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OVERVIEW

As Zimbabwe geared up for the historic Presidential Run - Off on 27 June 2008, ZANU PF embarked on a deplorable pre-election violence campaign. The report chronicles high levels of political intolerance by all political parties but more seriously violations of human rights by the ZANU PF party. The gendered dimensions of politically motivated and state sponsored violence also become starkly clear from the reportage in this document. The report reveals gross violations of women's and children's rights at times on mere allegations of their being supporters of the opposition or the fact that their male partners or children were involved in opposition politics. Schools in most rural areas were closed as alleged ZANU PF supporters marauded through the schools displacing and frequently assaulting teachers and other education officials. Virtually all the fundamental freedoms protected by Zimbabwe's Constitution and other regional and international human rights treaties were infringed during the run up to the June 27 Run Off election. The report notes high levels of cases of torture, abductions, displacement, rape, and violations of the right to associate; activities which all seemed highly organized and orchestrated with great precision by the perpetrators.

The June report shows that there were more incidents of politically motivated and state orchestrated violence in the urban areas as compared to previous reports where such violence was perpetrated mainly in the rural areas. ZANU PF youths and members of the National Youth Service commonly known as "Green Bombers" turned on residents, particularly in the high density suburbs of Chitungwiza South, Mbare and Epworth as the party completed a full circle of a nationwide terror campaign. In a clear sign of a nation under siege, public transport operators in most urban areas were forced to operate whilst putting on ZANU PF regalia for them to retain their operating licences. The report documents 281 cases of assault and 277 cases of political intimidation and victimization. This marked a decrease from the month of May in which there were 466 cases of political intimidation and victimization.

Furthermore, the report contains information and allegations of collusion by state security agents such as the police, army and central intelligence officers with alleged ZANU PF supporters in setting up terror bases in parts of rural and urban areas. In some cases the youths reported directly to ZANU PF leaders who were alleged to be giving commands to attack. In other instances, victims were force - marched to the alleged ZANU PF leaders' homes where the attacks would be carried out.

MDC supporters were abducted from their homes, forced to attend ZANU PF meetings and to name fellow MDC supporters who were accused of 'betraying the ZANU PF struggle'. The victims were forced to surrender their MDC cards and t-shirts. The terror strategy also targeted women as the report shows six alleged rape cases in Harare Central, Bindura South, Guruve South and Makoni South. In addition, women were taken to the youths' bases and forced to cook and clean for the "comrades". Some were assaulted because their husbands and or male children were MDC activists while others were forced to live in the bush for fear of victimization. With most husbands forced to flee their homes, children were left with no parents to take care of them. In further violation of children's rights and in particular, the right to education, there were 10 cases of school closures in Matabeleland South, reported to the Forum.

A few days before the 27 June Run Off election, ZANU PF youths went on a rampage ambushing people on the streets and forcing them to recite ZANU PF slogans. Failure to recite these slogans would lead to serious beatings, as it would be a clear sign that one was not attending the ZANU PF political orientation meetings. The report also chronicles cases whereby alleged ZANU PF supporters would waylay people and confiscate their National Identity Cards in a bid to prevent them from voting. Other cunning techniques such as requesting the ID cards of suspected MDC supporters or dissenters for food distribution purposes and then confiscating them were also used during this period.

The ZANU PF led Government of Zimbabwe was on an offensive against any opposition political party activities and this was clearly shown by the refusal of the police to grant 'permission' to the MDC to hold rallies citing security reasons or lack of manpower. Those who were brave enough to attend the few MDC rallies that were organized in some parts of the country were usually waylaid and assaulted by alleged ZANU PF supporters. The worst incident was recorded on 22 June when armed army officers who had been sent to disperse MDC supporters who attended an MDC Rally at the Harare Show Grounds, heavily assaulted the victims. Further to this offensive by members of the armed forces, a group of armed ZANU PF youths reportedly descended on the same MDC supporters in order to disrupt the intended rally.

The report also documents 44 cases of unlawful arrest and a corresponding number of cases of unlawful detention, most of which were carried out at Harare Central Police Station. MDC supporters, particularly in Kuwadzana and Budiriro in Harare, were arrested on false accusations, the objective being to detain, torture and instill fear in them and other would be dissenters. The arbitrary nature of the arrests was highlighted by the fact that most of the victims spent long periods in detention without charge and were denied access to legal counsel. Conditions of detention as reported amounted to

cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment or punishment and in some cases possibly torture. For instance, at Harare Central Police Station there was a report of a victim who was detained in an unlit cell and denied food and water even from his relatives. In terms of high profile cases of arrests that were recorded in June, the MDC Secretary General Tendai Biti was arrested on 12 June 2008 and detained at Matapi Police Station, a prison now infamously known for the deplorable conditions in its cells. Biti was arrested on charges of treason and communicating falsehoods prejudicial to the state. In addition to the arrest of Biti, the MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai was also arrested and detained on three occasions while on his way to address rallies in Kwekwe, Gweru and Lupane. His vice Thokozani Khupe, NCA Chairman Lovemore Madhuku and the leader of the breakaway MDC faction Arthur Mutambara also met the same fate. Eventually and due to the onslaught the MDC leader was allegedly forced to seek refuge at the Royal Netherlands Embassy on 22 June 2008, because of increased concerns over his safety.

The report shows 35 cases of torture wherein state security agents including members of the army, ZRP and the CIO were implicated. Some victims were tortured as a means of extracting information about the activities of the MDC whilst others were accused of storing firearms for the opposition. The report also documents 37 cases of abduction, the highest number of incidents reported for 2008.

There are 82 cases of property-related incidents and 55 cases of displacement. This decrease from May is attributable to the decrease in the cases of arson, which were prevalent in the rural areas in that month. Instead most of the victims lost their mobile phones and money to the ZANU PF youths who made it a point to search their victims after an assault.

The report documents an unprecedented 60 cases of alleged politically motivated murders (refer to appendix 1) which is a gross violation of the right to life vested in every person by the Constitution and embedded in international human rights law. Due to the high levels of impunity, the Forum received reports that villagers countrywide were organizing themselves into protection units against such attacks by ZANU PF supporters. This then led to increased reprisal and defensive attacks by villagers who were accused of deserting ZANU PF and being members of the opposition MDC. The Forum does not in any way applaud this kind of behavior or what transpired during this period but maintains that the state should have done more to protect citizens who came under attack from organized groups and people who were clearly identified as perpetrators. To the contrary, there were reports that the police from various stations were telling the victims to go and report to Morgan Tsvangirai, or making other cynical suggestions that they must bring their own assailants to the police station or simply that they did not have enough manpower to attend to the reported cases. Reports from some

constituencies in Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland East noted that the police ignored the cases brought against ZANU PF youths and this frustrated the MDC supporters who then assaulted the ZANU PF youths. Suffice it to state; these are the provinces that saw the highest number of political violence reports since the run up to the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections. However despite the viciousness of some of the assaults and the alarming number of murders reported, there was a reduction in incidences reported from May 2008.

In the run up to the Presidential Run Off, Social Welfare Minister Nicholas Goche wrote to all aid agencies on 4 June 2008, suspending indefinitely what he termed fieldwork by NGOs and Private Voluntary Organizations. This move severely affected Zimbabweans with regards to food, medical and other humanitarian assistance that used to be rendered by these institutions. The Government erroneously and without giving evidence alleged that the organizations were involved and meddling in politics and thus needed to be stopped.

Added to the violent onslaught perpetrated by ZANU and state security agents, the MDC was denied platforms for addressing its constituents in preparation for the Run Off election. The government meddled with the running of the state electronic and print media such that the MDC's advertisements would not appear in any of the state media. Furthermore, seven journalists from the ZBC were allegedly fired on accusations of sympathizing with the MDC. According to the report in the Financial Gazette on 5 June 2008, the move was a purge of perceived "unpatriotic" workers at the state broadcaster.

The increase in political violence against MDC supporters culminated in the withdrawal from the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off by MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai, on 22 June 2008. He cited political violence and an unfair poll that that would favor Robert Mugabe. ZANU PF was aware that a one-man race would only deliver a hollow victory that is devoid of legitimacy. Tsvangirai's withdrawal was declared null and the election went ahead. ZANU PF relied on the provisions of the Electoral Act which provides for a withdrawal of a Presidential candidate in the first round. However it would be absurd to apply the same provision to a run off as it provides for withdrawal 21 days before the election date. This shows that there is a lacuna in our electoral law and comprehensive provisions should be included specific to a run off.

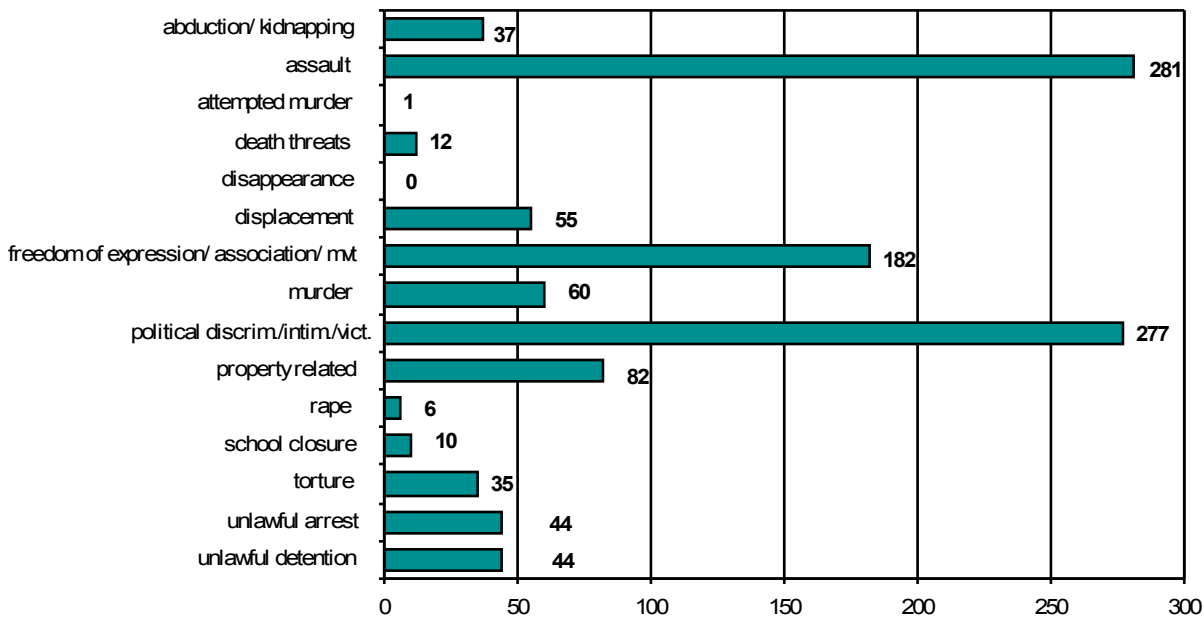
Robert Mugabe proceeded with the one-man race and he recorded a "landslide victory" with 2 150 269 votes as compared to Morgan Tsvangirai's 230 000. Even on the so-called Election Day, ZANU PF youths and members of the youth militia carried out *Operation Red Finger*. The objective was to

identify those who had not cast their vote and to force them to do so. The 27 June elections were locally and internationally condemned as shambolic and the result not a true reflection of what the people of Zimbabwe wanted. There was a hurried inauguration ceremony and President Mugabe was sworn in for a further five-year term. He left for the 11th AU Summit holding out an olive branch to the opposition party. He told the delegates at the Summit that he was ready to accept a negotiated settlement with the opposition.

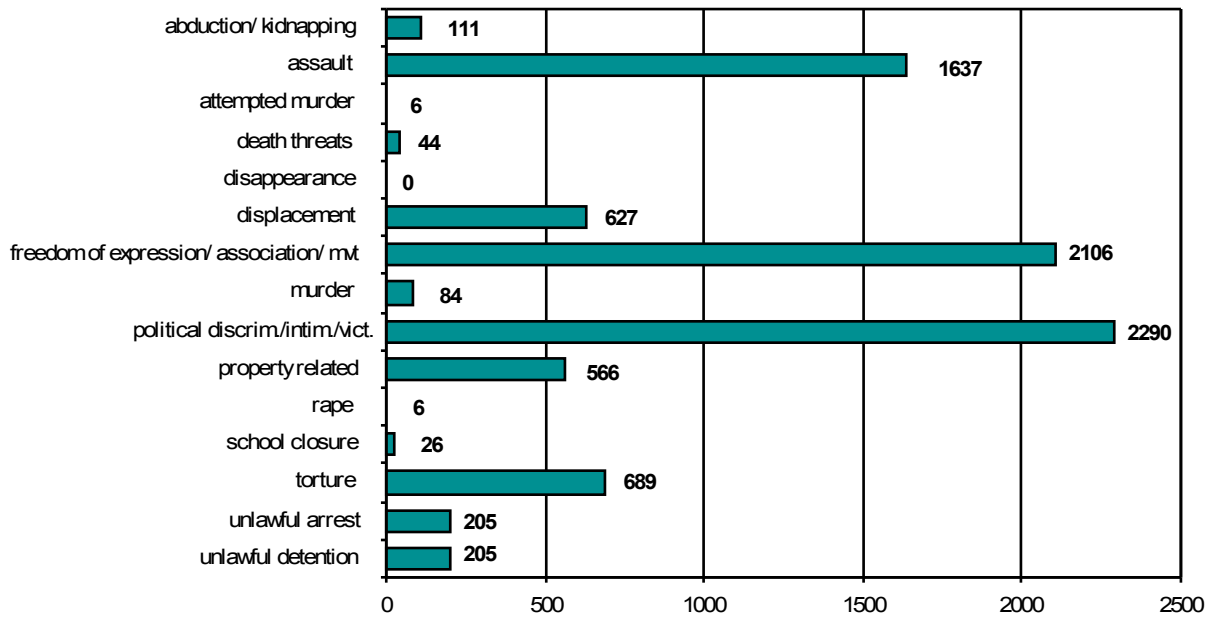
The Forum notes with dismay that since the holding of the elections, there have been no official policies to deal with the scourge of violence surrounding the two elections in March and in June. There are still scores of people who are hospitalized, injured, maimed, mourning their relatives, remain disappeared, and live in fear of the unknown and the ZANU PF, police, army and other assailants. The need for the setting up of a new government that will run this country democratically and accountably cannot be overemphasized. There is need for a whole transformation of the justice and security delivery system to ensure justice, peace and security for all Zimbabweans countrywide.

NB: The Forum apologises for the late production of this report, the production of which was slowed down by the meticulous checking required for some of the entries and the late submission of some material by contributors due to their own pressures of work.

Totals: 1 June – 30 June 2008



Cumulative Totals: 1 January –30 June 2008



The graph should be read along with the table depicting the monthly totals of violations for June 2008 on page 73.

Key Abbreviations

AIPPA – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	WOZA – Women of Zimbabwe Arise
CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation	ZANU PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
MDC – Movement for Democratic Change	ZCTU – Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions
MP – Member of Parliament	ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army
NAGG - National Alliance for Good Governance	ZPS – Zimbabwe Prison Service
NCA – National Constitutional Assembly	ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police
OVT – Organised Violence and Torture	ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association
POSA – Public Order and Security Act	ZIMTA – Zimbabwe Teachers Association
PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe	ZUPCO – Zimbabwe United Passenger Company
UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe	ZINASU – Zimbabwe National Students Union

Sources: The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Public Interest Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, its members and statements taken by a network of human rights activists and newspaper reports,

Notes to the tables:

Torture:

All cases of torture fall under the definition of torture according to the general definition given in the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment.

The four elements of torture are:

- 1 **Severe** pain and suffering, whether physical or mental
- 2 **Intentionally** inflicted
- 3 With a **purpose**
- 4 By a state official or another individual acting with the **acquiescence of the state**.

Those individuals referred to in point # 4 as state officials include the ZRP, ZNA,

Unlawful arrest and detention:

Arrest by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) with no reasonable suspicion that an offence has been committed. Detention thereafter for a period exceeding 48 hours without access to redress through the courts or subsequent release without charge.

Abduction/kidnapping:

A kidnapping by a member(s) of an organised group that is not the ZRP, ZNLWVA, ZNA, ZPS and the ZNLWVA (as a reserve force of the ZNA).

Disappearance:

Kidnapped persons whose whereabouts remained unknown at the time of reporting.

Property related

These are incidents in which property rights have been violated including arson, property damage and destruction and theft.

Cases of Political Violence

Note: The identities of victims whose names have not been published in the press and are not public officials are protected. This is done in order to protect the victim from further violence, intimidation and possible recriminatory attacks.

The purpose of this report is to record the nature of the politically motivated violence and intimidation that continues to prevail in the country. The Monthly Political Violence Reports are primarily based on victims' accounts, accompanied by medical evidence where possible, obtained from member organisations of the Forum and other partner organisations. Use is also made of press reports.

The Report cannot be considered as the exhaustive record of all incidents of politically motivated violence in Zimbabwe in the period under review. Nevertheless, every incident reported to the Human Rights Forum directly or through its members is meticulously documented and included in the reports. Care is also taken to record the incidents in the language in which they were reported to the Forum.

The situation prevailing in the country is such that it has not been possible to verify all of these accounts. The Human Rights Forum has done what it can to verify the reports, and is satisfied that the vast majority of them are substantially true. It is also not possible to rule out whether a victim's account is exaggerated or contains inaccuracies.

All reports derived from the press are denoted with the symbol Σ .

HARARE **Budiriro**

01 June 2008

The male victim, who is the MDC Chairman, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They assaulted him with a golf putter and wooden planks. He was also stabbed with a screwdriver on the left forearm.

12 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her child were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was asleep when the youths went to her home looking for her husband who they alleged was an MDC supporter. They intended to assault her husband and to force him to denounce the MDC. When they failed to find him they turned to assault her. They slapped, kicked and assaulted her with iron rods and sticks while she was carrying her baby. When the baby started crying they grabbed him and threw him to the ground. They then pushed her to the ground and one man stepped on her head while others were holding her hands. They started assaulting her on the buttocks and this lasted for about 30 minutes.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at around 23:00hrs asking for MDC t-shirts. The perpetrators instructed him not to vote for the MDC in the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run-off elections. He was assaulted with logs on the buttocks and thighs for about 10 minutes.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter and assaulted him with baton sticks and planks for about 10 minutes. He managed to escape and slept in the bush, as he feared for his safety.

25 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by known ZANU PF youths. They went to her home at around midnight because they suspected that she was an MDC supporter. They called everyone out to march before destroying the doors to her home. The perpetrators assaulted her with baton sticks all over her body.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. He was coming from a bar when about 16 ZANU PF youths wearing party t-shirts jumped out of a truck. One of them first struck him with a golf club and they assaulted him while he was pressed against a car with planks and one of them also pierced him with a screwdriver on his arm. He lost consciousness and the perpetrators fled.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his friend were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were at a car park when he saw a truck fully loaded with ZANU PF youths who were brandishing baton sticks and golf clubs. They approached them and started assaulting them all over their bodies. Some of the perpetrators wanted to take them to Mutoko but the driver refused because his car was full. The youths proceeded to indiscriminately assault other people who were at the car park because ZANU PF had lost the seat in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They fled from the scene when it was thought they had killed one of the victims.

26 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who accused him of denouncing their party. They stole his cell phone, cash and forced him to buy them beer. They poured the beer on him and stamped on his head. He was rescued by the bar patrons and managed to escape.

Chitungwiza South

08 June 2008

The male victim, whose father is the MDC Ward Councilor, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way home when the youths confronted him and assaulted him using a golf club and baton sticks. He was accused of firing tear gas canisters.

09 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to a funeral when he met a group of ZANU PF youths who asked him to recite ZANU PF slogans. He failed to comply and they concluded that he was an MDC supporter. They asked him to lie down and some of the perpetrators assaulted him with sticks on the back and buttocks while others stamped on his chest and back. They also burnt his fingers. He sustained bleeding in the hands and buttocks

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths in retribution for allegedly supporting the MDC. He sustained injuries on his hand and eyes

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was coming from his home when he met a group of ZANU-PF youths who asked him to recite the ZANU-PF slogan. When he failed, they force-marched him to their base where they assaulted him on the back, on the right hip, and also on the right shoulder using metal rods.

16 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were asleep when the youths arrived at their home asking for her husband who they alleged was an MDC supporter. The perpetrators then removed a light bulb, which was outside. When her husband went out, a part of the group approached him and asked for cigarettes while the rest of them waited outside. They then demanded that he lie on the ground and started hitting him. She started screaming and four men turned to assault her on her back using whips. They asked her to recite ZANU PF slogans. She eventually fled from the home.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by about 30 suspected ZANU PF youths who went to his home looking for him. The youths alleged that he was an MDC supporter and was therefore one of the people responsible for ZANU PF's loss in the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections. When he went out he saw a bigger crowd waiting for him outside. He went back indoors and escaped through the window. He was hit with a stone on the head.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths and war veterans assaulted him. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter since he had been an elections observer during the March 29 2008 harmonised elections. They went to his home and asked him to remove his property and leave the area. He was told that all MDC supporters were no longer welcome in the area. The perpetrators kicked and punched the victim with clenched fists. They also assaulted him with hosepipes and logs.

16 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who he met on his way from the market. They alleged that he was a sell-out because he supported a party which was funded by white people. The perpetrators stole his wallet and money.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him at his home because they suspected that he was an MDC supporter.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was approached by ZANU PF youths asking for some money. He did not have any money on him so he did not give them anything. That night they broke into his home, forced him to the ground and took turns to assault him with whips, broken chairs and sticks all over his body until he lost consciousness. The assailants ransacked his home and stole some money and a cell phone.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They broke into his home and asked him to surrender his MDC t-shirts. He was ordered to lie down when he failed to produce the t-shirts. Four of the assailants proceeded to assault him on the back and buttocks using cables and whips. He suffered bleeding in the buttocks as a result of the assault.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and he lost his property to ZANU PF youths. He had been forewarned of the imminent attack by the youths and he decided to move his belongings to a relative's home. On his way, he met a group of masked ZANU PF youths who were actually waiting for him at a corner. They caught him and took his bicycles and the belongings that he was carrying. He tried to escape but they caught him and again assaulted him with rubber rods.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his brother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths who accused them of participating in the violence against ZANU PF youths. The perpetrators argued that since the victims did not have ZANU PF t-shirts, they were from the opposition. The victims were dragged to their home where they were interrogated and assaulted. He was forced to the ground and was assaulted with sticks, batons and kicked all over the body. He was then told to list 10 MDC supporters but he told them that he was not involved in politics.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home at around 18:00hrs and asked him to recite the ZANU PF slogan. The victim complied but they took him to their base where they assaulted him with logs. He was then taken to Kaola and they continued to assault him until his left leg was broken. They stole the victim's money and documents and forced him to sleep in the cold room. The perpetrators later collected him and dumped him in Ruwa. He was admitted to Chitungwiza Hospital.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by about 15 ZANU PF youths. The masked youths broke into his home at night looking for MDC t-shirts. They alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the March 29 2008 harmonised elections. The perpetrators then forced him out of the home and assaulted him with whips and batons all over the body.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after they broke into his home. His neighbour who was assaulted by the same youths had informed them that the victim was an MDC supporter. The assailants accused him of selling the country because he supported the MDC. They also assaulted him in retribution for choosing not to attend ZANU PF rallies.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because his landlord is an MDC supporter. They went to his home looking for the landlord and the MDC t-shirts, of which they believed he was in possession. They failed to find him and turned to assault the victim with batons, whips and sharp objects.

22 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths using baton sticks. They instructed him to vote for ZANU PF in the 27 June 2008 Presidential run-off.

22 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They broke into her home at around 01:00hrs while she was asleep. They took her husband outside and assaulted him severely before turning to her. She was assaulted on the back, head and all over the body.

22 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into their home and asked her why she had renounced her ZANU PF membership. She replied that the economic hardships had forced her to change her party affiliation. The perpetrators then punched her with clenched fists and hit her all over the body with baton sticks.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at home when seven masked youths who were chanting ZANU-PF slogans forced him out of the home. They threw him to the ground and started beating him with whips and sticks all over the body. They alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that, he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at night alleging that he was a puppet for the MDC and Britain and told him to vote for ZANU PF in the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run-off. They took his MDC t-shirt and shoes before assaulting him all over the body.

22 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because she had refused to attend a ZANU PF meeting. She was asleep when about ten masked youths broke into her home. They forced her to the ground started assaulting her with sticks, whips and wires. The assault lasted for about thirty minutes.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths went to his home and started assaulting him with baton sticks. The youths were moving around the area and assaulting all known and suspected MDC supporters.

23 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They broke into his home at night and dragged him and his wife outside. There were about 15 of them and they took turns to assault them with rubber rods. The victim was slapped several time across the face and kicked with booted feet. He eventually lost consciousness and the perpetrators fled. He sought refuge at his brother's home who the youths had also earlier assaulted.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home and forced him to accompany them to Jorhan School. They proceeded to assault him as they alleged that he was an MDC agent. They struck him on his private parts, his back and under the feet.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into his home at night, forced him to the ground and assaulted him. They took him to his neighbour's home so that he could confirm that his neighbour was a fellow MDC supporter. He managed to escape when they turned their attention to his neighbour.

23 June 2008

The female victim, who is an MDC supporter reports that she and her children were assaulted and she was sexually harassed by ZANU PF youths. She was at home when about 10 ZANU PF youths wearing masks threw a stone at her roof before breaking into her home. They took her children outside and assaulted them using batons. They then slapped her across the face and assaulted her with the same batons. Thereafter, they took her outside the yard where there was a burst sewer pipe. They told her to get into the sewage and assaulted her all over her body. The perpetrators then asked her son to join her so that they could have sexual intercourse together but she refused. They further assaulted her before they fled.

23 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her sister were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were asleep when about 10 ZANU PF youths broke into their room. They alleged that they were MDC supporters and assaulted them while at the same time telling them that the country was not for sale. They punched them with clenched fists and assaulted them with batons and wires. The perpetrators then led them out of the home and forced them to undress. They were further assaulted in the back and buttocks. The perpetrators then proceeded to their neighbours' home and also assaulted them.

23 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because her son was an MDC activist. They told her that her son was misguided because she had failed to educate him. They assaulted her all over the body with sticks.

*The Zimbabwean
23 June 2008*

Σ. Four victims of the brutal campaign were found, brutally murdered after being abducted by gun-toting security agents. The four, Yuana Jenti, Archfrd Chiiyo, Ngoni Knight and another who has only been identified as Tyson- all of them known MDC activists were found dead in the early hours of last Thursday morning with grisly body injuries revealing that they were viciously tortured until they died.

24 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when they broke into his home. They forced him out of the home and assaulted him with sticks, whips, and wires and punched him with clenched fists. They told him to stand in water basin, which was outside and started assaulting him while he was in there. They told him that they would repeat the attack if he continued campaigning for the MDC. The perpetrators then tried to force him into a sewer but he managed to escape.

24 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They falsely accused him of tearing down ZANU PF posters. They took him to their base where they assaulted him with logs, wires and stones. They also burned his back. They then put him into a car, drove him around and dumped him in the city centre at around 23:00hrs.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was at a bar with his friends when ZANU PF youths approached him and asked him why he supported the MDC. Before he could reply, they slapped him across the face and told him that he was spending money shamefully gained from the sale of his country. They told him to renounce his MDC membership and to vote for Robert Mugabe in the 27 June Presidential Run-off.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured by ZANU PF youths who were in the company of a police officer. They forced him and his friends to accompany them to their base and threatened to kill them if they dared try to escape. At the base they were interrogated concerning MDC plans and activities. Because they could not tell them much, they were assaulted with iron bars, batons, sticks and broken asbestos. They also burnt their bodies. The assaults were carried out for the whole night.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone to Chitungwiza Magistrates Court to attend to a case involving MDC activists. The court had adjourned and he was waiting outside when he saw seven people disembarking from a car. They pulled him into the car, handcuffed and blindfolded him before driving away. They took him to a place unknown to him and started interrogating him. They wanted information on the MDC activists who were in possession of firearms. He was interrogated by about 13 people and assaulted all over the body. They took him to another place and offered him painkillers, which he refused to take. They later released him after he had informed them that many people had witnessed his abduction.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was having drinks with his friends who are MDC supporters at a club when a group of ZANU-PF youths approached them, got hold of them and took them to their home. They started beating him all over the body with hot metal rods. They assaulted him because of his association with MDC supporters.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at his home when they approached him and asked him why he supported the MDC, a white backed party. The victim tried to explain his reasons but they called him a traitor and proceeded to assault him with sticks all over the body.

28 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They went to his home and called out for him. When he came out he was told to lie on the ground and they took turns to assault him all over the body and under the feet. They assaulted him with baton sticks and whips while one of them was pointing a gun at him. They left only to return after a short while demanding his MDC t-shirt, which he surrendered.

Dzivarasekwa

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. He was summoned to a meeting where a list of MDC supporters was called out. They asked them to explain why ZANU PF had lost in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. The people whose names were not called out from the list were told to sing so as to drown the cries of the "traitors". The victim was forced to lie on the ground and was kicked in the face every time he tried to lift his head. The perpetrators assaulted him in the back and under the feet with thick sticks. He could neither stand nor walk after the assault and his children assisted him to get home.

11 June 2008

The male victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because they suspected that he was an MDC supporter

13 June 2008

The female victim reports that ZANU PF youths went to her home and assaulted her and her husband. The perpetrators alleged that they were both MDC supporters. They took some money from the home before they fled.

22 June 2008

The female victim who is an MDC activist, reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while she was two months pregnant. Ten youths kicked her in the abdomen and when she fell down they continued to kick and assault her with a stick all over the body. She suffered a miscarriage as a result.

Epworth

08 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his daughter were assaulted and his property was burnt down by ZANU PF youths. They were asleep when a group of ZANU PF youths went to his home looking for his daughter. They caught her, took her to him and asked him whether he knew that she was an MDC activist. The two were told to join other MDC supporters who had already been gathered. They were instructed to move in a straight line as they walked to the youths' base. When they got there the victim was assaulted with sticks on his buttocks and under the feet. He lost consciousness more than three times and on each occasion; he was resuscitated before the assaults continued. They were eventually released but when he got home he found that his property had been burnt. A week later they returned to his home again looking for his daughter but on this occasion she was not there. They then slapped him across the face and assaulted him with sticks before destroying the kitchen, which they had left the first time they came.

09 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. They approached his home at around 23:00hrs, smashed the windows and damaged the brick wall. They entered the home and burnt everything. He was taken to their base where he was assaulted using iron bars and wooden logs. He was assaulted for about six hours and they also poured cold water all over his body. They assaulted him on his head, arms, back and buttocks because he was an MDC supporter and he held political meetings at his home.

10 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted, his home was burned down and his property was looted by ZANU PF youths. A group of youths went to his home and dragged him to his backyard where they assaulted him. They stopped assaulting him when they thought he was dead. They proceeded to set his home on fire and took his property. He went to seek help at the police station but they refused to help him. He decided to seek refuge in Harare.

10 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The youths were moving around the area assaulting people they suspected to be MDC supporters. About 30 of them went to his home and forced him to accompany them to their base. When they got there, three youths took turns to assault him until he was numb with pain. He was ordered to attend daily meetings where they were forced to denounce the MDC. On 15 June 2008 they returned to destroy his home. They destroyed it to the ground level and left. He secretly fled to his sister's home, as they were not allowed to leave the area.

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that his wife and son were assaulted by ZANU PF youths for wearing MDC t-shirts.

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone to see the remains of the home that they had previously burned down when they confronted him. They took him to their base and assaulted him on the buttocks, chest and left leg. He was detained in a pit for two days. He was taken to Harare Central Police Station by suspected CIO agents. They released him after an "ID parade".

15 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was in a kombi, which was hijacked by the youths. She and the other occupants of the kombi were taken to a bush and assaulted

with logs and baton sticks. The youths also poured cold water on her and told her that the assault served as a reminder that ZANU PF was still in power.

15 June 2004

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths and police officers assaulted him and his wife. The youths were after his friend who was on his way to the victim's home. The friend managed to evade them. They then went back and took him together with his wife to their base accusing them of alarming their target. They were instructed to lie in a supine position at the Harare Show Grounds open space. Some police officers assaulted them on their heads with baton sticks. They were asked to recite the ZANU PF slogan and when they failed the perpetrators concluded that they were not attending ZANU PF meetings. They were further assaulted and instructed to jump like frogs. They were released after being given ZANU PF magazines.

15 June 2004

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. They also looted some of her property including a cell phone. The victim was struck with iron bars and she sustained fractures on her arm and skull.

15 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who approached his home at night and assaulted him. They then asked him to go around the area showing them other MDC members.

16 June 2008

The victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The group approached him and accused him of boycotting their meetings and also associating with MDC supporters. They took him close to their base at Chizungu shops where they assaulted him using iron bars. They told him to renounce his MDC membership and join their campaign for the President.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home, started destroying it. They jeered at him and told him to seek shelter with the MDC President. He was assaulted with a small axe on right arm and struck on the back and buttocks with iron bars and sticks. The group dispersed after the attack.

17 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was four months pregnant at the time. The youths went to her home looking for her husband, an MDC activist, who at the time

was in Mozambique. They assaulted her with open hands and fists. They also stamped on her body several times.

17 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into her home at around midnight while she was asleep. They assaulted her with batons sticks and ropes. They assaulted her because she had failed to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

17 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC activist reports that he was assaulted and his home was damaged by ZANU PF youths. He was taking his sister to school when he discovered that a group of ZANU-PF supporters had surrounded his home. Their leader gave them an instruction to attack and they started to break down the home. He was forced to watch and they jeered at him and told him that the white people would come and build another home for him since he served them so remarkably. They turned to assault him with logs, metal rods and wires all over his body. They left him when he had lost consciousness.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was destroyed by about 20 ZANU PF youths at around midnight. He was assaulted with whips, iron bars and wooden sticks in retribution for supporting the MDC. They also razed his home to the ground.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF supporters for a reason unknown to him assaulted him. He suffered severe injuries on the head, right arm and left leg.

18 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her property was burned down by ZANU PF youths. She was asleep when they broke into her home and started assaulting her with logs. They then burnt all her belongings which they alleged had been bought with MDC "dirty" money

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who approached him at around 20:00hrs demanding his MDC cards and T-shirts. They beat him with picks all over his body. They also forced him to the ground and kicked him all over his body.

20 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Eight youths wearing ZANU PF head regalia forced the driver of the kombi she had boarded to change his route and proceed to Epworth. When they got there, she was assaulted with baton sticks and booted feet. The perpetrators told them that all the people in Harare deserved to be assaulted because they supported the MDC. She was detained overnight and released at 06:00hrs the following morning.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They went to his home and assaulted him and he sustained injuries all over his body.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected MDC youths. They were brandishing sticks when they asked him to recite a party slogan. The victim recited the ZANU PF slogan. They told him that he was one of the people they were looking for. They started assaulting him with an iron bar and axes. He fell into a pit and they assaulted him on his head with sticks while he was in there. He sustained cuts on his hands and legs.

The Zimbabwe Situation

28 June 2008

Σ. In the days before the vote ZANU PF supporters rounded up and beat scores of people in the suburbs of Epworth and Chitungwiza on the outskirts of Harare. Many people sustained serious injuries, including multiple fractures, and were hospitalised at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare. In one incident, three people told Human Rights Watch that ZANU PF supporters forced them to attend a rally in Epworth at which former Minister of Mines Amos Midzi spoke. He told people that they would be beaten because they supported the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC); then ZANU PF supporters beat them with baton sticks. After the beatings the people were told that if they valued their lives they would vote for Robert Mugabe. The ZANU PF supporters also told the people that they would go door to door after the vote checking people's fingers for the ink. ZANU PF had dubbed this new campaign of violence and intimidation "Operation Where Is The Ink?" or "Operation Red Finger".

Glen Norah

26 June 2008

The female victim who is an MDC supporter reports about 20 ZANU PF youths went to her home, forcefully took her food reserves and assaulted her. The perpetrators forced her to lie down and started assaulting her with sticks. Her husband then arrived and scared them away with a hunting gun. They left with 50 kg of maize, four chickens and kitchen plates.

Harare Central

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that an army officer assaulted him. The officer had earlier picked a quarrel with his young brother. He then went to the victim's work place with false allegations that he had insulted the President and members of the security forces. He was punched with clenched fists, kicked all over the body and hit with a bottle. He was taken to Harare Central Police Station but he was released without charge.

The Zimbabwe Situation

08 June 2008

Σ. Robert Mugabe is accused of extending his efforts to retain power forcibly by targetting women . His militias have allegedly raped, beaten and made homeless three MDC supportes in Harare. Of the three raped women one is too broken by her experience to talk. Her two fellow victims, Liza Mwarambwa and Yvonne Cchipwera are eager to tell their story. " They came to my home on 08 June 2008, alleging that I was an MDC supporter. I was wearing my party t-shirt and about to go to a rally. They burned down my hous and took all my things. I ran away and hid but the next day they came back to rape me. They kicked my breasts which are now swollen. They took me to a graveyard and raped me again. When I was trying to stop them they took a hot wire and burned my hand. They took my ID card and all my money".

"They took me to their base", says Yvonne. " One guy raped me on the way. The poured cold water on me all night and I was freezing. They beat me over and over again with rods. They beat my genitals, legs, back, buttocks and head. They called me names. They said I was a dog because I supported Tsvangirai. When I got back home I discovered that they had taken everything from my home and they had destroyed it right down to the ground".

The Zimbabwe Situation

10 June 2008

Σ. In Harare, police on Monday raided the offices of the Ecumenical Support Services, a Christian welfare organization, and the Christian Alliance, a body pressing for political reform. "They claimed they were chasing criminals who had run into the building", said CA Coordinator Useni Sibanda. "Then they arrested 15 of our people". Among those arrested was outspoken critic and commentator, Pius Wakatama. " As of now they are still detained at Harare Central Police Station and there are no charges", Sibanda said.

11 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They forced her out of her home and dragged her to the Joshua Nkomo ZANU PF base. The youths used baton sticks and logs to assault her in the thighs, buttocks and arms. At around 04:00hrs they carried her and dumped her at her work place in Mbare. She sustained soft tissue injuries in the pelvic region

12 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by MDC youths. They assaulted him with an axe on the head and metal rods on the forearms in retribution for supporting ZANU PF. He was also struck on the left foot and ankles.

12 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his three children were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were in the Harare city centre when the youths approached them and accused them of being sellouts. They were assaulted with big sticks all over their bodies.

14 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths assaulted him because they suspected that he was an MDC supporter. He was on his way to a funeral when they waylaid him and forced him to accompany them to their offices. When they got there, they started assaulting him with logs and baton sticks under the feet and on his back and buttocks.

18 June 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when a group of youths went to his home. They assaulted him using logs and iron bars until he lost consciousness. He woke up to find himself in hospital.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to work when ZANU-PF youths stopped him and asked him why he was not going with them to their rally. He was taken to the ZANU-PF headquarters and beaten on the back with wooden logs. They also poured cold water all over his body.

19 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was beaten with cables and hosepipes on the back, arms and buttocks in retribution for supporting the MDC. The youths took the victim's identity card and tore it into two pieces. They released her after being satisfied that they had inflicted enough pain.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was stolen by ZANU PF youths. 10

ZANU PF youths pulled him out of a business meeting and took him to a ZANU PF base. When they got there, they punched him with clenched fists, kicked him all over the body and hit him with sticks under the feet, on the head and chest. The perpetrators also took from him US\$2000, 2 mobile phones, an identity card and 4 trillion Zimbabwe dollars. The youths then detained him for about five hours and afterwards went and made a false report to the police. He was arrested on the grounds that he had torn ZANU PF campaign posters.

21 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They ordered him to recite the ZANU PF slogan and when he failed to do so they told him that it served as evidence of his affiliation with the opposition. They dragged him to Montagu shops and assaulted him all over the body.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that suspected CIO agents assaulted him. He was at the Harare Show grounds for an MDC rally when he and other attendants were assaulted. They stamped on him with their booted feet and slapped him across the face. He managed to escape.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone to the Show Grounds to attend an MDC rally. He was assaulted with thick sticks. He managed to escape but his National ID card was taken.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone to the Harare Show Grounds to attend an MDC rally. On arrival he found a crowd whom he mistakenly believed were fellow MDC supporters. They were asked to recite the MDC slogan by the youths. When they did, the youths then identified themselves as ZANU PF supporters. They proceeded to assault them with baton sticks for about thirty minutes.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his friend were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were on their way to attend an MDC rally at the Harare Show grounds when the youths confronted them. They were asked to repeat the MDC slogan and when they did, they were directed towards the grounds. They were told to register their names. By the time they realised what was happening at the grounds they were surrounded by more ZANU PF supporters who asked them to take off their shoes. They were assaulted with logs and electric cables under the feet. The youths stopped assaulting them when they turned their attention to those who were arriving.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at the Net-one building when he heard a gun shot. He tried to run away but was caught by a group of ZANU PF youths who were armed with thick sticks. They forced him to accompany them alleging that he was on his way to an MDC rally. He was told to lie on the ground and they assaulted him on his back and buttocks using iron rods and thick sticks. At the same time, he was being told to eat his shirt. He was assaulted for about four hours before being released. He tried to run but he fell to the ground and lost consciousness. He was thrown over the wall into the ZUPCO garages. He recovered to find himself at Parirenyatwa hospital.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths confronted him and alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They assaulted him before taking his money and cell phone.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who had gone on a rampage in the city centre indiscriminately assaulting anyone that they came across. They caught up with him and assaulted him all over his body with thick sticks. The perpetrators also stole his cell phone.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on the buttocks using wooden poles in retribution for supporting the MDC.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and CIO agents stole his property. He was in the city centre holding *The Sunday Mail* newspaper while reading *The Standard* newspaper. He noticed two people wearing ZANU PF t-shirts following him. When they caught up with him, one of them identified himself as a CIO agent. They force-marched him to the Show Grounds on the open space opposite the Sheraton hotel. There was a group of ZANU PF youths there who were assaulting people and forcing them to repeat derogatory remarks about the MDC. He was ordered to lie down and beaten with sticks and metal bars. They took his ID and wallet with 100 billion Zimbabwe dollars, 300 Rands as well as his mobile phone. He eventually managed to escape and ran towards the Kopje. On the way, he met soldiers who harassed him and forced him to give them 150 Rands which he had hidden in an inner pocket. When they left him he decided to take a taxi home.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property stolen by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to an MDC rally when they stopped him and instructed him to recite their slogan. He refused to comply and this angered the youths who started assaulting him. He managed to release himself from the grip of one of the perpetrators and fled. The youths started throwing stones at him and he sustained an injury to the back of his head. They took his cell phone, shirt and \$ 20 billion Zimbabwe dollars.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by police officers. He was at the Harare Show grounds when they approached him and instructed him to recite the ZANU PF slogan. He failed to do so and was assaulted on the head with baton sticks. He was given ZANU PF magazines and then told to jump like a frog for about three hours.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to an MDC rally when they waylaid him and forced him to accompany them to their base. There, he was assaulted with logs. They also took his passport and R50. They stopped assaulting him when a female victim whom they had also assaulted lost consciousness.

25 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was on her way to attend an MDC rally when she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They asked her where she was going and when she told them they proceeded to assault her. She was forced to walk back into town instead of attending the rally.

Harare North

07 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF supporters assaulted him. They first assaulted his neighbour before confronting him at his home. They were both assaulted because ZANU PF lost the seat in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections.

Hatcliffe

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was taking donations of school uniforms for the less fortunate when he met a group of ZANU-PF supporters and their constituency Chairman. He tried to negotiate with the Chairman so that their supporters desist from violent activities. The Chairman however got angry and instructed the youths to assault him. He was tied onto wooden logs with wires and was beaten with wooden logs. He was released when a group of police officers who had been summoned by his son arrived. The assailants threatened that they would repeat the attack before they released him.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. A group of youths were chasing after someone when they caught him instead, hiding behind a wall. He had been frightened by their noises and had decided to hide. They started assaulting him with a log before taking him to their base. When they arrived there, they further assaulted him with logs alleging that he had information on the plans of the MDC.

21 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because they suspected that he was an MDC supporter. They approached his home while he was asleep. He woke up, tried to run but they caught up with him and took him to their base. He was assaulted with sticks under the feet and the palms. They released him at around 16:00hrs.

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who disrupted an MDC rally and forced the people to recite ZANU PF slogans. The victim and other attendants were taken to the base where they were assaulted.

Highfield West

20 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They stabbed him in the arm with a knife.

Kuwadzana

14 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and other MDC activists were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were putting up MDC campaign posters near Kuwadzana when some ZANU PF youths approached them and started beating them. They were taken to Kuwadzana Police and falsely accused of stoning Vice President Joyce Mujuru's motorcade.

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He and his colleagues were putting up MDC posters when they found themselves surrounded by ZANU PF supporters. They were taken to Kuwadzana 2 Community Hall where the ZANU PF base is stationed. They were beaten with steel bars, baton sticks, hand and booted feet. The client had 40 billion Zimbabwe dollars and his ID card taken away from him. He was taken to Kuwadzana Police Station but he was released without charge.

24 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home and asked him which party he had voted for. He refused to tell them and they proceeded to assault him on the buttocks with batons.

Mabvuku Tafara

17 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was forced to flee from his home after receiving death threats from ZANU PF youths.

Mbare

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he had failed to turn up when he was summoned to a meeting. They punched him with clenched fists and assaulted him all over the body with wooden poles and army belts.

02 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted him with rocks and metal rods. He sustained multiple soft tissue injuries and some lacerations, as well as a fracture to his thighbone.

03 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was working at Mbare Musika market when about 20 ZANU PF youths confronted her with an allegation that she had been wearing an MDC- shirt a few days before the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They told her that she was not welcome as the rank belonged to the ZANU PF party. They punched her with clenched fists and hit her with baton sticks. They took her to their office and further assaulted her. She reported the matter to ZRP Mbare Post but they refused to help her.

03 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. About 24 ZANU PF supporters approached him and accused him of having campaigned for the MDC in the run up to the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They took him to ZANU PF offices in Mbare and some of the perpetrators assaulted him with baton sticks while others were restraining him. He was released when a ZANU PF Mbare Councillor arrived and stopped them.

03 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. It was around 16:00hrs when he and other MDC supporters were rounded up by the youths who were chanting ZANU PF slogans. He was taken to Mbare 3 district where he was assaulted with whips all over his body. He was detained for about three hours before being released.

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was working at his flea market at Mupedzanhamo in Mbare when they approached him alleging that he was an MDC supporter. They told him that the market belonged to ZANU PF members. He was assaulted by more than 12 youths. He was taken to the ZANU PF party offices in Mbare where there were constituency leaders. They assaulted him with iron bars, electric wires, baton sticks and slapped him with bare hands. He sustained injuries on the left side of the face, back, buttocks and arms. They threatened to kill him and throw his body into Mukuvisi woodlands. He was eventually released with instructions to report back to them regularly.

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into his home at around midnight. They asked him to surrender his MDC t-shirt and to join the ZANU PF party. They started assaulting him with a stick. He fought back until he overpowered them. He managed to escape and they failed to catch him.

09 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that ZANU PF supporters broke into his home and assaulted him. They told him that he was responsible for the ZANU PF's loss in the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections.

09 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths and police officers who were in civilian clothing assaulted him for three hours with wooden planks in retribution for supporting the MDC.

10 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took him to their office and ordered him to surrender his MDC regalia. When he denied having any, about 20 of them started assaulting him with baton sticks and poles. He sustained injuries on his legs and buttocks. They released him after about two hours.

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because they suspected that he was an MDC supporter. They took him to their base and assaulted him with rubber whips and wires on the buttocks, under the feet and on his arms. They also forced him to drink his own urine.

The Zimbabwe Situation

10 June 2008

Σ. The terror campaign that has seen Mbare experience some horrible incidents of violence is being launched from Home Number 42 in Ardberrnie Road, the home of Edward Chataika, a losing Zanu PF candidate for Mbare in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. Last night, residents were again forced to attend night vigils. Seven youths were abducted from their homes, severely assaulted and released. They are to voluntarily surrender their MDC t-shirts and renounce their MDC membership.

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and sexually abused by ZANU PF youths. They confronted him and assaulted him using hoe handles and sticks because he had ignored the calls to attend a ZANU PF meeting. The youths then allegedly forced him to have unprotected sex with a girl who was in their company.

11 June 2008

The male victim who campaigned for the MDC for the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was abducted from his home at around 22:00 hours and was taken to the ZANU PF base in Mbare. There, he was tied to a bench and assaulted with fists, booted feet and baton sticks. They told him to surrender his MDC regalia and to renounce his MDC membership. They released him at around 03:00 the following morning.

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at the Mbare market place wearing an MDC t-shirt when ZANU PF youths approached him. They took him to their base in Mbare and assaulted him all over the body.

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because they suspected him to be an MDC supporter. The group had become known as "Chipangano" in the area. They forced him to the ground and assaulted him with a whip and a wooden pole on his back.

13 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She had approached them asking for the whereabouts of her 20 year old daughter whom they had abducted. They told her that her daughter, who was an MDC activist, was going through a "re-education" process before assaulting her all over the body.

14 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and was detained by the police. The youths found him at his home and forced him to accompany them to their base. He was assaulted together with five other MDC supporters. Police officers arrived and took them to Mbare Police Station. He was detained for a night before being taken to Harare Central Police Station where he was further detained for two days in a dark cell without food or water. He was ordered to pay a fine before they released him.

14 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Two of them approached him demanding his MDC t- shirt. They assaulted him with rubber whips and kicked him with booted feet on the head and back. He was released after several hours.

15 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for wearing an MDC t-shirt. They took him to their base and assaulted him with sticks for about two hours.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was taken from Mbare bus terminus where he works by a group of ZANU-PF youths. They sought to punish him because he had distributed MDC t-shirts and he is an MDC supporter. They took him to a ZANU-PF office just outside the terminus where he was beaten with baton sticks and wooden sticks on the back, buttocks and under the feet. He was also hit on the left forearm and on the right shoulder as he tried to block the blows.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at his workshop when the group approached him and threatened to kill him because he was an MDC activist. He tried to escape but one of them threw a stone at him and it hit him on his leg. He stopped and started to throw the stones back at them and the perpetrators ran away. He sustained injuries on his leg.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by about 15 ZANU PF youths because he was a polling agent for the MDC during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was assaulted all over the body with whips and baton sticks. They took him to their base and assaulted him for about an hour. They cut off his locks and released after one of them had pleaded on his behalf.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home and forced him to accompany them to their base because they believed that he had information on the campaign strategies for the MDC. When they got there, they asked him to lie on a bench while they poured water on his back. He was then assaulted with whips and wooden sticks on the buttocks. He was detained, interrogated and assaulted for the whole night. He sustained extensive injury to the buttocks.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at night and asked for his mother who was a member of the MDC women campaign team in Mbare. He told them that she was not at home and they rummaged the home before taking him to Mbare flats. They poured water on him and forced him to roll in the puddle. They removed his trousers and assaulted him with sticks on the buttocks.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his colleague were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They were putting up posters for the MDC presidential candidate at around 14:00hrs when the youths confronted and assaulted them. During the clash he was hit with a bottle on left side of his head. He managed to escape.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that on the day in question he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He woke up to the noise of the youths singing outside his home. They demanded that he come out and tried breaking into the home. They started throwing stones at him and he retaliated. He eventually escaped when he realized that he was heavily outnumbered and reported the incident at Matapi Police Station.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was stolen by ZANU PF youths. He was walking home with his colleagues when the youths ambushed them and asked them where they were coming from. They refused to believe that they were coming from work at such a late hour so they started assaulting them. They were dragged to a bush where they were further assaulted with sticks and kicked with booted feet. He lost consciousness in the middle of the assault and woke up to find that they had stolen his cell phone, money and shoes.

21 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his money was stolen by ZANU PF youths. He was approached by seven youths while on his way from work. They asked him to recite the ZANU PF slogan and he failed. This angered the youths and they proceeded to assault him and falsely accused him of petrol-bombing a building in Mbare. They took him to their base at Stordart where he was further assaulted. They also took ZW\$47 billion from him before releasing him.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was stolen by ZANU PF youths. Six youths went to his home asking for MDC records. When they could not find the books one of them pushed him against a bar on the wall and kicked him in the back. They took his cell phone and car radio before they left.

*The Standard
28 June 2008*

Σ. At least seven journalists were arrested in Harare on Friday as they covered the one-man Presidential election run off. The journalists were being accused of covering the elections without being officially accredited by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC). British freelance photographer Richard Judson and the local reporters Regis Marisamhuka and Arison Manyenge were arrested in Mbare. They were briefly detained at Matapi Police Station before being transferred to Mbare Police Station. Frank Chikowore and Edgar Mwandiambira, both freelance journalists, were arrested at Mhofu Primary School in Highfield. After being arrested, the two were taken to Southerton Police Station and later transferred to Machipisa Police Station. The two were released after voting had ended.

Mufakose

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and other MDC activists were assaulted and unlawfully detained by Police officers. They were putting up MDC posters when 11 officers approached them. They were taken to the police station where they were assaulted. The victim was assaulted with a whip on his back, buttocks and thighs. They were detained overnight. They were ordered to pay fines the following morning before being released.

Southerton

15 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at a bus stop when six youths confronted him and forced him to accompany them to their base. There, he was assaulted with sticks and a pipe all over the body. He was released at around 22:00 hrs

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base at Rugare New Hall and forced him to surrender his MDC t-shirt. They left a threat with his mother that they would set the home on fire if they ever failed to find him. When they got to the base, they asked for information on the activities of the MDC and ordered him to sign a note that confirmed that he was now a ZANU PF supporter. They assaulted him under the feet and poured water on him. He was told that the reason for the assault was that he wore an MDC t-shirt, he voted for Morgan Tsvangirai, he went to the Anglican church and that they had trouble finding him. They instructed him to report to their base on a regular basis.

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by eight ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. They confronted him while he was in a barbershop, dragged him out and assaulted

him with iron bars and sticks all over his body. They stopped assaulting him when two cars, which had come to fetch them, arrived.

Sunningdale

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They had earlier abducted his son who had managed to escape from their base. They summoned him to a meeting where he was forced to dance to ZANU PF songs, and assaulted on the back with a whip. They assaulted him because he was wearing a "Combined Harare Residents Association" (CHRA) t-shirt; an organisation, which they argued, was sympathetic towards the MDC.

19 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her brother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She had earlier on received threats from the youths who told her to renounce her MDC membership. Three men who knocked at the door and pretended to look for someone else approached her at night. The victim and her brother, who eventually helped her to escape, were assaulted as soon as they opened the door. She went to Harare to seek refuge.

21 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home and forced him to accompany them to their base. When they got there they assaulted him in retribution for being an MDC supporter.

Warren Park

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for failing to recite a ZANU PF slogan. He was struck with a bottle on the mouth and head. He lost consciousness and woke up to find himself at Warren Park Police Station with lacerations all over his body.

27 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by about 20 ZANU PF youths. They went to her home and assaulted her in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They demanded that she surrender

her MDC T-shirt and renounce her MDC membership. When she refused to comply, they proceeded to assault her with baton sticks.

Zengeza West

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for failing to recite their party slogan. They pulled him out of his car and called him a “traitor” as they assaulted him.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports he was assaulted, unlawfully arrested and detained by the police. He was involved in a peaceful march together with eleven other MDC members. The Riot Police were called in by some ZANU PF youths. The victims were assaulted, arrested and detained for a day.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was wearing a t-shirt written, “go vote” when he passed by a ZANU PF base. This angered the youths who concluded that the message was meant to encourage MDC supporters to vote. They stopped him and assaulted him with wooden logs and baton sticks. They detained him for about three hours.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his two colleagues were assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. They were riding to church when about 12 youths stopped them and assaulted them because ZANU PF had lost the seat in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections.

24 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They ambushed him and asked him to recite the ZANU PF slogan. Before he could respond, one of the perpetrators told his colleagues that he was an MDC youth and they started assaulting him with their weapons. A woman who was passing by shouted for help and the perpetrators fled. The woman took him to the police where a report was made.

26 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home singing and beating drums. They broke into his home and started looking for the MDC t-shirt they had seen him wear on a number of occasions. When they failed to find it, they decided to take him to their base in Mbare. There, he was assaulted with logs and they poured cold water over his body. He was assaulted for about one and half hours. He was also ordered to perform sexual acts on a log for about 30 minutes.

MANICALAND

Buhera South

12 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he had refused to renounce his MDC membership. The youths had earlier approached him with the suggestion that he join the ZANU PF party instead. The youths were angered by his refusal and they assaulted him all over the body with sticks.

17 June 2008

The male victim, who was an MDC activist, reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They used sticks and metal rods and assaulted him all over his body.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by soldiers and sustained injuries after he had refused to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

Buhera West

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths because he had campaigned for the MDC in the run up to the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He and his family woke up to discover that the home was in flames. They hurried out of the home but their home was burnt to the ground.

Chimanimani East

The Zimbabwe Situation

08 June 2008

Σ. People have fled their homes in Cashel Valley and Mutambara after armed militants and militia attacked their homes. War veterans, soldiers and ZANU PF youths who were camped at Cashel Valley moved from house to house beating up villagers accusing them of not supporting Robert Mugabe's bid to retain the country's presidency. The continuing attacks began on Saturday and on Monday they descended on Mutambara Mission School and hospital where they indiscriminately attacked residents at the mission. One man from Cashel Valley was allegedly shot dead and three were seriously injured and were taken to Mutambara Mission Hospital. "People are sleeping in the mountains", said one victim who fled to Mutare.

Headlands

SW Radio Africa (London)

27 June 2008

Σ. MDC Spokesperson for Manicaland, Pishai Muchauraya said Samson Magumura, the MDC Provincial Youth Organising Secretary, was allegedly killed in the Headlands constituency by ZANU PF thugs. He also alleged that two couples were abducted and murdered, also in Headlands and another MDC couple in Ward Makoni North were killed last Thursday night.

Makoni Central

06 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected CID agents. The three perpetrators took him from Mutoko Centre to Rusape at around 11:00hrs. They wanted information on the whereabouts of his brother who was accused of stealing transformer oil. They drove to a bushy area in Rusape. They took his particulars before shooting him in the leg. The victim was injured and he crawled to a nearby village to look for assistance. He was helped by some villagers and was admitted at Rusape General Hospital.

16 June 2008

The male victim, who was an MDC activist, reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was assaulted all over the head with sticks and punched with clenched fists. They also shot him in the hand.

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he had refused to provide food for them. Two of them approached his home and asked for a goat so that they could feed the "comrades". The victim told him that the goats belonged to his older brother who was in Harare. They proceeded to assault him with sticks and also kicked him in the abdomen with heavy boots

25 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because her son had refused to distribute ZANU PF regalia to the villagers. They called her names, spat on her and assaulted her with sticks all over body.

Makoni South

08 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and raped by army officers because she had failed to attend ZANU PF meetings. The soldiers were moving around the village in the company of ZANU PF youths who were pointing out all known and suspected MDC supporters. Other MDC supporters who had attended the meeting had been assaulted and asked to renounce their MDC membership. She was assaulted with sticks and punched with clenched fists.

Mutare East

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted with sticks by ZANU PF youths. He was walking home when they called him and asked him to recite the ZANU PF slogan. The victim failed to comply because he was an MDC supporter who had never attended a ZANU PF meeting. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body.

Mutare North

08 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They hit him with electric cables all over the body.

Mutare West

08 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU-PF youths because he was an MDC activist. They cut his right ear and shoulder with a knife and the cuts were so deep that he bled profusely.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL

Bindura North

The Bulawayo Agenda Blog

04 June 2008

Σ. Officials of the American Embassy were arrested while on their way to visit victims of political violence in the area.

Bindura South

03 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was raped and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to her home at around 23:00hrs and broke into her daughters' bedroom when she refused to come out. She was forced to reveal herself when they threatened to assault her daughters. They raped her and assaulted her with sticks in the presence of her daughters. She was assaulted for the role of observer she played in the March 29 2008 harmonised elections. She then left for Harare fearing further victimization.

07 June 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. He stayed in the bush for about a month before leaving for Harare.

The Zimbabwean

10 June 2008

Σ. In a move aimed at denying MDC supporters the chance to vote on 27 June 2008, ZANU PF militia youths and police officers were reportedly being ordered to confiscate identification cards of suspected MDC supporters until after elections. In Bindura South a police officer identified as Gonyora is allegedly ransacking the homes of MDC supporters and confiscating their IDs. " He came wit a group of other policemen and they demanded to search my home, " narrated Tatenda Makuwera, a 33- year –old woman whose home was raided. They were shouting obscenites at me, accusing me of being a sell-out". They then demanded to see my ID but instead of giving it back to me , they took it".

11 June 2008

The male victim who is a teacher reports that on the day in question, he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. The group forced him out of class and took him to the chief's residence. They assaulted him for allegedly supporting the MDC.

12 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The perpetrators destroyed his home and set his kitchen on fire. The victim was forced to leave the village and he sought refuge in Harare.

Guruve South

09 June 2008

The male victim reports that on the day in question, he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home and forced him to accompany them to Karai Primary School where they had gathered other MDC supporters. He was accused of keeping a gun and a banned communication radio. He was assaulted on the buttocks. His home was burned down and he lost all his property. He went to Harare to seek refuge.

10 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was raped twice and assaulted by ZANU PF youths for failing to attend ZANU PF meetings. She sustained injuries all over her body.

10 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She had refused to take up the duty of cooking for the veterans and youths who had set up a base in the village because of the rampant abuse of females. She was accused of being an MDC supporter and was forcibly taken from her home to the base where she was severely assaulted before being released

25 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was detained and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. About ten youths went to his home and summoned him to a meeting but he refused to attend. A larger group then went to his home and assaulted him with whips and sticks on his back and buttocks. He managed to escape into the mountains. On his way to Guruve to report the incident to the police he was waylaid by the ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base and assaulted him with sticks under the feet. He was also kicked in the abdomen and punched with clenched fists. They detained him overnight.

Mazowe Central

The Independent

12 June 2008

Σ. According to court records (137-8/05/2008), Zecks Kanhukamwe a member of the Zimbabwe National Army, and Petros Nyaguwa, an officer in the Presidential Guard, were assaulted by 26 MDC activists after they tried to force villagers in Kodzwa Village to attend a ZANU PF rally.

Mazowe South

16 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because the party had lost the constituency seat in the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections. . She and others were coming from a funeral and whilst they were waiting for transport to Harare about 30 ZANU-PF youths approached them and forcibly took them to their base near Glendale. She was assaulted with an axe handle and sticks on the hands and buttocks. They also poured water on her before releasing her.

Muzarabani North

01 June 2008

The female victim, whose husband is the MDC youth organizing secretary for Muzarabani North Constituency, reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. She had fled from home after being warned of an imminent attack. The youths went to her home and started calling for her husband. When they got no response, they proceeded to set her home and property on fire

04 June 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. She and her husband had been staying in the bush after being warned that the ZANU PF youths were perpetrating violence against MDC supporters. They went to Harare to seek refuge.

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. He attended a ZANU PF meeting where he was pointed out as an MDC supporter. He was assaulted with a knobkerrie. He managed to escape but the youths proceeded to his home and set it on fire. He went to Harare to seek refuge.

12 June 2008

The female victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that her home was burnt down by ZANU PF youths. She was seven months pregnant at the time and was forced to live in the bushes.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down, his property was stolen and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. His home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths on 3 May 2008 and they stole his goats and property. He was forced to flee his home and he and went to Harare to seek refuge. He decided to go back to Muzarabani since he had left his wife and children. It was then that he was caught by a group of youths who took him to a ZANU PF meeting and assaulted him in front of a crowd. He was beaten by 10 youths with sticks on the back and buttocks. He sustained injuries and was admitted at St Albert's Hospital.

26 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was living as an internally displaced person.

He stayed in the mountains from 25 May to 05 June 2008. The ZANU PF youths had threatened to kill him and had burned down his home. He eventually went to Harare to seek refuge.

30 June 2008

The female victim is a Grade three student and she reports that she is living as an internally displaced person. Her parents were banished from the village because they were MDC activists. They fled to Harare. She was left with no one to take care of her and was unable to attend classes.

Muzarabani South

15 June 2008

The female victim reports that she is living as an internally displaced person after her home was burnt down by ZANU PF youths. She and her husband were polling agents for the MDC during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They were also threatened with death. They went to Harare to seek refuge.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was summoned to a ZANU PF meeting where he was accused of having uttered derogatory remarks about ZANU PF. He was forced to the ground and was beaten on his buttocks, back and arms.

Mount Darwin Central

20 June 2004

The female victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that she was displaced from her home after it was burned down by ZANU PF youths. She took her baby and sought refuge in Harare.

Mt Darwin North

06 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her brother were forced to flee to Harare after they were threatened by ZANU PF youths. The youths had asked them to renounce their MDC membership or face victimization. The two continued campaigning for the MDC and their friends within the ZANU PF party warned them that they were targeted for an attack.

08 June 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths who went to his home towards the end of April, at night, armed with iron bars, hammers and batons. He managed to escape to the Mozambican Boarder Post. He returned to collect his wife and child and went back to Mozambique. They left their child there and returned to Zimbabwe in June only to find that his home had been burned down. He built a temporary shelter where he and his wife stayed for two weeks until they decided to seek refuge in Harare.

19 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. They went to her home ordering her to leave the village since she supported the MDC. They assaulted her using baton sticks on the back and set her home on fire. She was left with no place to stay and had to resort to the bush for a week. She then went to Chitungwiza to stay with her daughter.

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted, detained and tortured by police officers. He had just dropped off a bus when two uniformed policemen and two plain clothed policemen blindfolded, handcuffed and tied him with leg irons. They shoved him into a car and drove for several hours. When they removed the piece of cloth from his eyes he realised that he was at Cranbourne Barracks in Harare. They started assaulting him with sticks and accused him of possessing a gun. They also wanted information on the MDC plans for the 27 June 2008 Presidential run off. They kept him for three days without food or water. Two people would alternate in beating him up everyday at around midnight for an about an hour. He was also tortured with electricity. They would strip him naked before assaulting him. On the third day they blindfolded him again and dumped him in Chisipite, a suburb in Harare, at around 19:00 hrs. He found his way to Chitungwiza.

Mt Darwin South

30 June 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. This group had assaulted her husband on 26 May 2008 because they suspected that they were MDC supporters. She lost all her property and went to Harare to seek refuge.

Mount Darwin West*02 June 2008*

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. He was summoned to a meeting where he was ordered to denounce the MDC. He was also ordered to report to the base on a regular basis. His home was burned down because he defied the order.

Shamva South*08 June 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. He had been warned that the ZANU PF youths were destroying the homes of known and suspected MDC supporters. They got to his home while he was still packing and preparing to flee. They assaulted him before destroying his property and setting his home on fire. He managed to escape and reported the matter to the police. He then went to Harare to seek refuge

08 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. She was asleep when the youths broke into her home. Her husband, who had been a polling agent for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections, had been forewarned and had run away. She woke up and tied her baby on her back when the youths hit her with their hands and dragged her out of the home on which they sprinkled petrol and set it alight. She lost all her property and was left homeless. She went to Harare to seek refuge.

15 June 2008

The male victim, who is a security officer for the MDC MP for Shamva, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was a polling agent for the MDC during 29 March 2008 harmonised Elections. Four youths went to the Gold Mine compound and asked him to accompany them to their base at Wadzanayi Township. They kicked him all over the body and hit him with logs until he fell to the ground.

15 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was taken from Shamva Mine where he works and was ordered to attend a ZANU-PF meeting. At the meeting he was identified as one of the MDC activists in the area. They tied his hands and feet, forced him to the ground and assaulted him on the buttocks with sticks. He sustained injuries on the back.

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when a group of about eight youths knocked on his door. They were dressed in ZANU PF t-shirts and headgear. They forced him out of the home and shoved him into the boot of their car. They drove him to an unknown place where they took turns to assault him using various weapons. They kept driving him around and continually assaulting him. He was detained up to the 19 June 2008. They dumped him near the town centre complex. They returned to his home on 22 June 2008 and threw him off his bed before taking his money and property.

MASHONALAND EAST

Chikomba East

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee from his home for fear of victimization by the ZANU PF youths. The youths who were in the company of an soldier had set up a base in the village and were targeting and assaulting MDC supporters. He left his homes and stayed in the mountains for several days. A colleague informed him that his cows were slaughtered by the youths.

07 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The owners of the farm for whom he worked for allegedly hired the youths because they did not approve of his political affiliation. They punched him with clenched fists and kicked him all over the body. He lost his job after the incident

11 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took her from Goromonzi Primary School to their leader who is a war veteran. They assaulted her with logs in retribution for supporting the MDC. They also asked for information on the source of the party funds. They later released her so she could attend their meeting which was about to start.

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his colleague were abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They had just finished putting up MDC posters when five men in a truck approached them. They were taken to a secluded area where they were assaulted with sticks and fists.

19 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base at Kamombe village and assaulted him for boycotting party meetings. They asked him lie on his abdomen and assaulted him on the back and buttocks. They released him the following morning at around 06:00hrs.

28 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base and assaulted him in retribution for being an MDC supporter

28 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by war veterans. They used electric cables and assaulted him all over the body

Goromonzi South

18 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The youths went to his homestead alleging that he was one of the people responsible for the MDC's victory in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They locked his wife in the home and dragged him to a nearby bush. They forced him to the ground and took turns to assault him with logs and baton sticks. They left him in the bush and he had to crawl back home.

23 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him with rocks, booted feet and logs as they suspected that he was an MDC supporter.

Goromonzi West

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and other miners were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The group went to the mine alleging that all the miners supported the MDC. They started assaulting them with steel poles. He sustained a fracture on the right arm and his buttocks were swollen as a result of the assault.

Maramba

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They roused him from his sleep asking for his brother who had contested as an MDC councilor in that area. They broke into the home and assaulted him with whips all over his body. They eventually left him so that they could continue the search for his brother

Marondera Central

12 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was coming from work at around 18:30 hrs when he met a group of about 30 ZANU-PF youths at Chikomo Tavern in Yellow City. They asked him to recite the ZANU-PF slogan and he told them that he could not since he had never heard it before. This angered the youths who called him a traitor and assaulted him with sticks all over his body until he lost consciousness.

25 June 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was forced to flee his home after ZANU PF youths went looking for him. He knew that they intended to assault him when he saw the group approaching his home brandishing sticks and metal rods.

Marondera North

06 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for celebrating the MDC victory in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They had seen him celebrating and had targeted him for an attack. They found him at his home and assaulted him all over the body.

Mudzi South

14 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC activist, reports that he was forced to flee his home receiving death threats from ZANU PF youths. They threats continued for several days and he decided to seek refuge in Harare

Mudzi West

12 June 2008

The male victim, who was an MDC polling agent in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections, reports that his family was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Their home was set on fire and they lost all their property. The victim and his mother sustained multiple injuries.

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by army officers and ZANU PF youths. They went to his home and accused him of storing arms. They fired two warning shots and instructed him to lie on the ground. They called him names as they assaulted him with baton sticks on the buttocks. Afterwards, they dragged him to the MDC MP's shop and further assaulted them from there. He was instructed to surrender his MDC t-shirts and membership cards

Murewa Central

11 June 2008

The female victim reports that her husband was allegedly abducted and murdered by ZANU PF youths. Men driving two twin cabs kidnapped her husband on 11 June 2008 while he was on his way to Murewa. It is reported that the youths, on the same day, also abducted three other MDC activists in the area. The first body of one of the activists, was found in Chivake River, murdered. Her husband and the other two victims' bodies were found on 20 June 2008 in Goromonzi. ZANU PF members confronted her at her husband's funeral and she was warned that the ZANU PF youths also wanted to kill her. She fled to Harare

Murewa North

29 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured by ZANU PF youths. He had met the youths during the campaigns for the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They took him to their base where they interrogated him on the MDC plans. He was assaulted with sticks, rubber belts and fan belts all over the body. He was also asked to lie down and was beaten on the back and buttocks. The victim suffered extensive blood clotting as a result. He was also locked in a blair toilet with some irritating gas for about 15 minutes.

Murehwa South

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that he received death threats and was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The perpetrators wanted him to give them the names of all the MDC supporters he had. He refused to comply and they proceeded to assault him all over the body.

17 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by about 30 ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They went to fetch her at her home and took her to the base where she was assaulted with baton sticks and whips. She was detained overnight at the base. Her husband was then summoned so that he could carry her to hospital.

30 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was forced to flee her home when she heard that war veterans and ZANU PF members had targeted her as she was one of the MDC activists. She had to seek refuge in the bush and she stayed there for a week before leaving for Harare. .

Mutoko East

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter and assaulted him all over the body.

27 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and threatened by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him all over the body and told him to leave the village since it was a "no go " area for the MDC supporters.

30 June 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The villagers were forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting. At the meeting, the victim and her husband's name were called out from a list of people who had allegedly voted for the MDC in the 29 March harmonized elections. They were told to lie down and were assaulted with hoe handles. They were eventually released with an instruction not to leave their homes.

Mutoko North*15 June 2008*

The male victim who is a village headman in Ward 2, reports that he was assaulted by MDC youths who accused him of threatening MDC supporters with eviction from the village and also denying them access to food. He was attacked at his home by a group of about 30 MDC youths who assaulted him until he lost consciousness.

28 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by MDC youths. He was accused by the MDC supporters of organising the torture of their colleagues. They alleged that he would masquerade as an MDC supporter then divulge the information about their plans to ZANU PF base commanders. He was attacked by axe wielding MDC youths at his homestead and needed to go to the hospital

29 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by MDC youths who accused him of orchestrating the torture of their colleagues. They alleged that he would masquerade as an MDC supporter then leak information about their plans to ZANU PF base commanders. He was attacked by axe wielding MDC youths at his homestead and had to seek medical attention as a result.

Mutoko South*03 June 2008*

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted her because her husband was an MDC activist.

28 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They forced her to cook and clean for them for the whole day. She was assaulted with sticks on her buttocks when she tried to resist.

30 June 2008

The female victim who is an MDC activist reports that ZANU PF youths and war veterans assaulted her and her tenants. They went to her home and smashed the windows before breaking into her home. They dragged them out of the home and assaulted them with thick sticks all over their bodies.

Uzumba

01 June 2008

The child victim reports that ZANU PF supporters assaulted and forced his parents to leave their home. The 13-year-old child was ill but has no one to look after him.

29 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. They went to her home at around 23:00hrs and ordered her and her husband out after alleging that both of them were MDC members. The victim was pushed to the ground and assaulted with sticks on her back and buttocks. The youths proceeded to burn the family home and the granary. The victims were left homeless and decided to seek refuge in Harare.

Wedza North

17 June 2008

The male victim, who was on the MDC campaign team for Wezda North Constituency, reports that he was abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. They blindfolded him and took him to a place unknown to him. Both arms and legs were tied as he was assaulted with an axe handle and sticks all over the body.

MASHONALAND WEST

Chakari

03 June 2008

The male victim, who is a headman, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was forced to go to their base where he was assaulted because his villagers supported the MDC

10 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths who alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonized elections. They took him from his home at around 20:00hrs to Chakari dam where he was assaulted with sticks. He was detained until around 09:00 hrs the following morning.

21 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. He was assaulted by eight ZANU PF youths who asked him to surrender all his party regalia and membership cards. They punched him with clenched fists, kicked him all over his body and assaulted him with sticks. They set his home on fire as they alleged that it was the place where the MDC campaign material was stored.

Chinhoyi

24 June 2008

The male victim, who was an MDC activist, reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. They broke into his home and punched him with clenched fists, kicked and assaulted him with sticks. They poured water on him before they left. The victim suffered injury to his right eye.

Chegut East

The Zimbabwe Situation

29 June 2008

Σ. A British born farmer who helped to bring the violence in Zimbabwe to international prominence was beaten and abducted along with his in laws. Ben Freeth, who wrote an open letter on political intimidation that was published around the world was seriously assaulted with his in laws, Mike Campbell and his wife Angela at their farm.

Chegut West

01 June 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths broke into his home, stole his money and assaulted him. They alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March harmonised elections.

07 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF supporters. The victim was also told to vote for the ZANU PF candidate in the 27 June 2008 Presidential run off

The Zimbabwe Situation

12 June 2008

Σ. Takalani Matibe, the MP elect for Chegutu West hosted the MDC President, Morgan Tsvangirai, in his home Thursday morning when he stopped over in the Mashonaland West town of Chegutu. Soon after Tsvangirai's visit, which attracted thousands of local MDC supporters to the MP'S home, the police descended on Matibe and arrested him. Moments later local ZANU PF militants arrived on the scene and razed Matibe's home to the ground. They looted some of his property.

Hurungwe Central

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who suspected that he was an MDC supporter. He was summoned to a ZANU PF meeting and when he got there they started pouring cold water all over his body before smearing him with mud. He was then taken to their base where he was assaulted with baton sticks and logs. He managed to escape from base and he went to Harare to seek refuge.

The Herald

24 June 2008

Σ. The herald reports that on 24 June 2008, losing MDC-T House of Assembly candidate for Hurungwe Central Constituency in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections Biggie Hauruvi [48] and six others party activists were arrested in Karoi after they allegedly stormed ZANU PF offices in Chikangwe suburb in Karoi and beat three employees. Police spokesperson Superintendent Andrew Phiri confirmed the arrest.

Kariba

The Herald

16 June 2008

Σ. MDC-T senator-elect for Siyakobvu in Kariba was arrested in connection with violence that left scores of ZANU PF supporters injured. The Herald reports that Police spokesperson Chief Superintendent Oliver Mandipaka confirmed the arrest and recovery of the weapons. Malaba was said to appear in court facing his charges. MDC-T it is reported had been unleashing violence throughout Zimbabwe since the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections.

Magunje

The Zimbabwe Situation

16 June 2008

Σ. Victor Mungazi, the MDC elections secretary for Magunje District in Mashonaland West Province was allegedly brutally murdered by ZANU PF supporters in the early hours of Sunday morning. They took him to their offices at the centre, where they severely attacked him until he lost consciousness. Friends and relatives, who made a follow up on Mungazi, discovered his body lying in a pool of blood ten metres away from the ZANU PF offices at about 04:00hrs that same day. A report was made to the police but no arrests had been made yet.

Norton

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by about 20 ZANU PF youths. They went to his home masquerading as policemen. When he opened the door, they grabbed him and took him to their base in Norton. There, he was punched with clenched fists and kicked with booted feet. They released him when he threatened to throw himself into the fire.

19 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by 10 ZANU PF youths. They broke into his home and forced him to accompany them to the ZANU PF councilor's home. When they got there they assaulted him and told him to surrender all the MDC material in his possession.

20 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when they broke into his home and asked for his brother and all the men that were in the home. One of the perpetrators who entered into the home pulled him outside. He tried to escape but they caught him and assaulted him with sticks all over his body. They only left him after he had feigned unconsciousness.

MASVINGO***Bikita Central****15 June 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They approached his home and alleged that he kept a list of the MDC supporters in the area. He tried to escape but they fired shots at him and he stopped in his tracks. They caught up with him and assaulted him with an electric cable.

Bikita South*13 June 2008*

The male victim, who is a village headman, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They ordered him to convene a meeting of village leaders and ZANU PF youths and asked him why he allowed MDC gatherings in the village. He was assaulted with sticks and knobkerries. Several other people were told to denounce the MDC and surrender their membership cards.

Bikita West*10 June 2008*

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home after being intimidated by an army officer and ZANU PF youths. He was threatened by a soldier who ordered him to surrender his MDC documents. He did not comply and 11 days later a group of ZANU PF youths went to his home, surrounded it and started singing. They also threatened him and he decided to seek refuge in Harare. While in Harare, he was informed that the youths were terrorising and assaulting his children and that his property had been confiscated.

The Zimbabwean*12 June 2008*

Σ. The manager of Bikita Minerals, Nigel Macphail and his girlfriend Susara Van Greunen were severely assaulted by some 60 ZANU PF militia at the mine offices on 12 June 2008. It seemed that there were two reasons why they were assaulted, the first being that they were MDC supporters and the second reason was that Susara took workers who had been assaulted by the same militia the day before to Masvingo hospital, for treatment of the wounds inflicted on them. The owners had also been given ten days to pack up and leave the mine. The Bikita Police allegedly had prior warning of the impending attacks but were ordered not to respond.

15 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after being identified as a ZESN observer. He sustained soft tissue injuries on the buttocks.

Chiredzi North*The Zimbabwean*

16 June 2008

Σ. ZANU PF militia boosted by hundreds of mostly unwilling youths made their way from Zaka communal area to Chiredzi town 200km South of Masvingo on Friday and Saturday. The violence started on Friday night and went on into the next day; youths beat up many people in the flea markets and robbed them of their goods and money, including foreign currency. Three police officers were also badly beaten yesterday and no arrests were made. The Chiredzi Police Station on Sunday was full of bleeding people trying to get the; police to react. The Chiredzi police admitted that they were unable to enforce the laws, because they had been given instructions not to intervene and no to arrest any ZANU PF officials or youths. It is alleged that Ronald Ndava, who is the ZANU PF winning candidate for Chiredzi North and his wife who is a magistrate in Chiredzi were leading and organizing the militia. Reports from the Chiredzi and Save Constituencies are that militia and war veterans were forcing staff to shot meat for them.

Chiredzi South*The Zimbabwe Situation*

10 June 2008

Σ. Violence in the lowveld area, particularly Chiredzi town has intensified as ZANU PF militia terrorise innocent civilians. Dumihangani, a manager at the local Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority, was abducted from his office last Wednesday and has been found dead near Chikombedzi. Farmer and activist Garry Whitehead said the perpetrators are believed to be four CIO agents who took Hapazari from his workplace in broad daylight. It is reported that he was found drowned in one of the rivers in the area.

Chivi North*The Zimbabwean*

02 June 2008

Σ. The drivers who were transporting copies of *The Zimbabwean* newspaper were assaulted and their truck was set on fire. Eight men in plain clothes wearing surgical gloves to hide their fingerprints forced them out of the truck. They stripped one of the drivers, Ramabulana of his shirt and shoes before forcing him to pour petrol over the newspaper cargo. They then fired several rounds into the pile of papers setting it alight. While the truck blazed, the attackers savagely beat the two men with rifle butts. They then dumped them separately in the bush. Hours later the two wounded men met up on the main road and made their way to Mashava where they reported the matter to the police, under crime register No 35/05/20008.

Gutu West

12 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had attended a meeting where he was pointed out as an MDC supporter and a "traitor" He was taken to a nearby bush and assaulted with whips all over the body.

29 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and armed officers in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body.

29 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his mother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths and army officers. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body. His left hand was fractured and he lost his vision in the right eye as a result.

Mwenezi West

17 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him with stones and slapped him because he voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He sustained deep lacerations on the scalp and bruises all over the body. As a result of the attack, he is now blind in both eyes.

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by army soldiers who saw him distributing MDC t-shirts. They took him to their base in Mwenezi and assaulted him with whips and sticks. The victim sustained injuries all over his body.

Zaka Central

04 June 2008

The male victim reports that the MDC Command Centre at Jerera Township was burned down by army officers. They invaded the office at around 04:00hrs brandishing their guns. The soldiers told him and his workmate to lie down and they started shooting at them. His workmate got shot and fell on top of him. They later poured petrol all over the office before setting it on fire. He managed to escape from the blazes after the soldiers had left.

13 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for wearing a "Crisis Coalition in Zimbabwe" t-shirt.

Zaka West

11 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured by ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base and tortured him until he confessed to being an MDC supporter. They assaulted him with a whip and then burnt his body with plastics.

14 June 2008

The female victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for boycotting ZANU PF meetings. She was on her way to see her son when they attacked her. She sustained bruises all over the body.

The Zimbabwe situation

16 June 2008

Σ. Simba Chikova, a high school teacher at Zaka Secondary School in Zaka was allegedly beaten to death by ZANU PF supporters. He was taken from his home on the school premises and attacked on accusations of being an MDC supporter. He was taken to a ZANU PF torture camp where he was assaulted with logs until he passed away. His body was later found dumped outside the school premises.

MATEBELELAND NORTH

Lupane West

The Bulawayo Agenda Blog

04 June 2008

Σ. Morgan Tsvangirai, Thokozani Khupe, Dr Lovemore Madhuku and senior party leaders were detained for over seven hours in Lupane in what has been interpreted as an attempt to derail their Presidential run off schedule. They were stopped at a roadblock while on his way to Tsholotsho for a rally when he was taken back to Lupane for questioning.

The Bulawayo Agenda Blog

04 June 2008

Σ. Vumani Ndlovu, the Lupane Agenda programmes officer for the MDC was arrested and taken to Sipepa Police Station along with 15 other MDC activists after they were arrested in the Matebeleland North capital on Wednesday. He was picked up in Lupane as the police swept through the town looking for anyone who was associated with the MDC leader, Tsvangirai's visit where he was scheduled to address a rally.

MATEBELELAND SOUTH

Gwanda North

The Standard

01 June 2008

Σ. About 10 schools in Matebeleland South were reportedly forced to shut down by ZANU PF militia who attacked teachers they blamed for contributing to President Robert Mugabe's defeat during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. The closure came as fresh reports surfaced of the militants extorting money and goods from villagers in the Province. They were allegedly forcing villagers to pay "fines" for voting for the MDC. The schools have been identified as Zhukwe, Sizeze, Stezi, Zezani Mission, Mapane, Khozi, Wabayi, Nyandeni, Nkazhe and Goholi.

The Zimbabwean
28 June 2008

Σ. Villagers in most parts of Matebeleland were reportedly mobilizing against ZANU PF militias. The villagers complained that the police continued to turn a deaf ear against their pleas. Scores of supporters appeared before a Gwanda magistrate after allegedly forming their own groups to destroy bases set up by war veterans. At Enyandeni village, villagers destroyed a ZANU PF sub-office where war veterans were based. In Kezi, they dismantled a ZANU PF base and heavily assaulted war veterans camped at Chief Bidi's area who were extorting money and goats from the villagers.

Matobo South
Zimbabwe Today
19 June 2008

Σ. Three farmers who were MDC supporters are now dead. Their names were Edward Tshuma, Mchasisi Moyo, and Gift Sibanda. They were abducted from their homes, forced into a white Toyota Hilux and taken to the hills. Their bodies were later found in shallow graves. Mr Tshuma was herding cows with a relative. This man survived with a broken arm and widespread bruising and described what happened. ' They found us herding cattle and said they had spent the past week looking for us. They accused us of selling the country by voting for the MDC but living on ZANU PF land. They attacked us with clubs. I was knocked unconscious. When I woke, they told me that Edward was dead.

Umzingwane

*The Zimbabwean**02 June 2008*

Σ. MDC activist Bhekithemba Nyathi died in Ntabayende Resettlement area in Esigodini. His death was caused by injuries sustained after he was abducted, beaten and tortured by a group of war veterans and ZANU PF militia members last month. His mother said that his brother, Bhekimpilo, fled to The United Kingdom after war veterans threatened to kill him for supporting the MDC.

16 June 2008

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The youths went to their home and assaulted them because they are MDC supporters.

MIDLANDS***Gokwe Central****03 June 2008*

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. She was on her way to her relatives' home when they stopped her and accused her of being on an MDC mission. She was told to either divulge the information or be beaten to death. She was assaulted with electric cables and punched with clenched fists when she denied their allegation.

Gokwe North*06 June 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. They broke into his home at around 02:45 hrs and asked him to surrender his MDC membership cards and regalia. They assaulted him with whips and sticks all over his body. The following morning, he fled from his home with his family.

06 June 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was attacked at night by suspected ZANU PF activists. He overpowered them and escaped.

09 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after he had failed to recite their slogan. They concluded that he was from the opposition and called him a “white man’s puppet” as they assaulted him.

Gokwe South

08 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by suspected CIO agents. They approached his home wielding guns. He was taken to Manoti DDF offices where he saw other victims being tortured. He was told to undress and a sharp knife was placed on his genitals. They asked him whether he knew they could kill him. He was taken to a nearby tin home where they took turns to assault him. He was released the following morning. The Manoti Police Charge Office is less than 200 metres from the torture camp. The victim was walking towards the Charge Office when he met two police officers headed towards the torture camp. They told the victim not to complicate issues by reporting the matter to the Police Charge Office.

08 June 2008

The female victim reports that she was abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths together with her brother and bundled into a truck. She screamed continuously and the perpetrators slapped her several times across the face and threw her out of the slow moving vehicle. She got to her feet and walked home. On arrival she narrated her story to her parents. They gave her money the following day to go and stay with her sister in Gokwe town.

Gweru Urban

22 June 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was staying at a friend's home because he had been warned that some CIO agents were looking for him and others in connection with student activities on campus. The youths went to the home at night asking for him. He escaped through a bathroom window but the youths heard his noises and threw stones at him. He was hit on the head but he kept on running.

Mberengwa North

The Standard

01 June 2008

Σ. Clutching her 18 month old baby, the woman relieves the horror of the day war veterans, ZANU PF supporters and soldiers descended on her homestead looking for her husband Joab Gumbo, who stood for elections as a councillor under an MDC ticket. “They grabbed my baby and tied a sack

around her waist. Then one of them started swinging her while holding her by the legs” They said that she was an MDC baby so they were going to take her away from me. They said that way my husband and I would have another baby, a ZANU PF baby this time because they didn’t like MDC people because they are sell-outs She explained why the baby had no napkin or warm clothing. “I didn’t have time to pack anything. The moment my husband returned home we left.

Mberengwa South

12 June 2008

The male victim reports he was assaulted by war veterans and ZANU PF youths who alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They broke into his home at night, forced him out and slit his clothes open with a knife leaving him naked. They then started assaulting him with sticks and whips and stabbed him on his lower left leg where he sustained a deep laceration.

Shurugwi North

The Zimbabwe Situation

14 June 2008

Σ. MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai and 11 other members of his election campaign team were again detained by police members of the Central Intelligence Organisation just after 10:00hrs on Saturday at a road block outside Shurugwi, in the Midlands Province. They were then taken to Shurugwi Police Station.

APPENDIX 1

List of alleged murders of ZANU PF and MDC supporters in June 2008.

Name of victim	District	Date of death	Details of incident
1. Tafadzwa Meda	Mudzi	01 June 2008	It is reported that the victim was driving his father's lorry in the evening when he was followed by suspected ZANU PF youths in a blue truck. They shot him but he continued driving. It is alleged that he stopped his vehicle after a distance and tried to hide in a bush. The youths found him and murdered him before setting his truck on fire. His body was dumped at Nyadire river bridge in Nyamanyora area.
2. Shepherd Cheu	Mutoko	03 June 2008	He was the headmaster of Katsukunye School who was abducted and was found dead three days later. His body was dumped at Rukanda Shops near Mutoko Centre and his genitals and one eye had been removed.
3. Edson Edson Ngwerume	Zaka	04 June 2008	The victim and others were asleep at the MDC office at Jerera Growth point when soldiers arrived at around 03:00hrs. The perpetrators then started firing into the building. They then poured petrol inside and outside the building and set it alight. Three people died inside the building. Three were badly burnt and at the time of the report, were in Intensive Care Unit.
4. Washington Nyangwa	Zaka	04 June 2008	The victim and others were asleep at the MDC office at Jerera Growth point when soldiers arrived at around 03:00hrs. The perpetrators then started firing into the building. They then poured petrol inside and outside the building and set it alight. Three people died inside the building. Three were badly burnt and at the time of the report, were in Intensive Care Unit.
5. Chrison Mbanu	Zaka	04 June 2008	The victim and others were asleep at the MDC office at Jerera Growth point when soldiers arrived at around 03:00hrs. The perpetrators then started firing into the building. They then poured petrol inside and outside the building and set it alight. Three people died inside the building. Three were badly burnt and at the time of the report, were in Intensive Care Unit.
6. Dumihazani Hapazari	Chiredzi	06 June 2008	The victim a ZESA employee and an MDC supporter was abducted on 04 June and was found dead Friday 06 June 2008. He was drowned to death.

7.Pamela Guruve (Dube)	Harare	08 June 2008	Pamela's husband was an MDC councilor elect in the Harare South Constituency. She was burnt when the home she was sleeping in was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters, Though she was taken to Chitungwiza hospital after the incident she did not get treatment for more than 48 hours and she died because of the burns. A child, Mashoko who was in the same home died at the scene.
8.Mashoko (6 years)	Harare	08 June 2008	Mistook died when the home he was sleeping in was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters.
9.Dadirayi Chipiro	Mhondoro	08 June 2008	A ZANU PF gang allegedly went to her home looking for her husband Chipiro who is an MDC activist and chairperson of the area. When they failed to find him they started beating her then chopped off her hand and both feet. Afterwards, they forced her into her hut and threw a petrol bomb into it thereby setting it on fire. She was burnt to death.
11.Boniface Chikosha	Chimanimani	10 June 2008	The victim was a war veteran. He was assaulted and killed by a gang reported to be MDC supporters
12.Lovemore Simon	Chimanimani	10 June 2008	The victim was a war veteran. He was assaulted and killed by a gang reported to be MDC supporters
13.Delite Mushonga	Epworth	11 June 2008	The victim was beaten up by ZANU PF youths and suffered brain damage. He died in hospital a day later
14.Leornad Mhete	Bikita	11 June 2008	It is alleged that ZANU PF youths murdered him as he and others tried to defend attacks from the group at his homestead.
15.Mirai Zvidzai	Masvingo	11 June 2008	The victim was murdered by a group of ZANU PF supporters during the night.
16.Chengerai Kahari	Bindura	11 June 2008	The victim was shot dead at around 19:00hrs by armed ZANU PF militia who had mistakenly taken him for his brother who is an MDC councilor in the area.
17.Rodrick Mukova	Masvingo	11 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter died from injuries sustained following an assault by ZANU PF youths.
18.Kennias Artwell Bvekerwa	Chipinge	13 June 2008	The victim was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths allegedly led by one Chikumba. He died at Mapfumise Secondary School in the Clearwater area because of the injuries.
19.Kennedy Mapulanga	Mwenezi	14 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was allegedly kidnapped by ZANU PF youths. He was found dead two days later.
20.Victor Mungazi	Magunje	14 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was abducted by ZANU PF youths from his home at Magunje growth point and was found dead the following morning at

			around 04:00hrs.
21. Farai Gambe	Rusape	15 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was shot by a soldier at close range and he died.
22. Elliot Machipisa	Hurungwe ZESN	17 June 2008	The victim was abducted by ZANU PF youths and was found dead two days later. He was an MDC supporter.
23. Morgan Chishamba	Harare	19 June 2008	The victim was attacked by ZANU PF supporters in Waterfalls and was later found dead. He was an MDC supporter.
24. Sophia Chingozho	Buhera	19 June 2008	The victim was beaten whilst attending a relative's funeral in Buhera. They assaulted him because he was from Harare and was therefore perceived as an MDC supporter. He later died in hospital.
25. Abgial Chiroto	Harare	19 June 2008	The victim was the wife of the Harare Deputy Mayor elect. She was abducted together with her four-year-old child from her home. The child was dumped at Borrowdale Police Station. She was murdered and her body was dumped close to her home in Hatcliffe..
26. Mtombeni	Masvingo	19 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC activist was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead.
27. Simbarashe Chikomba	Masvingo	19 June 2008	The victim was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead. He was an MDC supporter.
28. Tinos Makwanya	Masvingo	19, June 2008	The victim was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead. He was an MDC supporter.
29. Kenias Dube	Masvingo	19 June 2008	The victim was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead. He was an MDC supporter.
30. Stanford Mapuranga	Masvingo	19 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead.
31. Simba Magetsi	Gokwe	19 June 2008	The victim was who was an MDC supporter was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead.
32. John Luke	Gokwe	19 June 2008	The victim was abducted by suspected ZANU PF youths and later found dead. He was an MDC supporter.

32.Yuana Jenti	Chitungwiza	19 June 2008	The victim was part of a group guarding MDC councilor elect Chipiyo's home because he had been taken into custody. They were attacked by ZANU PF youths but they fought back and managed to drive the youths off the premises. They (ZANU PF youths)then returned accompanied by police officers and suspected soldiers in vehicles and armed with guns. They took the MDC youths at gun point and their bodies were found the following morning.
33.Archford Chipiyo	Chitungwiza	19 June 2008	The victim was part of a group guarding MDC councilor elect Chipiyo's home because he had been taken into custody. They were attacked by ZANU PF youths but they fought back and managed to drive the youths off the premises. They (ZANU PF youths)then returned accompanied by police officers and suspected soldiers in vehicles and armed with guns. They took the MDC youths at gun point and their bodies were found the following morning.
34.Ngoni Knight	Chitungwiza	19 June 2008	The victim was part of a group guarding MDC councilor elect Chipiyo's home because he had been taken into custody. They were attacked by ZANU PF youths but they fought back and managed to drive the youths off the premises. They (ZANU PF youths)then returned accompanied by police officers and suspected soldiers in vehicles and armed with guns. They took the MDC youths at gun point and their bodies were found the following morning.
35.Tyson	Chitungwiza	19 June 2008	The victim was part of a group guarding MDC councilor elect Chipiyo's home because he had been taken into custody. They were attacked by ZANU PF youths but they fought back and managed to drive the youths off the premises. They (ZANU PF youths)then returned accompanied by police officers and suspected soldiers in vehicles and armed with guns. They took the MDC youths at gun point and their bodies were found the following morning.
36.Albert Masuka	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river.
37.Pepukai Maangira	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river.
38.Pheneas Chirozva	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river.

39. Trymore Sabira	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river.
40. Chris Makanyisa	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river..
41. Emmanuel Nyapfungwe	Buhera	20 June 2008	The victim and other MDC youths were abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths and army members. They were taken to Murambinda Base where they were assaulted until they all died. Witnesses reported that their bodies were taken away by suspected CIO agents and are believed to have been thrown into a crocodile infested dam along the Save river.
42. Gibs Chironga	Mazowe	20 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was shot by ZANU PF militia at his home on Friday
43. Madamombe	Mazowe	20 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was shot by ZANU PF militia at his home on Friday
44. Francis Zihwihwi	Gutu	21 June 2008	It is alleged that the victim was shot to death by Madombwe the husband to ZANU PF politician, Shuvai Mahofa, who is the ZANU PF losing candidate for Gutu South. He was an MDC supporter.
45. Singende	Gutu	21 June 2008	The victim was taken from his home in Masvingise village in Gutu by a group of ZANU PF militia to their base where it is alleged they pulled his testicles until he died.
46. Godfrey Mashaka	Mhondoro	21 June 2008	The victim was abducted by ZANU PF militia and taken to their base at Gudo Growth Point where they assaulted him to death. It is alleged that Forbes Mhembere and Beauty Kunaka led the militia gang.
47. Robert Ziyengwa	Makni	25 June 2008	Robert Ziyengwa and his wife, who were both MDC supporters, were assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were accompanied by police officers from Rusape. They both died during the assault.
48. Mrs Ziyengwa (wife of Robert)	Makoni	25 June 2008	The victim and her husband were assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were accompanied by police officers from Rusape. They both died during the assault.

49.Masitafundikera Gumura	Makoni	25 June 2008	Gumura was attacked by a group of ZANU PF youths at his home in the Eagle's nest area on Wednesday night 25 June 2008.He died during the assault.
50.Aquiline Sanzvengwa Gumura	Makoni	28 June 2008	Mrs Gumura was also heavily assaulted the same night her husband was killed she was admitted to Rusape General Hospital where she died because of the injuries she had sustained.
51.Sandros Mandizha	Makoni	25 June 2008	Sandros Mandizha was assaulted by a gang of ZANU PF youths and suspected CIO agents and he died during the attack.
52.Taurai Zindomba	Makoni	27 June 2008	The victim was attacked by ZANU PF supporters and some suspected state agents. They allegedly used barbed wire to pull Taurai's intestines out and he died. Two of his brothers Abel and Stanley were seriously injured.
53.Manomano Ndahwi	Gokwe	28 June 2008	The victim was allegedly taken by ZANU PF youths on 27 June at around 18:00hrs from his home. Three men with logs took him to the village cemetery where a group of more than twenty other ZANU PF youths assaulted him all over the body . He died during the assault and they took his body to his home , dumped it on his bed and took away property including 800 kgs of maize grain. His wife Eustina and their son escaped and were not harmed.
54.Tawengwa Gibbs	Chiweshe	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter died from injuries sustained after being assaulted by ZANU PF youth militia.
55.Kudakwashe Majongosi	Chirumanzu	30 June 30, 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was allegedly murdered by men driving an army vehicle
56.Hama Ngowani	Chiweshe	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter died from injuries after attacks by ZANU PF youth militia.
57.Lewis Musiwa	Chiweshe	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter died from injuries after attacks by ZANU PF youth militia.
58.Taurai Kamuchira	Headlands	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was allegedly beaten to death by a group of armed ZANU PF supporters

59.Nguwani Madamombe	Headlands	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was allegedly murdered at his home by ZANU PF youths.
60.Hama Chironga	Chiweshe	30 June 2008	The victim who was an MDC supporter was allegedly beaten to death by ZANU PF supporters.

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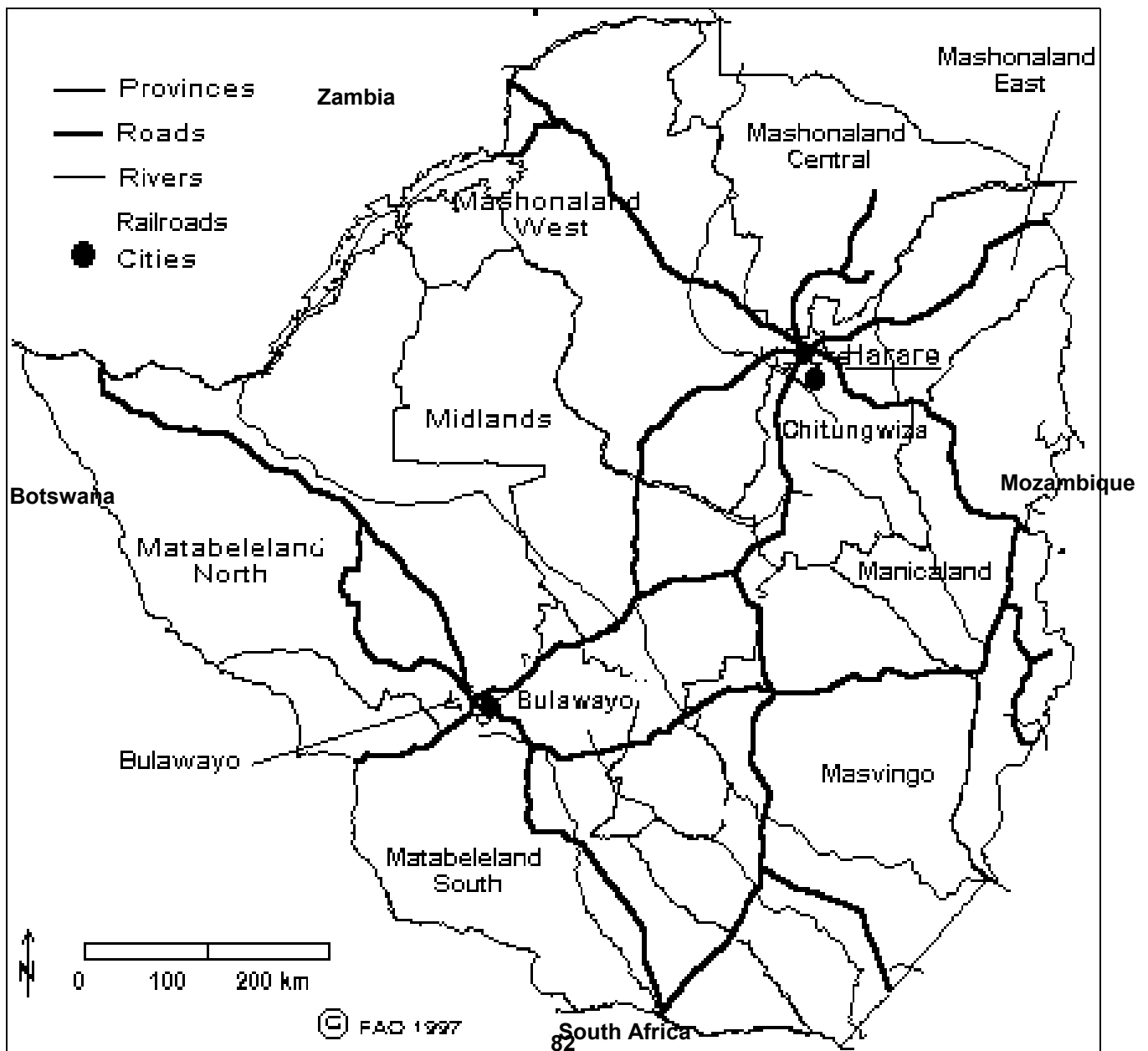
Monthly totals of human rights violations from 1 January 2008 – 30 June 2008

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Abduction/ kidnapping	3	11	3	31	26	37	111
Assault	56	45	270	550	435	281	1637
Attempted murder	0	0	0	4	1	1	6
Death threats	1	0	5	17	9	12	44
Disappearanc e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Displacement	0	0	0	412	160	55	627
Freedom of expr/ass/mvt	94	410	108	712	600	182	2106
Murder	0	0	0	10	14	60	84
Political Discrim/ intim/ vict	67	410	287	783	466	277	2 290
Property related	1	0	8	280	195	82	566
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
School closure	0	0	0	11	5	10	26
Torture	2	10	24	560	58	35	689
Unlawful arrest	56	42	19	26	18	44	205
Unlawful detention	56	42	19	26	18	44	205
Monthly Totals	336	970	743	3422	2005	1126	8 558

	MAIN EVENTS 2008
January 22	MDC ' <i>Freedom March</i> ' is banned by the police.
23	Morgan Tsvangirai is picked up and detained by the police from his home in the early hours of the morning. MDC members are assaulted and arrested as they march towards Glamis stadium for a rally.
25	Members of <i>Restoration of Human Rights Zimbabwe</i> are arrested and detained following a peaceful demonstration.
February 13	Student leaders are arrested and assaulted for demonstrating in Harare and Bulawayo. The MDC (Tsvangirai faction) Mabvuku Parliamentary candidate is arrested outside the party's headquarters allegedly for planning a demonstration.
19	Nine members of the <i>Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe</i> are abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters before being handed over to the police.
24	The MDC (Tsvangirai) Parliamentary candidate for Mhondoro/Ngezi is detained at Mubaira Police Station for 34 hours on allegations that his campaign team had used abusive language during a campaign session.
March 8	WOZA demonstrates on International Women's' Day. Three members are assaulted and fifty are injured in the assaults by anti-riot police.
10	Seven women are assaulted in Epworth while coming from an MDC rally. Two of them are stripped of their party regalia leaving them half naked.
29	Voting in the Harmonised General, House of Assembly, Senate and Local Government elections take place.

April 13	MDC claims that that 10 of its supporters had died as a result of political violence.
18	Zimbabwe celebrates Independence Day. The main celebrations take place at Gwanzura Stadium in Harare.
19	Zimbabwe Election Commission starts the recount of the harmonised election votes in 23 constituencies.
May 2	Official Presidential Election results are announced.
13	Tonderai Ndira an MDC activist is abducted from his home in Mabvuku by suspected state agents.
22	The body of Tonderai Ndira is discovered in a Harare morgue.
28	MDC Offices at Jerera Growth Point in Masvingo are set on fire by armed men killing two people.
June 4	Social Welfare Minister orders international aid groups to suspend field operations
12	Tendai Biti is arrested and charged with treason and communicating falsehoods prejudicial to the state.
22	Tsvangirai pulls out of 27 June Presidential Run Off citing violence against his supporters.
27	The Presidential Run Off takes place.
29	Election results are announced and Robert Mugabe is declared winner and sworn in for a sixth term.

ADMINISTRATIVE MAP OF ZIMBABWE



The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (also known as the “Human Rights Forum”) is a coalition comprising 17 member organisations. It has been in existence since January 1998 when non-Governmental organisations working in the field of human rights joined together to provide legal and psychosocial assistance to the victims of the Food Riots of January 1998.

The Human Rights Forum has now expanded its objectives to assist victims of organised violence, using the following definition:

“Organised violence” means the inter-human infliction of significant avoidable pain and suffering by an organised group according to a declared or implied strategy and/or system of ideas and attitudes. It comprises any violent action, which is unacceptable by general human standards, and relates to the victims’ mental and physical well-being.”

The Human Rights Forum operates a Research and Documentation Unit and offers legal services to assist victims of organised violence and torture claim compensation from perpetrators through its Public Interest Unit.

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- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)
- Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)
- Human Rights Trust of Southern Africa (SAHRIT)
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
- Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)
- Media Monitoring Project of Zimbabwe (MMPZ)
- Nonviolent Action and Strategies for Social Change (NOVASC)
- Transparency International (Zimbabwe) (TI (Z))
- Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA)
- Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO)
- Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR)
- Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET)
- Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights)
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