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THEMATIC OVERVIEW:

Undue “Political Privilege” renders hundreds homeless.

THE month of August saw hundreds of citizens prejudiced of land they have called home for years. Some were victims of the latest wave of farm invasions, which reared their ugly head in areas across the country. Others who had homesteads on farms or in some high-density suburbs had their houses demolished as they were declared illegal squatters. Yet others continue to fail to secure residential stands to build homes they can call their own as they are sidelined on political party lines.

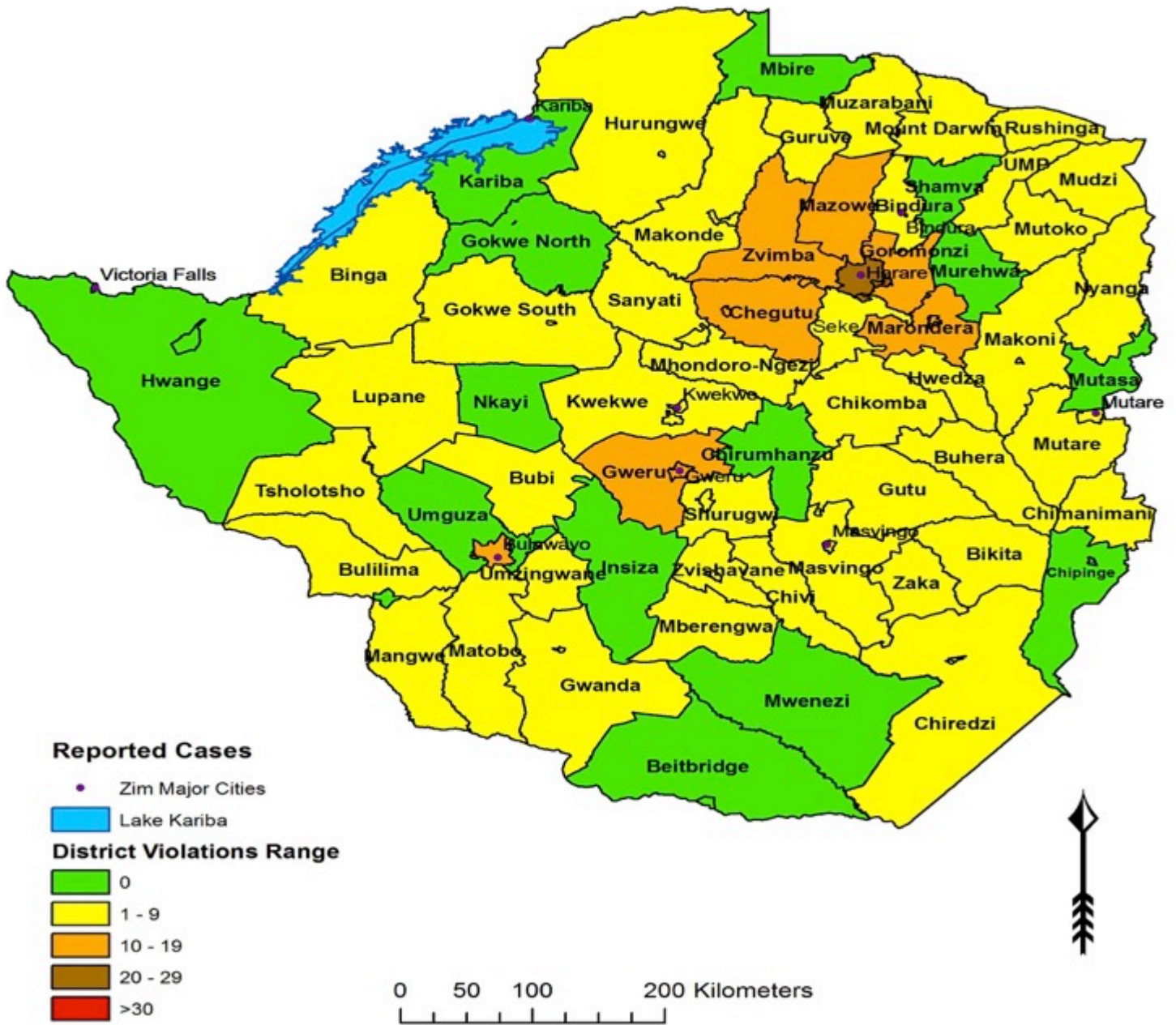
Members of the ruling party continue to illegally parcel out and sell land to their cronies in apparently misplaced ‘political ‘privilege’.

While a few of the reported instances in this report cite members of the opposition party on the offensive, the majority of incidences documented by ZPP portrays Zanu PF as the “bully” in the playground of Zimbabwean politics.

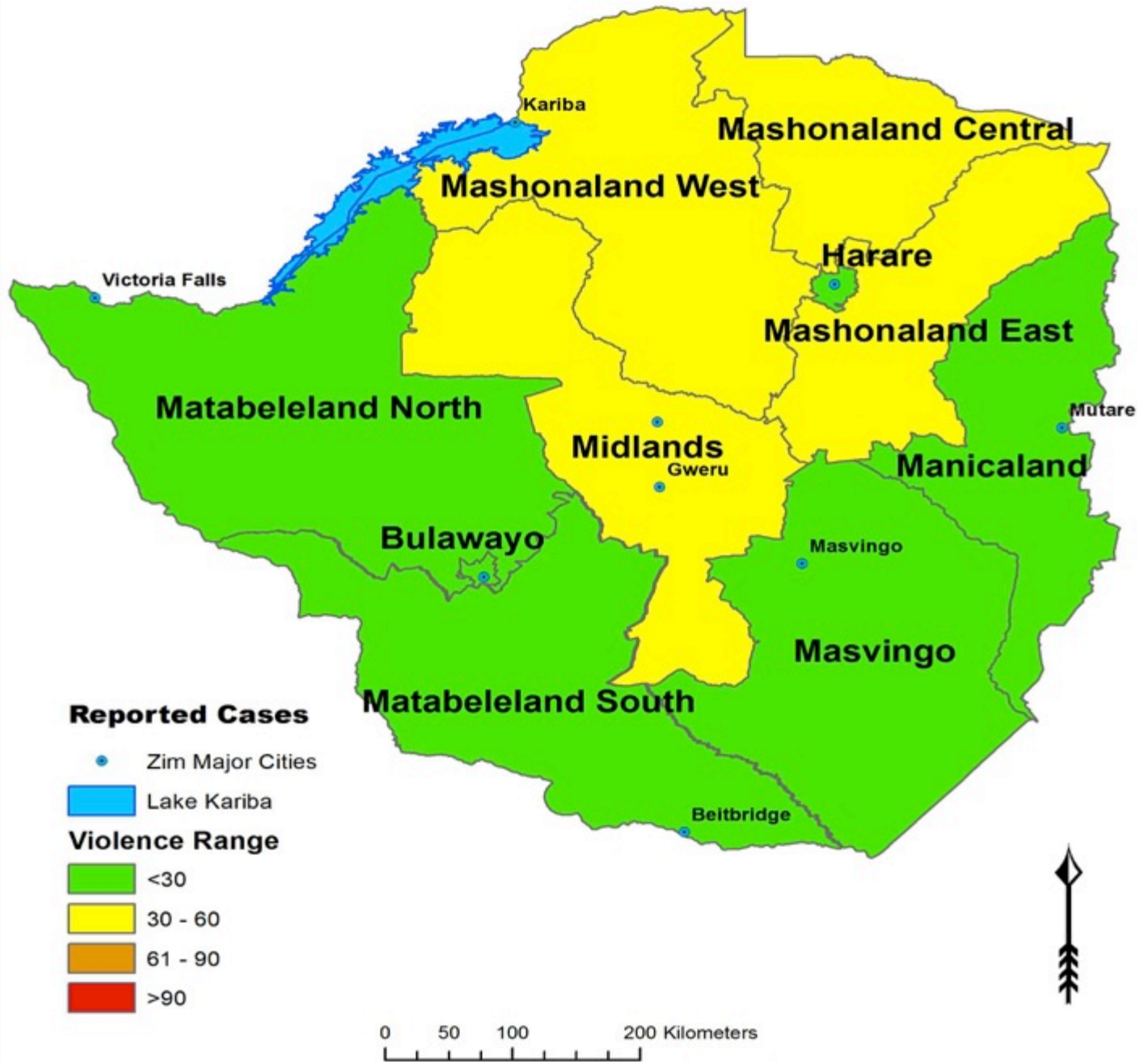


A woman looks on while her home is demolished. Source: ZPP File Picture

August 2015 District Violations Map



August 2015 Provincial Violations Map



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE political landscape of Zimbabwe continues to be awash with intolerance and bias. While members of opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC-T) are seen on the offensive in a few of the recorded instances, in the majority of reported incidences in August the ruling Zanu PF is the dominant perpetrator, a situation that continues to repeat itself.

Farm invasions reared their ugly head in areas across the country in incidences that displayed the impunity with which some members of the ruling party, including chiefs, who are supposed to be custodians of law and order in villages, take liberties with no apparent repercussions. Illegal parcelling out of land continues to be a thorn in the side of local authorities who appear helpless in the face of Zanu PF 'political privilege' in claiming land to do as they please regardless of governing by-laws. In an incident in Nyatsime, a council surveyor going about his work looking for pegs which demarcate land, was hounded out of the space he was working by a group of Zanu PF members who obviously acted as if they are above the law and that land is a private preserve of theirs to do with as they wish.

Both the farm invasions in areas such as Mashonaland East and Mashonaland West, among a few other areas; and the biased allocation of parcelled out pieces of land as residential stands to members of Zanu PF ahead of those from other parties reek of a misplaced perception of 'political privilege'. Invaded farms were taken over by members or cronies of members of the ruling party. By the same token, the illegal parcelling out of land going on through cooperatives and other unions, outside of councils' provisions and sanction, in Mufakose and Kuwadzana, among other areas, also portrays how members of the ruling Zanu PF feel they have the 'privilege' to access land ahead of, and at the exclusion of, others who are at their mercy in efforts to secure land for themselves.

Some residents of Hatcliffe, Budiriro, among other areas, had their homes demolished, leaving them homeless. The repeated demolitions of homes, which is leaving hundreds of individuals stranded, continues to be a major concern in the country. It robs affected families of their socio-economic rights.

A significant number of incidences documented for August show the right most denied to citizens as the one to personal integrity and human dignity. This was expressed through various forms of intimidation and harassment including verbal abuse, physical violence or the destruction of one's possessions. In one instance of intra-party violence a woman who was seen wearing a wrap cloth with the face of former vice president, Joice Mujuru, was slapped in the face and had her wrap cloth torn up by a fellow Zanu PF member who took offence at the woman's perceived loyalty to the vice president who has since fallen out of favour within the rank and file of the revolutionary party. In yet another incident in Viko Village in Nyanga North, a perceived MDC-T supporter was cut on the lip with a knife by a member of Zanu PF who was irked by the victim's comment that he was a member of the party, which had "destroyed the country". The accused was identified as Tatenda Mapani.

In an incident in Muzarabani, a Zanu PF supporter Kudakwashe Chifamba acting in apparent cahoots with his father, one Norman Chifamba, allegedly uprooted a fellow villager's vegetables from his garden on the accusation that the villager did not attend ruling party meetings.

Not only does violence get pride of place on the political landscape, but it also gets rewarded. This report gives an account of an instance in Glen View South, where constituency legislator, Hon. Pius Madzinga, allegedly rewarded acts of violence during recent by-elections. Madzinga is said to have

and sidelined those youths who had supposedly not campaigned for him. Such acts grant and perpetuate the same misguided sense of 'political privilege' to land which is denied others.

Yet another disturbing incident in August was the intimidation of and threats against community members in Marondera in order to coerce them into voting for the Zanu PF candidate for the by-election scheduled for September, Lawrence Katsiru. Katsiru allegedly sent youths and other party members to check on numbers of who had registered to vote. Katsiru vowed to 'deal' with those who would not support his bid for office.

A high number of incidences in August centred around Heroes' Day celebrations where considerable conflict came about in the collections of co-erced cash contributions towards the festivities. Over the years, some members of the opposition parties have become reluctant to partake in the celebrations of Heroes' Day and other related holidays on the grounds that the ruling party has taken "ownership" of the days making them partisan instead of national for all. Against that background, the forced contributions and the harassment and bias that comes with the exercise against perceived "enemies of the state" creates bad blood and altercations amongst parties. In a couple of reported instances some people who had contributed in cash, were forced out of the celebrations on political grounds and when they claimed their monies back, they were threatened with unspecified action.

By and large, Zanu PF acts of harassment, discrimination and other types of violations continue to be perpetrated at three distinct "enemies". These are the white farmers, MDC-T, MDC-N and since last year those perceived to be 'gamatox'¹. Incidences throughout the month confirmed hostile sentiments towards the groups of enemies.

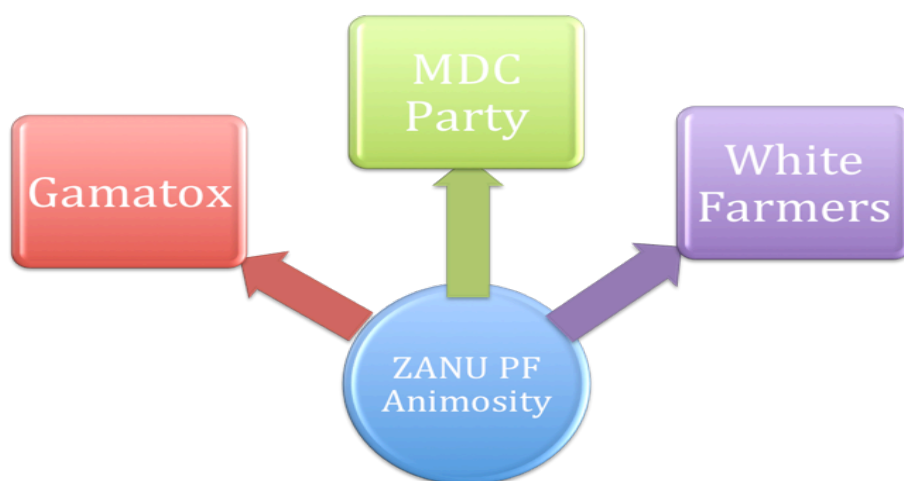


Figure 2: Zanu PF ANIMOSITY TARGETS²

Of particular interest in the wave of intra-party violence is the targeting of former Zanu PF political godfather for the Manicaland province, Didymus Mutasa, who having been a perpetrator in several instances of violence against political opponents during his heyday before being expelled from the ruling party, has of late been finding himself on the receiving end of intolerance. This report documents an incident where a school under his wing was

¹ Gamatox refers to Zanu PF members aligned to ousted former vice president Joice Mujuru.

usurped from him. Efforts are underway to dispossess him of a house he has owned for years. Several others, who had been identified as sympathetic to him, have also suffered alongside him.

This report also carries an incident in Mpopoma and Pelandaba, where residents accused the MDC-T councillors of corruptly allocating residential stands, and petitioned party leader, Morgan Tsvangirai to look into the matter. Tsvangirai tasked the party legislator for the area, Eddie Cross to look into the matter. This investigation is underway.

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 provincial 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



Figure 3: Distribution of violence victims by gender



Figure 4: Distribution of violence perpetrators by gender

The information graphic in figure 3 above shows the distribution of violence victims by gender, where out of the 383 recorded victims of violence, 251 were male while 132 were female. Looking at figure 4, out of the 336 total recorded perpetrators of violence, most are male (291) versus only 45 female. Generally it was noted that in cases where the female perpetrators were recorded, they were involved in acts of violence such as verbal assault or deprivation of access to goods or services. Male perpetrators on the other hands where involved in an even wider range of violent acts which included physical assault. There is a well-noted trend from

The percentage difference between male victims and male perpetrators is less distinct. There is generally a drop in the total recorded number of victims between July (441) and August (383), however the total number of perpetrators recorded in the two months remained relatively unchanged for both July (337) and August (336)

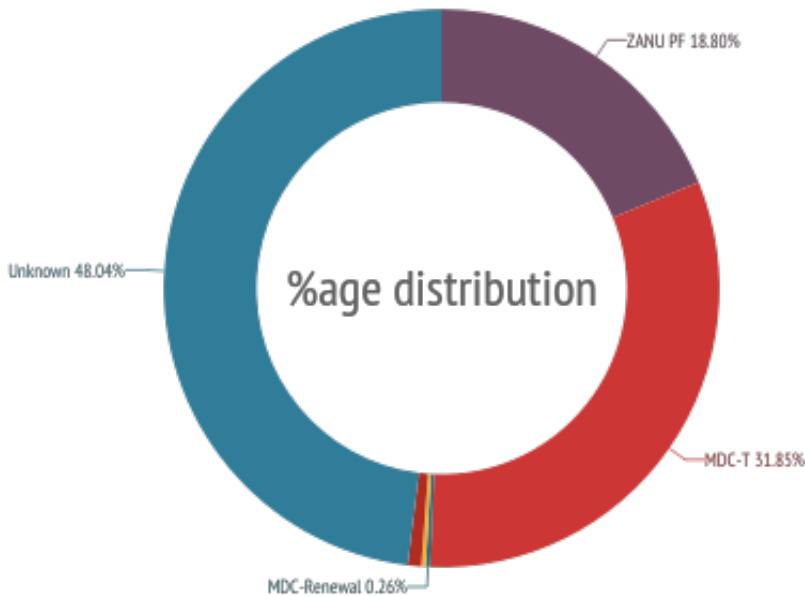


Figure 6: Violence Victims by Political Party

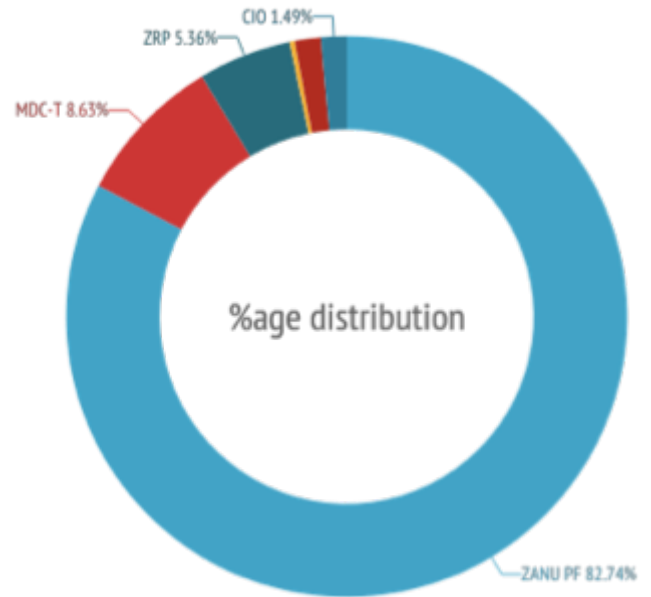


Figure 7: Violence Perpetrators by Organization

The percentage distribution of violence victims across the political parties in fig.6 shows that MDC-T is generally bearing the brunt of violence at 31% of total victim count, compared to Zanu PF at 18%. However almost 50% fall into the unknown category, meaning that information about political party affiliation of the victims could not be obtained by ZPP monitors on the ground. It is noted though historically perpetrators of violence, particularly Zanu PF targeted the opposition, but since the start of the 'gamatox' purges it is no longer accurate to assume this. In terms of recorded figures of perpetrators of violence. Fig.7, Zanu PF stands at 82% of total count, compared to the second ranking MDC-T at a single digit of 8%. It is well worth noting that about 7% of the recorded violence perpetrators were state perpetrator, comprising the Zimbabwe Republic Police, (ZRP) and the Central Intelligence Organisation, (CIO). The trend follows through from July where the highest number of perpetrators were from the Zanu PF Party, followed by MDC-T.

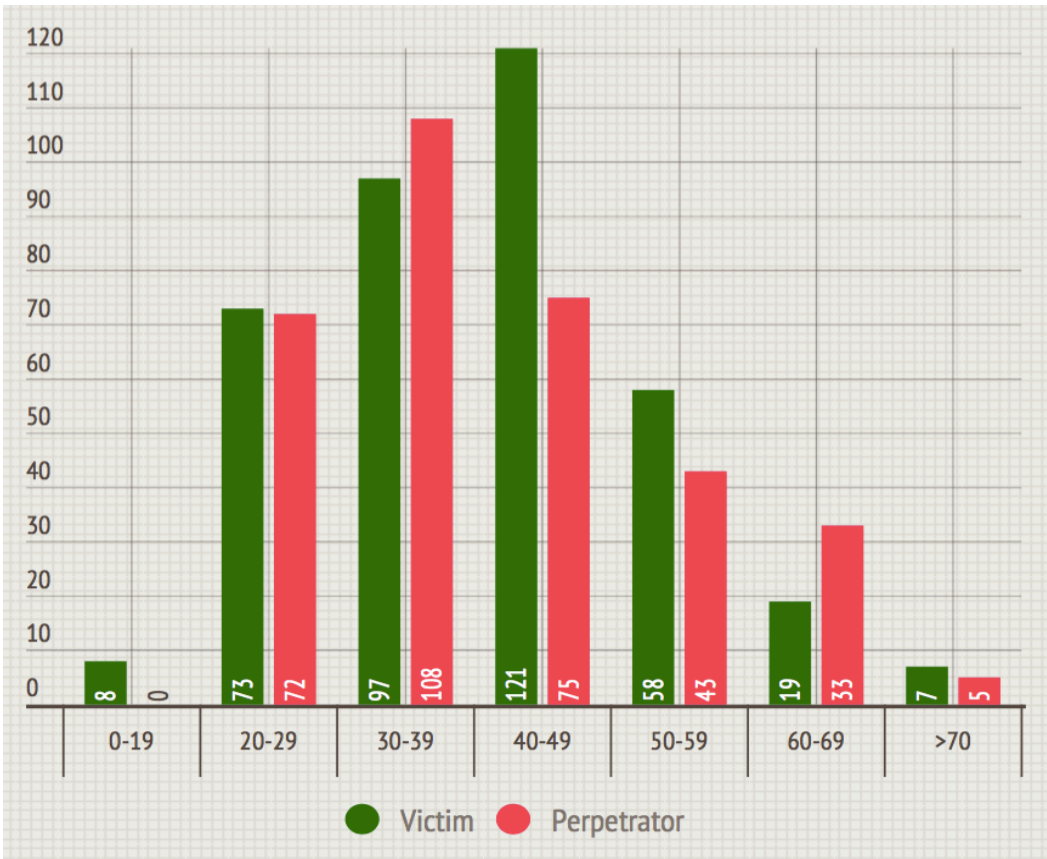


Figure 8: Distribution of Victims and Perpetrators by age.

Adjacent fig.8 shows that the greatest number of violence victims for the month of August, fell in the 40-49 and 30-39 age ranges. These age ranges are generally known to be the most politically active, and thereby equally susceptible to politically motivated violence. While greatest number of victims (121) fall within the 40-49 age range most of the perpetrators (108) fall within the 30-39 age range. This compares well with the trend from July.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARIES

Bulawayo

Several incidences around land and home ownership were recorded this month. From hundreds of families that were left homeless through evictions from their farm homes, to several others whose access to residential stands was curtailed due to corruption and possible political bias, the issue of residence - where to reside – continues to be a recurring challenge across the country. The right of freedom to assemble and right of representation were also violated in a few of the incidences in the province.

- In a case of intra-party conflict within Zanu PF, sitting Member of Parliament (MP) for Luveve who recently got voted in during the by elections on 3 August 2015, Hon. Ntandoyenkosi Mlilo, allegedly barred fellow party member Kidwell Mujuru from conducting party meetings at his sports bar as all meetings had to be sanctioned by the MP. Late last year Mujuru is understood to have crossed over from the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC-T) to join Zanu PF. Unconfirmed suspicions are that the current MP feels Mujuru might be plotting to oust him in the 2018 elections.
- On 5 August 2015, four families occupying part of Willsgrove Farm on the outskirts of Bulawayo along Gwanda Road were left homeless after the deputy sheriff and the police demolished their homesteads. The families were left exposed to the cold weather after the destruction of their houses. They lost cash and livestock worth thousands of dollars in the process. Dogs, pets and over two thousand chickens were lost during the demolitions. Household property was loaded onto trucks and dumped in the bush near Manningdale Suburb. The farm is reportedly owned by McDonald Bricks, who allegedly said the families were illegal occupants.
- On 12 August 2015, the people of Makokoba Ward 7 were allegedly denied their right to choose their own representation on the Radio Dialogue committee. Political party activists clashed with Councillor James Sithole whom they accused of trying to impose his MDC-T colleagues on the committee. It is alleged that an argument ensued and this forced the returning officer and Radio Dialogue staffer, Sharon Sithole, to postpone the elections to a later date. It is suspected that those who protested were Zanu PF supporters.
- Residents of Mpopoma/Pelandaba are alleging that councillors are corruptly selling residential stands. They have since petitioned the MDC-T leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, to intervene since the councillors belong to his party. Tsvangirai has reportedly appointed MP for Bulawayo South, Hon. Eddie Cross to investigate and report to him. The residents await the outcome.

Harare

The land issue was a major source of conflict in Harare in the past month. Zanu PF supporters continue to grab council land and illegally allocate it to gullible citizens who unsuspectingly buy parcels of land. This results in demolition of houses and loss of money by individuals when

Another major cause of conflict is lack of tolerance for political diversity in our society. It has been reported that Tendai Biti of the newly formed People's Democratic Party was humiliated in St Mary's after being booed as he tried to address a rally.

- On 12 August 2015, a fight almost broke out between Zanu PF youths and MDC-T youths when the latter wanted to attack a man who had fixed a community borehole in Section 4, Kambuzuma. The man wanted residents to pay R5 (five South African Rands) per household for drawing water from the borehole and MDC-T youths would have none of it. The Zanu PF youths intervened and supported that the man should be paid for the services. The man had been locking the borehole and would only allow those who had paid to draw water from it. A vicious verbal altercation ensued which almost led to a fistfight amongst members of the two parties over the matter.
- A meeting was held in Kuwadzana by Western Suburbs Housing Union, which is made up of Zanu PF housing cooperatives on 2 August 2015. The chairperson of the Union, one Banda, indicated that no other political party should get land except for members of the ruling Zanu PF. The meeting, which went on from 8:45 to 10:30 am, was attended by about 70 people and Zanu PF slogans were chanted throughout the proceedings. At the meeting Banda indicated that anyone found allocating land to MDC-T members would be expelled from Zanu PF. Banda is reported to have also addressed members of three housing cooperatives in July 2015 where he allegedly shared the same message.
- Glen View South Zanu PF legislator, Pius Madzinga, reportedly allocated residential stands at Ushewokunze to youths who campaigned for him in the June by-elections leaving out other youths who apparently he felt had not contributed to his electoral victory. Youths who were not allocated stands are accusing Madzinga of discriminating against them and giving stands to the ones that were violent during the campaign. One of the youth is said to have confirmed that the youths who got stands are the violent ones who are stationed at the terror base. One woman, who was left out, complained to a ZPP monitor that Madzinga used them during the June election campaign. A total of 16 youths had stands allocated to them on 26 August 2015.
- On 13 August 2015, some Zanu PF women barred Chipso (not real name) a resident of the area from attending a meeting to discuss allocation of home industry stands in Area J Mufakose. One, Thelma Hombiro, castigated Chipso accusing her of being an MDC-T member. Chipso pleaded with her accusers claiming that she was no longer in the MDC-T party but the other women remained unmoved. The group of Zanu PF women were meeting to deliberate on their take-over of the area that used to house home industry before it was destroyed during the Murambatsvina clean-up of 2004. They were plotting to share the stands amongst their numbers even though there was no council approval to that effect.
- On 14 August 2015, a council surveyor was turned away from Nyatsime area in St Mary's by Zanu PF members who have since allocated themselves stands. The council worker was looking for pegs that are used by council to demarcate stands when suddenly 10 people mobbed him and told him in no uncertain terms to leave.

stands for US\$20 while those of other political affiliations are ordered to pay double the price at US\$40 for the same size pieces of land. A man known as Zimbodza and Judith Charaura are allegedly in charge of collecting the money. Since May 2015, several people have already built houses in the area without clearance from local authorities.

- On 26 August 2015, an MDC-T meeting was held in Ward 5 in St Mary's where party supporters complained that their councillor, Richard Chamutsa, was not giving feedback to those who voted for him. They indicated that he did not appreciate being voted into office by thanking the voters. They accused him of building a big house without caring for the needs of the community. The councillor was angered by the statement and openly declared that he was not using party money for building his house but his own money. The people openly countered this, claiming that he had no money of his own before he became a councillor. They accused him of using their money. Ever since this showdown there has been animosity between some members of the party and the councillor.
- On 26 August 2015, the Minister of Local Government, Hon. Saviour Kasukuwere, addressed residents of Hatcliffe whose houses were to be demolished. He indicated that only houses on the wetlands and on areas designated for public institutions would be demolished. The homeowners whose houses are scheduled to be demolished should seek for compensation from chair persons who had allocated them land, it is understood. This has brought conflict as the chairpersons do not have the money to pay back to the people. There were about 21 to 24 chairpersons who were allocating land and people are hounding them demanding their money. Hon. Kasukuwere clarified that houses on normal ground would not be destroyed and urged owners to pay their monies to the council and not to individuals. The chairpersons are believed to have been selling the pieces of land as Hatcliffe Consortium.
- On 12 August 2015, police and city council officials started demolishing houses which they said were illegal structures. Residents were allowed to remove their property from these structures before they were destroyed. The council police officers were also seen moving around ordering people to get out of the houses and remove their property before the bulldozers came. Many of the affected people watched demolitions as they occurred and could be seen crying helplessly. Some were said to be shouting "*Pasi ne Zanu PF* (down with Zanu PF)" because the housing co-operative which sold them the stands is affiliated to the ruling party. Manicaland

Intolerance and politicization of public, quasi-government and NGO programmes have been a major problem in Manicaland province. The selection of pupils to benefit from orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) programmes such as Basic Education Assistance Module (BEAM) depends on whether the pupil's parents are politically correct and belong to a certain political party faction. Many students have failed to benefit due to the 'gamatox' label tagged on their parents. 'Gamatox' is a word used to refer to former vice president Joice Mujuru's supporters.

After expulsion from Zanu PF, former party administrator, Didymus Mutasa, has been on the receiving end of political discrimination. Rusape town council is making frantic efforts to repossess his house situated in the town claiming it is council property. A country club which

In Headlands, a school named after him - Mutasa Primary - had its name changed Yorkshire Primary.

- In a case of political intolerance, a suspected MDC-T activist, was physically assaulted by Kudzai Chareka, a Zanu PF member. The perpetrator was moving door to door in the township on 11 August 2015 calling on people to attend the Heroes' Day Celebrations at Sakubva stadium. When he got to the victim's house, the victim said, "What do we have to do with the fallen heroes? Let us drink and be merry instead of attending your Heroes' Day celebrations." The statement uttered by the victim angered the perpetrator who responded by punching the victim on the lips using a clenched fist. The victim sustained a deep cut on the upper lip and bled.
- On 5 August 2015, some community members gathered at a local school in Headlands celebrating the change of name from Mutasa Primary to Yorkshire. The leader of the group, Joseph Chibage, addressed the crowd and informed them that no institution in Manicaland should remain named after the fallen political godfather, Didymus Mutasa. The school sign post was repainted erasing the name "Mutasa". The new sign post now features the name "Yorkshire". The school is situated about 10 km from Headlands towards Rusape. It is significant to note that Ministry of Education officials who are supposed to formally effect the name change were absent from the function.
- In another case of political intolerance, on 7 August 2015, three 'gamatox' members were harassed and threatened with repossession of their residential stands in Gimboki South Mutare Central. The three were allegedly approached by Fiona Vera and Chance Gombingo and were told to reform or else their stands would be repossessed. The victims supposedly belong to the Mujuru camp while the perpetrators are allegedly in Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa's faction.
- On 2 August 2015, an MDC-T activist of Viko Village Nyanga North was allegedly slashed by a knife on the lips by Tatenda Mapani of Zanu PF because of party differences. It is understood that in the past the two used to be members of MDC-T until Mapani jumped ship to join Zanu PF. The perpetrator used to tell the victim to follow suit but the victim refused. On the eventful day, the victim is believed to have said that the perpetrator had joined a party that had destroyed the country. The statement angered the perpetrator who responded by cutting the victim on the lips with a knife. Soon after the incident, the perpetrator ran away and is yet to be apprehended.
- On 1 August 2015, in Ward 9 Magamba in Rusape, a team of four Zanu PF activists led by the ward chairperson identified as Mlambo, allegedly went to the home of a fellow Zanu PF activist and shouted insults at her. It is alleged that the incident in question occurred after the victim was labelled a 'gamatox'

Mashonaland Central

The major source of conflict in the province was the Heroes' Day celebrations where people were forced to take part in Mt. Darwin South and in Guruve South. Villagers were also forced to donate buckets of maize. Factionalism in Zanu PF is still a major cause of conflict in the

province. Lack of tolerance of other political parties or factions by Zanu PF members often leads to victimisation of members of political opponents.

- On 18 August 2015, a soccer player at Kauswa Village in Muzarabani North was allegedly taken off the match by Faison Kanyuchi because he is an MDC-T activist.
- On 14 August 2015, Concession District official allegedly pointed out that council and Grain Marketing Board workers who got dismissal letters were of the 'gamatox' faction. The official was addressing tenants at Dandamera Community Hall. He said the dismissals were not over until the 'house' was clean. The official revealed that there was another round of dismissals targeting people, all those whom he labeled as 'gamatox'. The victim was among the delegates at the meeting.
- Two MDC-T party supporters were allegedly harassed by Zanu PF chairperson for the province, Lovemore Magwaza, for refusing to attend a Zanu PF meeting. Vulgar words were used and the two were threatened with eviction from the village. This happened at Gweshe Village on 6 August 2015. The two party members reported the case to the police and the Zanu PF chairperson was supposedly arrested and fined.
- At a meeting held at Mary Mount Mission on 18 August 2015, Zanu PF provincial chairperson for Mashonaland Central, Dickson Mafios, is alleged to have said that those who were associates of former Vice President Mujuru or the incumbent Minister of Education, Lazarus Dokora, would not be allowed to stand in the upcoming district elections. He indicated that if they were voted in, the committee would be dissolved and elections would have to be re-conducted. He said if this was repeated twice an interim committee would have to be put in the district. This left residents of Rushinga in fear as one can easily be labelled a 'gamatox' by rivals. However, questioned by ZPP on whether he said that for sure, Zanu PF Mashonaland Central chairperson denied the allegations and claimed that who people voted for was up to them and that they were in no way compelled by him or anyone else to act one way or another.
- Three village headmen who have been trying to be re-instated in their positions since mid July are allegedly being frustrated by Chief Kasekete Faxwell Changara. The chief and his colleagues of Zanu PF often hold meetings where the three are invited only to be threatened to remain silent. On 6 August 2015, the Chief threatened to evict the three for complaining about loss of their offices and exposing to the public that the chief is a Zanu PF supporter. The three were fired in 2008 from their positions for allegedly supporting MDC-T. They live in Ward 17 in Muzarabani South.
- People who live at Nyamuseve Farm in Ward 21, Guruve North were on 22 August 2015 frog marched to attend a Zanu PF meeting where they were forced to buy Zanu PF identity cards for US 3.50. They were allegedly forced by one, Maxwell Nyagomo.
- David Tsenengamu, a Zanu PF Provincial youth chairperson, urged members of the party to continue taking white-owned farms and share them between the women and the youth. The Zanu PF provincial chairperson, Dickson Mafios, supported the suggestion and the youth were promised that actions would soon take place. The targeted so far were not mentioned. This came during a meeting at Chimhanda in Rushinga on 18 August 2015. Mafios denied the allegations while Tsengengamu could

- On 16 August 2015, in Muzarabani South, it is alleged, a man had his vegetables uprooted from his garden by one, Kudakwashe Chifamba. When he approached Norman the father to Kudakwashe about the issue, Norman allegedly indicated that he had sent his son to the man's garden because he does not attend Zanu PF meetings. Norman is a headman of Ward 26.

Mashonaland East

Fresh farm invasions have been reported in Mashonaland East and these have precipitated conflict. Additionally, threats and intimidation have been reported in Marondera Central where the Zanu PF candidate, Lawrence Katsiru, is notorious for allegedly perpetrating violence against opposition activists in 2008.

- The Zanu PF Masenda Village, Mudzi West chairperson, Tapiwa Tsuro, called all villagers to a meeting where he indicated that there was already an election mood and anyone seen in red clothing items would be labelled a member of MDC-T party. Tsuro is said to have pointed out that members of the opposition would be dealt with before 2018 elections and perpetrators would not be arrested as their party is above the law.
- Two members of Zanu PF, Peter Kamonere and John Kapanga, fought on Heroes' Day after accusing each other of being 'gamatox'. Kamonere supports the Mudzi South 2013 candidate who lost to current MP, Jonathan Samkange, while John Kapanga supports Samkange.
- Lawrence Katsiru, the Zanu PF candidate for Marondera Central³, allegedly sent Zanu PF youths to check the number of people who had registered to vote on 19 September. Residents in Dombotombo, Yellow City, Rusike Phase 1 and Morningside had the youths demanding registration slips. There was a lot of threatening and intimidation as Katsiru vowed to deal with those who would try to stop his entry into Parliament. The Zanu PF secretaries in the area, namely Wiseman Rumwenje, Maria Hove and Margaret Phiri moved around with three counter books recording names of those who had registered and noting down their registration numbers. It was indicated that the registration numbers would be checked after voting and those who would not be on the list of people who voted for Katsiru would be followed up. This process took place on 28 August 2015. Additionally, on 22 August 2015, Katsiru is alleged to have threatened voters indicating that those who would not vote for him would be thrown into the Wenimbi Dam⁴.
- Jean Connick, the 83 year-old Mother of Peace orphanage founder, was reported to have been arrested on 18 August 2015 in Mutoko South. She was arrested over allegations of mismanaging the orphanage after some teenage boys were reported to have been sexually assaulting some small girls. The offenders were arrested well before her arrest. It is alleged that trouble for the old lady started brewing after the Mavambo/Kusile leader Simba Makoni secretly donated funds at the institution. Thereafter, it has been alleged, some state agents were sent from highest levels of the

³ Reported incident occurred in August. Katsiru has since won the by-elections.

party to secretly investigate the place and interview the workers. Unconfirmed suspicions are that the First Lady Grace Mugabe wants to take over the orphanage and that she has the support of some of the workers. The founder, Connick, has been given a suspended sentence and warned that she would be jailed if she is seen near the place. She was told to move away on 18 August 2015 from the orphanage she founded in 1990.

- On 10 August 2015, a woman of Zihanga Village in Hwedza North, was assaulted by Thomas Chivese for having a wrap cloth with an image that angered the perpetrator. Chivese enquired as to why Lydia had the wrap on and she retorted that putting on such a wrap was not an issue. This angered Chivese who allegedly tore the wrap and slapped the woman.
- Vendors were driven away from Mutoko Centre by the council and allocated stalls on the outskirts of the centre on 26 August 2015. An official of the MDC-T party and four other supporters were supposedly not allocated any because of their affiliation.
- It has been reported that there are farmers from Brazil who brought perpetrators and fertilizer in Goromonzi West in Ward 7. The farmers wanted to get four hectares from local war veterans who acquired six hectares in exchange of the use of perpetrators and fertilizer. Local farmers rejected this arrangement as they felt remaining with two hectares was not feasible. The equipment has been left idle in farming sheds at Chibuti and Chabwino. The Brazilians were accompanied by people believed to be government officials from the Ministry of Lands.
- There are a number of commercial farm takeovers which have been reported in the province. Mani Farm in Goromonzi South is reported to have been visited by a group of people who asked about the general situation of the country. The owner of the farm portrayed a negative image and blamed the Zanu PF and President Robert Mugabe for all the woes in the country. Thereafter some people allegedly produced a Central Intelligence Office (CIO) card and told the owner to vacate the farm without taking anything. It is believed the farm was taken over by an unnamed 'strong' Zanu PF lady. The white owner left his livestock and vegetables on 3 August 2015. Another farm called Binda in Goromonzi North which has an abattoir is said to have been acquired by S. Chigwedere, former wife of Aeneas Chigwedere. The farm is said to belong to one, Neil, who is a huge beef producer. The case has allegedly been taken to court. On 29 August a white farmer, Martin Grobler, is reported to have been evicted from Burner Farm by two CIO agents identified as Shorai Kudzai and Muchemwa who are claiming ownership of the farm. They claimed that they got ownership from a land officer known as Motsi. The white farmer and his family have since vacated the farm. Meanwhile, the legislator of Goromonzi North, Paddy Zhanda, and a white man, Rina Leon Dutoit, are alleged to have sent a group of people to assault the leaders of Mukuvisi Housing Cooperative in Caledonia on 26 August 2015. The two allegedly want to force the leaders to get people off the farm that was allocated to the cooperative. It is reported that members of the cooperative are facing eviction due to this development.
- Some members of the Solomio Estate were arrested on 24 August 2015 and had to pay US\$2.500 bail for misappropriating cooperative funds to the tune of US\$3.5 million.

Those who were arrested are Oswald Gwanzura, Shepherd Mangwende, Mary Jane Chitiyo, Stella Murimo and Koshiwai Rabvu.

- A man from Uzumba had his property destroyed in 2008 election violence. He fled with his family to Harare. In May 2015 he came back to his homestead where he was allegedly approached by the village head, Ishmael Mazarura, to denounce the MDC-T party and join Zanu PF for him to live peacefully. All along he had been reluctant to do that until 7 August 2015 when he approached the village head to announce his decision to join Zanu PF. The village committee passed a decision that he would only be accepted on condition that he erased all rocks inscribed with MDC-T slogans in the area. The man is painting all rocks with MDC-T slogans white but is still not being accepted in the community because of his known affiliation to the MDC-T party.

Mashonaland West

The majority of cases reported in Mashonaland West involved the abuse of power by traditional leaders and the heightened factionalism within Zanu PF as those in 'favourable light' brandished their undue 'political privilege'.

- An intra-party conflict was reported when Zanu PF members had a fist fight on 25 August 2015 at Mashuma Shopping Centre in Hurungwe West. Justin Kaparamara, a headman and former Zanu PF chairperson who was fired in June, gathered people to organise Zanu PF cell structures for district elections. This did not go down well with John Mahiya who replaced him as chairperson. He was appointed by the Zanu PF Secretary for Administration, Ignatius Chombo, and on this instance he questioned Kaparamara's authority to call the villagers for a meeting. Kaparamara said he got the authority from the provincial committee. Mahiya attacked Kaparamara leading to a fist fight one which Member Mutinha had to stop. The two eventually agreed to have elections on 30 August 2015. Mahiya insisted that a letter would have to come from the province to confirm that Kaparamara is still part of the committee.
- A Zanu PF youth leader was ridiculed by Trust Zvimba, an MDC-T member, for being part of the party that tables policies that have led people to suffer. This took place on 12 August 2015 at Manyewe Business Centre. The victim was an alleged perpetrator between 2010 and 2013.
- Thomas Marumisa, a former leader in the MDC led by Welshman Ncube (MDC-N) in Kadoma, was accused by one, Gilberta Silver Tore, of using people to gain political power. Marumisa is now the chairperson of Mashonaland West in Renewal Democrats of Zimbabwe. Tore was rebuffed in the RDZ meeting and indicated that Marumisa was too nomadic and often uses people to gain support and dumps them for the next party. This took place on 8 August 2015.
- Sub Chief Jerami of Mafuta in Raffingora allowed illegal farmers to farm on land that was not for farming in May 2014. They were allowed to farm after the chief had collected US\$30 per household from them. On 23 August 2015, he addressed a meeting where he pointed out that the illegal farmers cannot continue to farm in the

indicated to Ward 13 farmers that all former farm workers were to be regarded as their workers and if the former farm workers refused to be workers they should leave the area. On 24 August 2015, Jerami came back secretly to the illegal farmers to demand US\$15 per household for them to continue staying and farming on the undesignated land.

- A land dispute rose in August between Chief Zvimba and Chief Ngezi. The land is where Chegutu borders with Kadoma. Residents are forced to submit to Chief Zvimba yet the land had been under Chief Ngezi in the past. It is alleged that Chief Zvimba may be taking advantage of his relationship with President Mugabe to demand that land. The matter has been taken to the Ministry of Local government.
- Chief Magonde of Makonde is alleged to have been trying to acquire Pandora Farm in Lion's Den since 2013. He was reported to have sent youths to beat up and drive away the white farm owner Douglas Terafin. The youths were driven away by the police. However, in August 2015 he managed to get half of the land for re-distribution. The Chief and his brother are now staying at the farm and he is alleged to have commanded the white farmer to remove his wheat. The farmer begged for permission to let him harvest the wheat. It has been reported that people are registering to get land at the farm.
- A security guard at ZMDC Fresh and Frozen Butchery in Chegutu West was allegedly harassed by a group of war veterans led by one, Size Moyo, who demanded to see his boss. The security guard replied that they could not see his boss. Moyo then said that as owners of the land they could do whatever they wanted and 'deal' with him. The guard called his boss, Mike Eastwood, out of fear and the war veterans indicated they wanted cash for Heroes' Day celebrations. Eastwood handed them US\$20 on 9 August 2015.
- On Heroes' Day, two cases of harassment of MDC-T members were reported in Chegutu West. Jabulani Phiri, a Zanu PF supporter, demanded that a female MDC-T supporter produce a Zanu PF card at Heroes Acre in Chegutu before getting food. Another MDC-T supporter was allegedly kicked out of the bus to Gadzema Heroes' Acre because of his political affiliation. The perpetrator Tendai Phiri is understood to have asked the victim to produce his party card.
- Some Mhondoro Mubaira residents did not celebrate Heroes' Day as a conflict arose between the Zanu PF leaders and the villagers of Njatarara area. The leaders were accused of embezzling money meant for food and drinks. The villagers of Muzvarwi, Chinengundu and Churu performed rituals to pay homage to their spirit medium at Njatarara and left the place. When the party leaders got to Njatarara the people had already left. Villagers of Muzvarwi led by Churu ordered the party leaders led by Aggrey Chiweshe to leave with immediate effect on 10 August 2015. Hence no function was held on Heroes' Day as Chiweshe and other leaders could not respond to the allegations and fled in their cars.
- On 23 August 2015, a man was harassed for being aligned to Webster Shamu, the Chegutu East legislator, who has been suspended from Zanu PF. A member of Zanu

PF was allegedly harassed by one, Thulani Mhlanga on allegations that he still supported Shamu. He was told that there was no space for Shamu's supporters.

Masvingo

Political intolerance was rife in the Masvingo province as indicated by a number of incidents including one, where political opponents are suspected to have set on fire the house of an MDC-T member. Other incidents in the province were around the collections and forced contribution of monies for Heroes' Day celebrations.

- On 24 August 2015, Philimon Magezani (Zanu PF) allegedly verbally assaulted a man of Chilonga Village, under Chief Chilonga in Chiredzi South accusing him of being a sell out. The perpetrator was angry when he saw the victim who is an MDC-T member mobilizing people in the village to attend a rally the following day. On the day in question, the victim was going around meeting people when he came across the perpetrator. Magezani said to him "*Uri mutengesesi* (you are a sell out)." The victim seemed not bothered and continued with his activity.
- On 9 August 2015, in Marozva Village, Chivi South, Bernard Mashawi and Tendai Chitate of Zanu PF are reported to have forced fifty villagers to pay US\$5-00 each towards the Heroes' Day celebrations. On the day of the function, 10 August 2015, the perpetrators harassed and forced two men to leave the venue of the function because of their close links with the 'gamatox'. The victims demanded a refund of their donations but were threatened with physical assault if they continued to be seen milling around the place.
- A man of Mupandawana Township, Gutu Central had his house set on fire by unknown arsonists on 23 August 2015. The victim is the MDC-T party chairperson and former Councillor for Ward 33. He has been instrumental in mobilising vendors to resist eviction from the streets until the council provides adequate vending shelter. On the day, the victim was away with friends only to be told at 9pm that his one roomed house was on fire. He lost property that included a bed and wardrobe. The matter was reported to the police but the perpetrators are yet to be apprehended. The arson attack is suspected to be politically motivated considering the mobilisation the victim has been making over the vendors issue.
- Councillor of Ward 16, Munashe Pwanyai, a Zanu PF activist allegedly discriminated against other political parties' activists when he called only Zanu PF members for a budget consultative meeting at Masunda South School on 4 August 2015. The meeting should have been for all people but the councillor chose kraal heads whom he knew were Zanu PF activists and denied those from other political parties a chance to contribute.
- Scores of Zanu PF activists were allegedly threatened by Shakespear Magomana and Mugove Nhando and told not to attend the funeral of an MDC-T member's father in Matsveru Village in Ward 16. Hubert Pfidze, an MDC-T activist and the Mayor of Masvingo City's father passed away and was buried on 25 August 2015. Zanu PF supporters who attended the funeral did so in fear

Matabeleland North

For the month of August Matabeleland witnessed violations mostly associated with deliberate deprivation of food and means of livelihood. As with other provinces, there were also recorded cases of infringement on property rights, both movable and immovable property.

- On 12 August 2015, the eve of the First Lady Grace Mugabe's visit to Binga, a group of suspected Zanu PF youths led by ward youth chairperson Amos Musaka, accompanied by Richard Muzamba and Joseph Mudimba forcibly diverted a truck and two buses with passengers on board belonging to Madzanwe Bus Company. The youths ordered the drivers of the vehicles to ferry people to Manjolo Centre where the First Lady was holding a rally the following day. The diverted buses were headed for Bulawayo and Hwange. The two drivers are reported to have abandoned their buses and fled, only to return the following morning with police. The police cautioned the youths regarding their behavior and no arrests were made. It is reported that one of the bus drivers was assaulted by the youths, while the hijacked passengers were forced to chant Zanu PF slogans all night.
- In Tsholotsho North, Chief Siphoso and the Forestry Commission noted that people in the area were being deprived of benefits like employment and beneficiation from the Sihazola and Gwabazabuya forests where two private commercial companies were harvesting timber. The two companies, Forestry Lysippus and Alumcury, are said have also defaulted paying their timber logging fees to Tsholotsho Rural District Council. Chief Siphoso and the Forestry Commission are then believed to have banned the two companies from operating in the area with effect from 6 August 2015.
- On 8 August 2015, the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) Lupane Depot dismissed 17 of its 18 workers. The official reason using the July 17 Supreme Court ruling which allowed dismissal on three months notice. However, one of the dismissed employees, Siso Zitha, alleged that the decision to fire them was based on their supposed support of the former vice president Joice Mujuru.
- Settlers believed to have illegally occupied Phillip Farm belonging to Brian Philip a few months ago in Bubi, are said to be increasing in number, depriving 90 herd of cattle of grazing land. The settlers have refused to heed calls by the police to vacate the property. The invasion has also rendered employees at the farm jobless as operations on the farm have ceased.

Matabeleland South

Matabeleland South experienced the greatest number of violations around political party contestations towards and during Heroes' Day Celebrations.

- A man from Matobo North who challenged the Vice President Phelekezela Mphoko's speech at Maleme, narrated his ordeal at the hands of six men believed to be the VP's aides. The man reported that he was interrogated and threatened with physical harm and handover to the CIO⁵. The man fled to Harare the following day fearing for his life.
- On 10 August 2015, during Heroes' Day celebrations at Guyu Institute in Gwanda Central, the head of Bethel Village Bayethe Noko belonging to MDC-T verbally assaulted a Zanu PF District chairperson, saying he would never vote for Zanu PF and that he, as the village head, would continue receiving food aid for the area. The victim did not respond to the insults and no report was made to the police.
- On 19 August 2015, at Stamore village in Ward 14, Gwanda North, Councillor Nomazondo Malila of MDC-T negotiated with Dabane Trust, an NGO carrying out water and sanitation programmes, to provide pipes and equipment for drilling boreholes and for garden irrigation in the area. The deal negotiated by Malila is said to have been barred by Colleen Moyo, a VIDCO⁶ chairperson and Zanu PF member quoted as saying that no such development would be allowed without the authorisation of the ruling party adding that he would not allow MDC-T led projects in the area. As a result the councillor's initiative fell through.
- On 18 August 2015, in Matshetshe Village, Umzingwane, Nicholas Ndlovu of the MDC-T party is alleged to have threatened to assault the Zanu PF ward chairperson identified as Admire after accusing him of discrimination during Heroes' Day celebrations. Ndlovu claimed he and others were denied food at the celebrations, yet every household had been made to pay US\$1 each towards the celebrations. Admire reported to the police who intervened by counseling the two to live together in harmony.
- Heroes' Day celebrations scheduled for the 10 August 2015 in Gwanda North had to be cancelled a day before following a serious altercation between MDC-N's councilor, Sikhula Ndlovu, and Zanu PF ward executive members led by Jeffery Nyoni. The conflict is said to have arisen over Ndlovu's decision to pick Mtshazo Centre as a suitable venue for the celebrations. Nyoni and other Zanu PF supporters are believed to have been irked by Ndlovu's assumption of authority in making such a decision, being a member of the opposition MDC-N Party. Nyoni then proceeded to express his preference of Sofa Business Centre for the Heroes' Day celebrations.

⁵ Central Intelligence Organization,

FOOD AND OTHER VIOLATIONS

Manicaland

- An MDC-T supporter who resides in Biriri Township in Chimanimani West was on 24 August 2015 denied access to rice donated by the government through the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) by Ward 17 councillor, Lovemore Utseya. Utseya is said to have explained to would-be recipients that the rice was not meant for opposition party members.
- On 16 August 2015, two MDC-T members of Chitanda Village Ward 9 in Buhera North, were denied food assistance received from the GMB in the form of maize by Egenia Magarasadza and Dorcas Karasi of Zanu PF, who were conducting the distribution. The victims discovered that only Zanu PF members were on the distribution list.

Mashonaland Central

- Tracy Mudimu, a well-known member of the Zanu PF Party and war veteran, is alleged to have received a donation of goods on behalf of orphans and vulnerable children from a Chinese firm, TUCHI. It is understood that Mudimu diverted the received goods towards her political campaign ahead of ward elections. Resultantly the intended beneficiaries were denied any benefit from the donated goods.

Mashonaland East

- Residents of Seke were called out to attend a village meeting where they would receive maize, but it turned out that it was a ploy by Zanu PF to mobilise supporters for their political agenda. At the meeting, attendees were expected to purchase party cards and form cell groups for the coordination of political activities.
- Headmen in Ward 27, Chikomba East were forced to attend a meeting addressed by Amon Sengwe, Webster Watambwa and Obvious Chingondo of Zanu PF. The headmen were requested to compile a register of households in need of food assistance. Eventually Sengwe is believed to have compiled a list with his relatives only, excluding among others, all those suspected or known to be aligned with the MDC-T Party. Notably among those who were denied registration for the food assistance three of them are said to now be scavenging for food from nearby villages.

Mashonaland West

- On 21 August 2015, villagers in Guzha area of Zvimba West district were requested by their village heads to pay US\$5 each, of which US\$3 was said to be development levy while the remainder of US\$2 was said to be a contribution towards the construction of a community hall. It is reported that preferential treatment was given to those who paid the money during the distribution of farming inputs which had been provided free of charge by the government.

- A widow whose husband was a soldier at 2.3 infantry battalion had her Widows Club membership cancelled on 18 August 2015, following her association with her brother-in-law who was once an MDC-T party activist. The Widows Club is funded by an army commander. The widow is said to have fulfilled all the club's membership requirements which included membership and subscription fees. The widow approached the officer-in-charge at the battalion who indicated that he could not help her if the other group members did not endorse her as a member. The group members who disapproved of her membership are Maria Sengere, Eddelin Gavaza, Memory Mutangi and Febbie Muzavazi. The same women are understood to be members of Zanu PF's Women's league.

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ANNEXURE:

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 Indecent sexual assault	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	
b) Unlawful arrest	The taking away of a person using intimidation, open force of violence
c) Unlawful detention	Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.
d) Forced displacement	Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects or armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border"
PROPERTY RIGHTS	
Theft	Is whereby a person takes property from another person "knowing" that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property.
Robbery	Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the threat of immediate violence to induce the person who has lawful control over the property to relinquish his/her control over it.
Stock Theft	Is whereby a person takes livestock from another person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, and possess or control this very property.
Malicious Damage to Property	Is whereby a person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control any property, damages or destroys that very property (<i>Note: MDP to communal/household property should only be chosen for one family member: the victim or head of household in that order</i>)
a) Destruction of home	
b) Other types of MDP	Is a form of malicious damage to property, it occurs when a home is burnt to the ground or otherwise made inhabitable in such a manner as the only option toward the making the home habitable is to completely rebuild it. Please describe briefly the alleged conduct.

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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.

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