability. Women who head families or are single; as well as children from child-headed families should be allowed to register in their own right.
- Selection of distribution agents should be based on their impartiality, capacity and accountability. May include local elders, local NGOs or other institutions .e.g. Agritex, and churches who may then form locally elected relief committees at ward or village level

- Efficient and equitable distribution methods in consultation with stakeholders including the various recipient groups
- Recipients are well informed in advance of quantity and quality of food rations.
- Points of distribution be close and accessible to recipients of the food aid (as much as is possible).
- Information dissemination related to issues of should be widespread and above board. Recipients should be informed of: quantity and type of rations; distribution plan including day, time, location and frequency as well as any deviation to the plan that may be necessary.
- Supervision and guarding of distributions
- Politics not to be a factor in the food aid distribution. At no point should political affiliation be asked for or used as criterion.
- That there be no chanting of slogans, no requests for party membership cards at food registration or distribution gatherings
- Performance and effectiveness of food aid programmes should be monitored and evaluated

ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

TERM	DEFINITION
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person
SEXUAL ASSAULT:	It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.
A) RAPE	Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter
B) AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT	INDECENT Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.
ASSAULT	Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.
A) FALANGA (FOOT WHIPPING)	Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood, or a whip. The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.
B) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATION (WATER BOARDING)	A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.
C) BEATING	Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or 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 Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.
C) UNLAWFUL DETENTION	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 of 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"
D) FORCED DISPLACEMENT	
PROPERTY RIGHTS	
THEFT	Is whereby a person takes property from another person "knowing" that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property.
ROBBERY	Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the

threat of immediate violence to induce the person who has lawful control over the property to relinquish his/her control over it.

STOCK THEFT

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

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

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

A) DESTRUCTION OF HOME

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

B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct.

ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT BACKGROUND & INFORMATION

The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly after 2000 by a group of Churches and NGOs working or interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives, and was to become a vehicle for civic interventions in a time of political crisis. In particular ZPP sought to monitor and document incidents of human rights violations and politically motivated breaches of the peace e.g. violence.

Today, ZPP's co-operating member organizations include, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Evangelical fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZIMRIGHTS), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ) and Habakkuk Trust.

VISION

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

MISSION

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

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