



# ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT



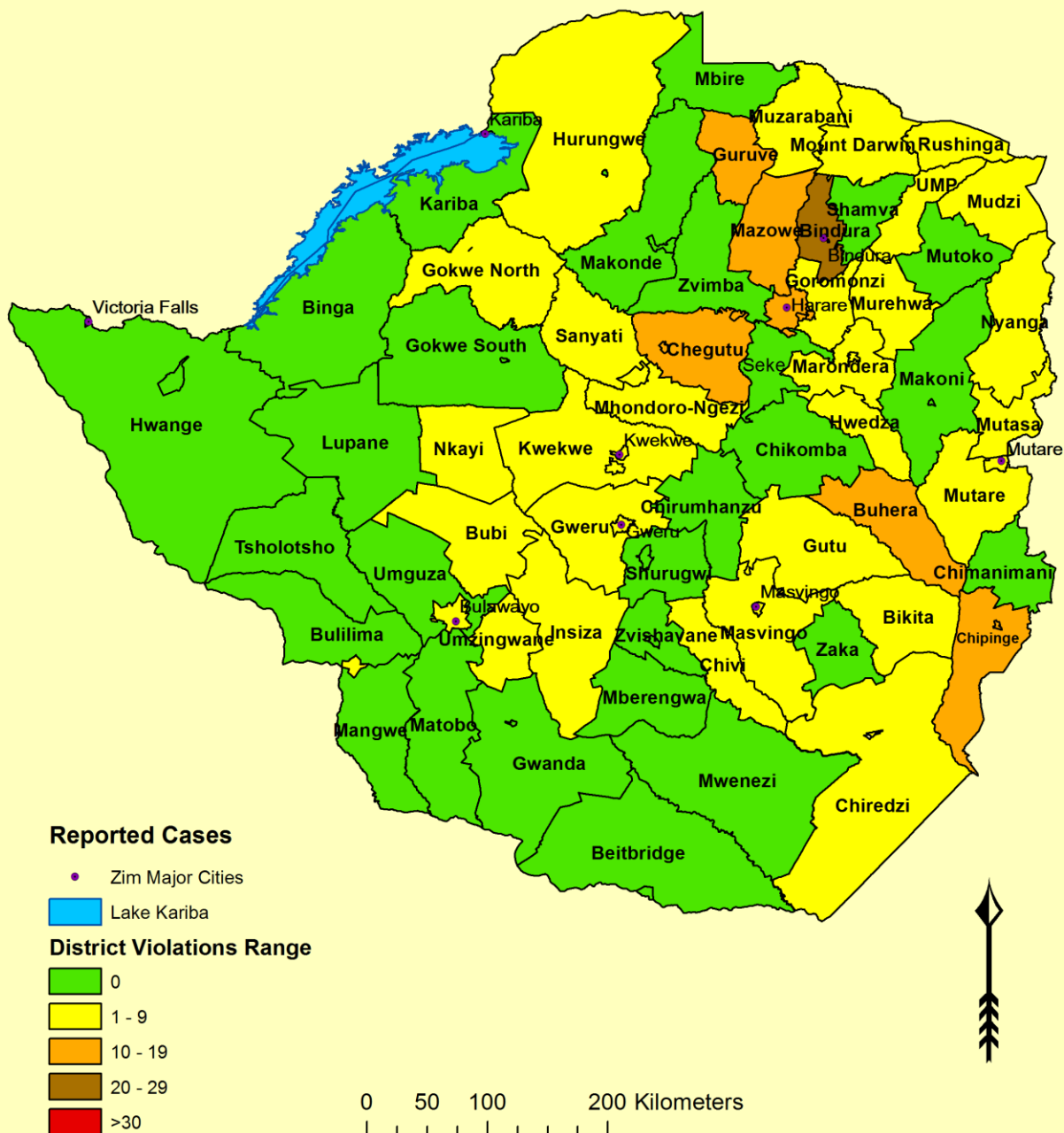
**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Resurfacing terror**

**Monthly Monitoring Report**

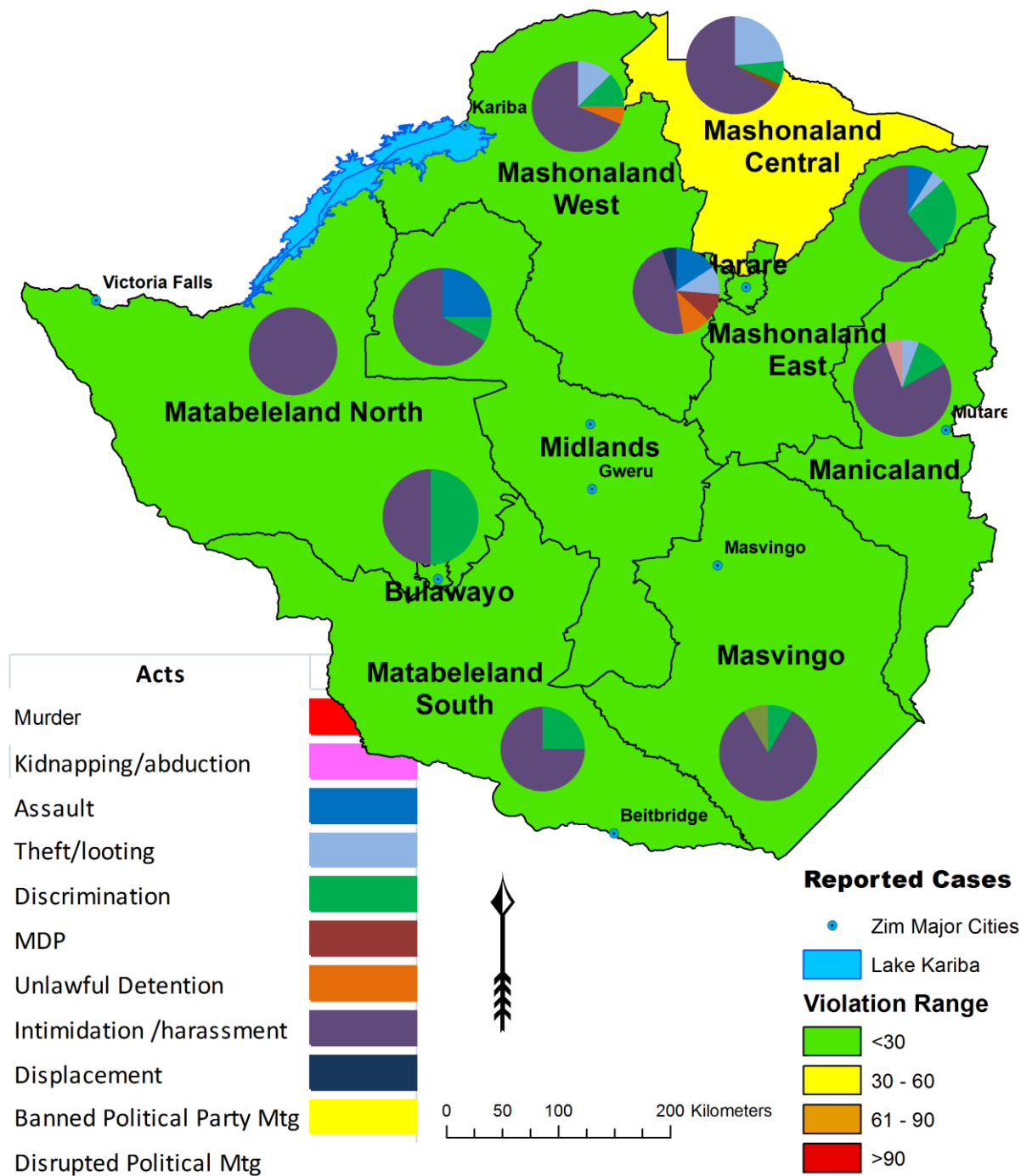


## *September 2017 District Violations Map*





## September 2017 Provincial Violations Map





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There was an increase in number of violations in September from 149 to 178 cases. Nearly seventy percent (69,5%) of perpetrators are reported to belong to the ruling Zanu PF party while 12,9% of the perpetrators are of unknown political affiliation. Just over fourteen percent (14,1%) of the perpetrators are reported to be police officers. An increase in unknown perpetrators is due to an increase in number of cases perpetrated by traditional leaders some of whom have not declared their political affiliation. Most of the traditional leaders have been integral in marshalling citizens for the Biometric Voters Registration (BVR) process which was proclaimed and launched by President Robert Mugabe on 14 September. The increase in incidents perpetrated by police stems from arbitrary arrests and police involvement in disrupting demonstrations and protests triggered by the deteriorating economic conditions. A rapid spike in prices in the last week of September provoked citizen unrest that elicited heavy handed responses from police.

There was a decrease in the number of intraparty violence cases recorded from eight to five. The cases in September occurred in Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front (Zanu PF), People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Movement for Democratic Change –Tsvangirai (MDC-T) and were recorded in Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland East and Masvingo, Bulawayo and

## ABOUT ZPP

*The organisation was founded in 2000 by church-based and human rights organisations. The current members of ZPP are Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Habakkuk Trust, Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) and Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ).*

*ZPP was established with the objective of monitoring, documenting and building peace and promoting the peaceful resolution of disputes and conflicts. The peace project seeks to foster dialogue and political tolerance through non-partisan peace monitoring activities, mainly through monitors who document the violations of rights in the provinces.*

*The monitors, who at full complement stand at 420, constitute the core pool of volunteers, supported by three Regional Coordinators. The Regional Coordinators relate with the national office headed by the National Director and programme officers in various units.*

Harare. The political disputes recorded in the PDP did not degenerate into violence.

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and intimidation of people who are forced to attend the rallies.

Most of the perpetrators are males standing at 325 out of the 341 perpetrators recorded. Out of 1575 victims recorded 688 are female.

### **The Outlook**

The government of Zimbabwe is determined to close down all democratic space by arresting those who demonstrate and petition, intimidate private media practitioners and also silence those on social media. This was manifested by the heavy handed responses to demonstrations by the Zimbabwe Republic Police, threats against citizens by senior government officials and arbitrary arrests of those critical of the government. The start of the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) process has also presented challenges leading to a number of human rights violations.

### **Criminalisation of dissent and closing of democratic space**

The arrest of #ThisFlag leader Pastor Evan Mawarire over allegations of wanting to overthrow a constitutionally elected government is an example of the government attempting to criminalise legitimate freedom of expression and access to information. Pastor Mawarire released a video alerting citizens of a crisis similar to 2008, due to the shortage of commodities such as fuel and the spiraling out of control of prices of basic commodities. According to the constitution of

Zimbabwe he was legally exercising his right as a citizen, Chapter 4, part 2, section 61 which reads “Every person has the right to freedom of expression, which includes freedom to seek, receive and communicate ideas and other information, freedom of artistic expression and scientific research and creativity; and academic freedom”. Therefore his arrest was arbitrary and an attempt by the government to silence dissenting views. The running battles between protesters and police in the Central Business District (CBD) where property was destroyed and journalists assaulted is testament to government’s heavy handedness in dealing with dissent. This is not the first time that citizens have raised a red flag against police brutality.

Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Ignatius Chombo also threatened the arrest of those criticising the government or spreading messages of anguish caused by the deteriorating economic situation. This is an attack on internet freedom of citizens who are using social media to express their opinions on how the country is being governed.

Various social movements organised demonstrations to petition the government to address the deteriorating economic conditions and the demonstrations ended in destruction of property and injuries to journalists and some protesters. Police used heavy handed methods to crush the demonstrations. Although police have the mandate to keep law and order and protect life and property as required by the constitution the





same constitution also affords citizens a right to demonstrate and petition. Government through the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) must investigate the source of violence during protests and bring those involved to account.

### **BVR opens can of worms**

The setting in motion Biometric Voter Registration by President Mugabe on 14 September has already raised red flags on the credibility of the process leading to the elections. The Zimbabwe Peace Project has recorded more than 50 BVR related violations being perpetrated by traditional leaders and Zanu PF community leaders as well as civil servants. The main violations were around intimidation and harassment with villagers being threatened that the BVR system exposes those who vote against Zanu PF. Other violations were perpetrated by traditional leaders who either force-marched their subjects to register or demanded money in order to write proof of residence letters for them. Civil servants such as nurses and teachers have been accused of extorting money from citizens in order to provide birth records. In order to facilitate voter registration the payment for birth records as well as for birth certificates and national identity documents has been set aside between September 4 and November 30, 2017. The Registrar General's office has been alerted of these anomalies by the ZPP and they have promised to investigate.

Access to information has also been a major problem during the BVR process particularly in areas such as Binga where there is no broadcast signal. Persons with disability have also been discriminated by the process as there has been no information produced for the deaf and the visually impaired. The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) besides failing to roll out an extensive voter registration in all languages has not advertised registration points if any are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Government through traditional leaders has blocked civic education initiatives by civil society organizations on BVR. However, the government has not done enough to ensure that the nation is sufficiently informed. According to a study done by the Media Monitors of Zimbabwe the private print media has carried more educational material on BVR than state media. However, the private media does not reach the marginalized areas of the country. There is no broadcast signal in areas such as Chipinge, Rutenga, Beitbridge, Binga and Plumtree. There are no posters or other materials in these areas to educate citizens. Chipinge for example which has five constituencies has only one registration centre and there is no broadcast coverage with only those with satellite dishes managing to access local broadcast channels and radio stations to access BVR educational programmes.

In Buhera, Manicaland, there seems to have been a coordinated programme by the traditional and





Zanu PF leadership to misinform citizens and intimidate them concerning the BVR process. To all this ZEC has failed to issue a statement on BVR. At least 5 meetings organized by traditional leaders were recorded in Buhera and these were a platform to intimidate and misinform citizens on BVR.

### **Creation of terror networks**

There has been an increase in violations being perpetrated by traditional leaders, Zanu PF ward secretaries and youth officers. Their role has been to force-march citizens to register in the BVR process and threaten those reluctant with deprivation of food aid and farming inputs. The youth officers have been disrupting civil society and opposition party meetings in rural areas.

The re-establishment and recruitment of youths for the National Youth Service programme is also a cause of concern. The ZPP has recorded a recruitment exercise at Igavu in Marondera Mashonaland East where youths were being conscripted into the programme and also at Mazowe Bridge in Rushinga Mashonaland Central. While the National Youth Service has good intentions on paper experience has shown that these are the same youths that are deployed in all parts of the country to perpetrate political violence and human rights violations.

## **DATA GATHERING**

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





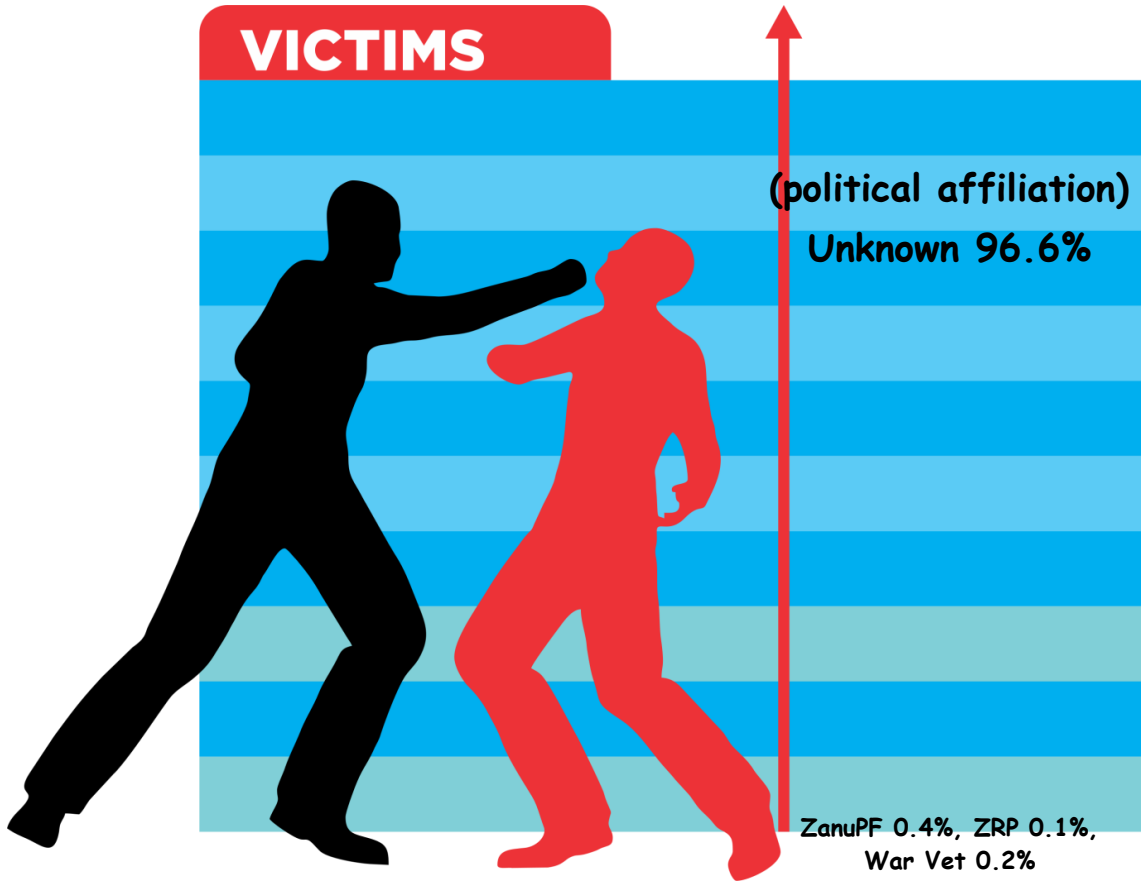
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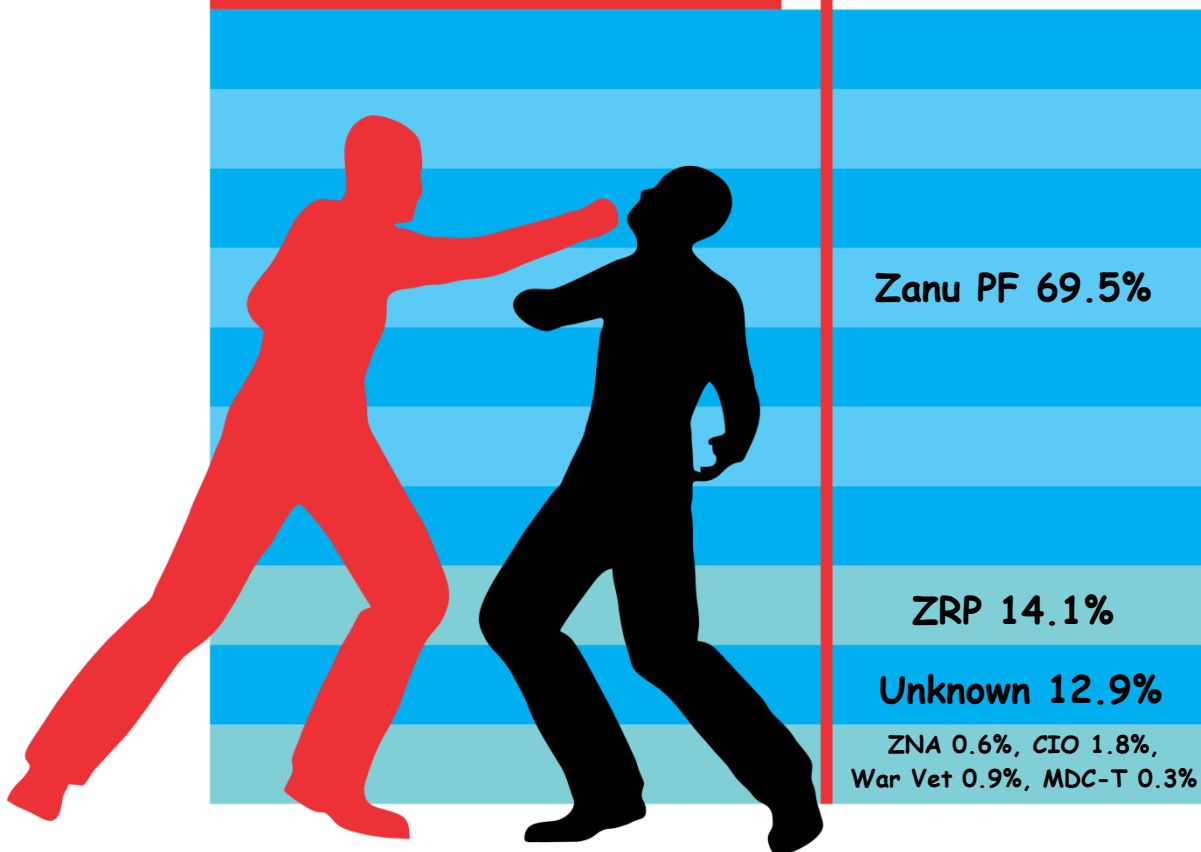


## The Dashboard: Incident Statistics at a Glance



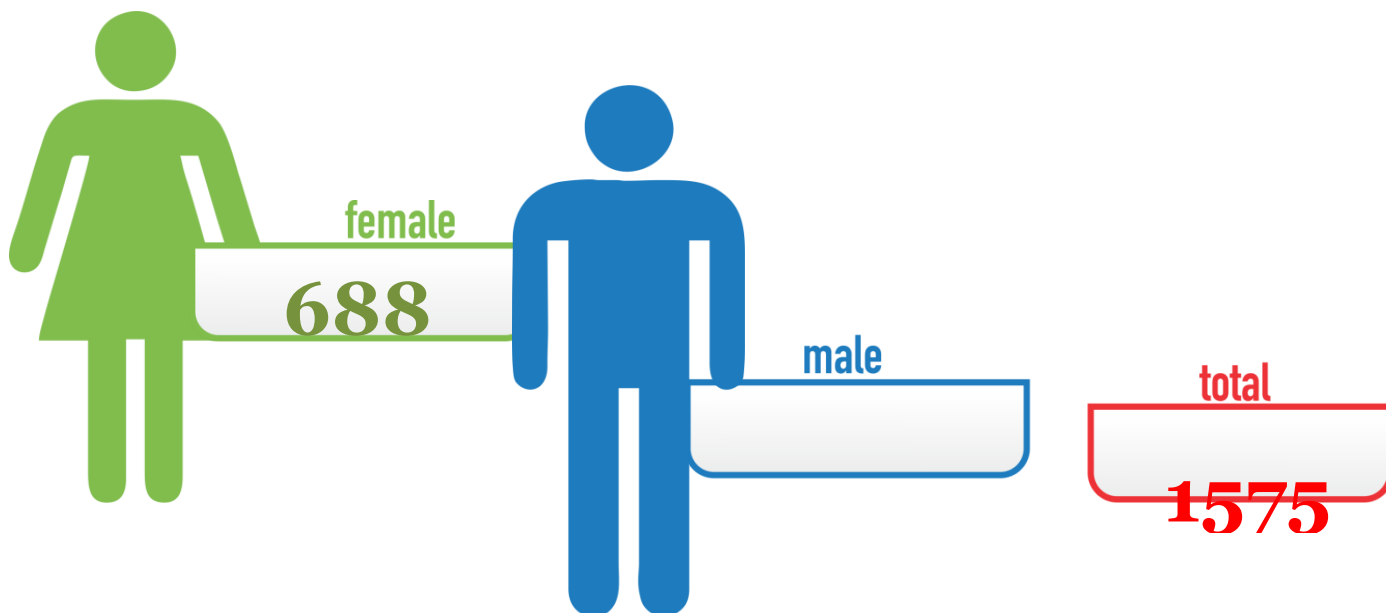


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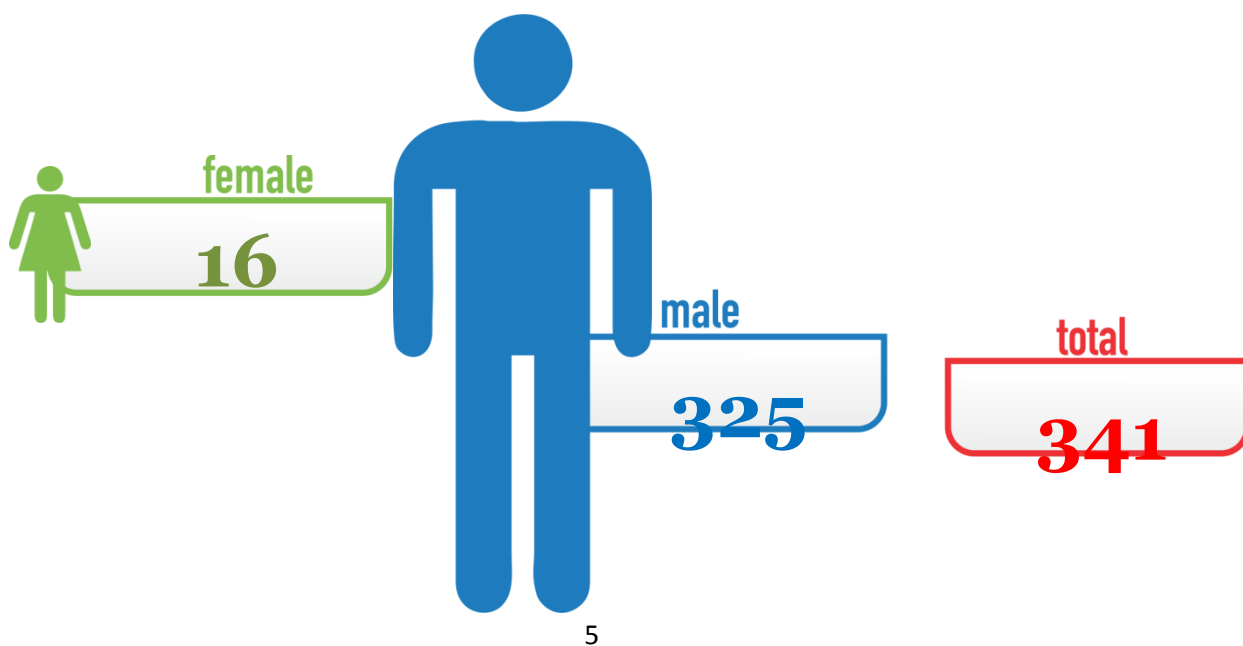




### Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



### Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender





## Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
Bulawayo	0	0	0	0	1	1
Harare	1	0	0	0	0	1
Manicaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash Central	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash East	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash West	0	0	0	0	0	0
Masvingo	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mat North	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat South	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

3 intra party conflicts were recorded for September, 1 in MDC-T, 1 in PDP and 3 in Zanu PF

## Distribution of violence by type across provinces





ACTS	Midlands	Byo	Mat. South	Mat. North	Masvingo	Manicaland	Harare	Mash. East	Mash. West	Mash. Central	TOTAL
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	10
Theft/looting	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	12	18
Discrimination	1	1	1	0	1	5	0	6	2	4	21
MDP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Torture	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unlawful Detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Intimidation /harassment	8	1	3	5	12	21	9	14	11	35	119
Displacement	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banned Political Party Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>178</b>

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### Provincial Highlights



Threat level: Low

MDP	⇒	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	⇒	1	1
Disrupted Pol Mtg.	⇩	0	1



Threat level: Low

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	⇩	0	1
Discrimination	⇧	1	0

On 6 September violence was recorded in Dzivarasekwa 3, ward 39 following clashes between residents and law enforcement agents as the former





resisted eviction from council houses. According to reports, residents were first addressed by MDC-T ward 39 Councillor, Gilbert Hadebe who told them that the evictions were political and not necessarily reflective of council's policy. In rebuttal Dzivarasekwa, Member of Parliament, Omega Hungwe (Zanu PF) addressed a meeting with residents where she blamed the MDC-T dominated council for approving residents' evictions. A combined force of Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) and municipal officers sent to evict residents for not paying their dues to the council was violently resisted. A police officer was reported injured during the conflict. Residents argued that they were paying their dues and accused the city council of not issuing them with eviction notices as required by the law.

In an incident recorded in Mount Pleasant ward 17, a University of Zimbabwe student and Zimbabwe National Association of Students Unions (ZINASU) spokesperson Zivai Mhetu was denied access to participate at the graduation ceremony when suspected state agents detained him for six hours as others were being capped by President Robert Mugabe. Mhetu said that on 15 September, three state agents identified only as Mutonga, Musonza and Muswera way led him to a closed room suspected to be a police post at the university. They profiled him in line with his academic career and performance. When Mhetu raised concern on the reasons behind his detention three police officers were summoned to handcuff and lock him inside the room. When the victim resisted, Mutonga and

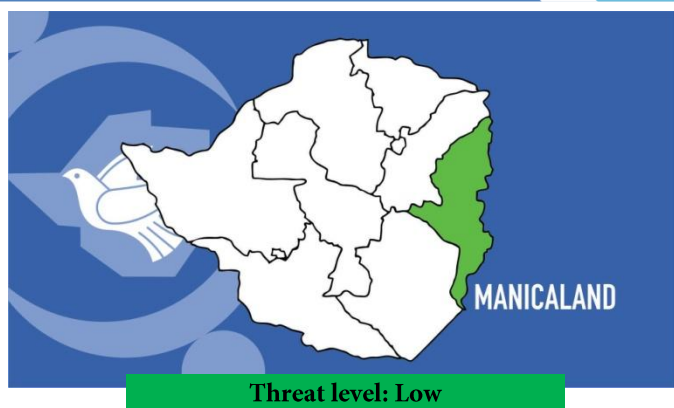
his colleagues harassed him and confiscated his phone. They also forced him to release his personal information including that of his place of residence. Mhetu was later released after the graduation ceremony at 2:30pm.

On 29 September proprietors were forced to close down their businesses after a Tajamuka demonstration against government on the economic crises turned violent as shops were looted in the central business district. An eyewitness who asked to have his identity protected reported that approximately 40 Tajamuka activists in demonstration were joined by street dwellers who vandalized a Zanu PF vehicle and looted nearby shops. This in turn saw anti-riot police units running street battles with the petitioners as vendors had their stalls overturned during the conflict. A Daily News journalist Mugove Tafirenyika was assaulted by police officers at Harvest House for taking pictures during the demonstration. Another journalist was also injured in the clashes. Tajamuka activist Promise Mkhwananzi confirmed that 2 people were injured and admitted at a private hospital. It is alleged that during the conflict Zanu PF youth factions were also raiding money changers in streets across the CBD.





Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	↓	3	9
Discrimination	↓	0	1
Theft/looting	↑	2	1
MDP	↓	2	6
Intimidation/harassment	↓	9	15
Displacement	→	1	1
Unlawful detention	↓	0	3



In ward 27, Mutare South Headman Noel Munyoro allegedly forced all women in the ward to submit their full names, identification numbers, and mobile numbers to Zanu PF village secretaries. It is alleged that these details were going to be recorded in Zanu PF membership books. It was said that the message was accompanied by a threat which stipulated that those with names which were not appearing in the books would not receive or be beneficiaries of any aid targeting the ward by government or any organisation.

In Chipinge Central it was reported that during the month of September, the ward 6 councillor Aaron Chiraerae allegedly forced residents to go and replace their metal identification cards with plastic ones. Residents were forced to pay \$2 to facilitate for the identity card replacements. This development led to an outcry from residents as they said they were spending too much time in queues and also that they did not have that amount of money needed to replace the identification cards. After the process the Zanu PF ward 6 chairperson only identified as Muzamana demanded to see everyone's replaced identification card after the





process. The directive by Registrar General of Births and Deaths Tobaiwa Mudede had been shot down from all quarters including Zanu PF all who argued that it was not necessary to require citizens to replace metal identification cards. Some people also argued that Mr Mudede had no business in election issues and also that the time was limited for people to have these replacements in time for the elections.

A meeting that was called to discuss employment opportunities for people at Chiadzwa was turned into a political meeting by Chairperson Farai Nyaude on 13 September in Mutare West, ward 10. Nyaude ordered those gathered not to vote for any opposition political parties or face death. Ward 16 Chairperson, Gift Manhanga also threatened people at the same gathering with death or abduction if they did not vote wisely. After the political pronouncements, people had their names recorded and were promised employment at the diamond fields.

Three women identified only as Manyati, Chirara and Mawoko all said to be Zanu Pf members conducted door to door visits recording identification and contact details of residents. This is reported to have taken place on 2 September, in Mutasa South, ward 14. The perpetrators promised to return for those that they had not at their homes on the day. It is also reported that the trio have been forcing people to attend ruling party meetings and rallies.

On 15 September, in Nyanga North, ward 9, Mandidewa village, village head Doreen Mandidewa embarked on an exercise to ascertain which political parties the residents belong to. It is alleged that she conducted a door to door campaign forcing villagers to reveal their political party preferences. It is unclear why she was carrying out this exercise.

In Buhera South, ward 33, Zanu PF youths disrupted an MDC-T meeting. MDC-T ward 33 Councillor and Buhera South organising secretary Edwin Mabika, confirmed these disturbances that are reported to have taken place on September 23. He reported that Zanu PF supporters came near the venue of the MDC-T meeting dressed in their Zanu PF regalia as a way of intimidating MDC-T supporters at a meeting. Mabika said, one Zanu PF supporter only identified as Chimuso, drove to the MDC-T meeting in a white Toyota truck carrying Zanu PF supporters who were singing and chanting Zanu PF slogans. The MDC-T supporters approached the Zanu PF supporters to find out why they were disturbing their meeting. This development resulted in some MDC-T members not attending the meeting in fear.

Villagers in Musikavanhu, ward 22 were made to pay for stamps and letters that were to serve as proof of residence for them to obtain birth certificates and national identification cards by the traditional leadership. This exercise was said to have happened at Manzvire Community Hall. The notable traditional leaders who were charging villagers are headman Manzvire who was said to be







charging \$2 per head. It was reported that Zanu PF members were present and allegedly influencing the process. The identified Zanu PF members present were Edith Mabuyawa, Catherine Chirimambowa and one only identified as Mzhara who were allegedly directing the process and those in charge among them John Bande and John Sithole who were told to serve Zanu PF members first. The incident happened on September 23.

Headman Mireyi Svongwa of ward 33 in Buhera South called a meeting, which he had earlier said was to discuss community development. It was reported that villagers attended the meeting in their numbers anticipating development discussions. It is alleged that villagers were later surprised as the gathering turned into a Zanu PF rally. While at this gathering Svongwa led the chanting of Zanu PF slogans and later told gathered villagers that he had been sent by the Buhera South legislator Joseph Chinotimba to tell them that they must vote for Zanu PF in 2018 if they knew what was good for them. Svongwa is alleged to have said the BVR system will reveal those who will not vote wisely. Svongwa is reported to have threatened the gathering with murder or alternatively eviction from the community if they dared vote for the MDC-T. The meeting was held on September 24. One Freddy Nhokwara challenged the headman and he was immediately told to leave the meeting.

In Buhera West, Nhunge village, it was reported that the headman Austen Nhunge allegedly called a meeting at his homestead on 22 September. Nhunge

told villagers that he did not want to see any villager from his village wearing any opposition party regalia, and attending any opposition gatherings. He went on to say that if one was caught doing the above activities he or she was going to be dealt with accordingly. Nhunge is alleged to have also said that the villagers were not supposed to contribute or participate in any activities organised by Non-Governmental Organisations, which are anti-Zanu PF before the 2018 elections.

On 25 September, in Buhera Central ward 18, it was reported that headman Rombai Betera allegedly called for a community development meeting at his homestead. It is alleged that he told the gathered villagers that he wanted to explain the new BVR process to them. It was said that before the meeting Zanu PF slogans were chanted. He went on to tell villagers that, it was easy to be identified by a monitor, which is part of the kit if anyone chose to vote for the opposition. He further said villagers needed to confess at that meeting so that they go register as clean and changed persons. Betera is alleged to have also said all those who will be identified as opposition supporters will be heavily assaulted and will be banished from the community. He identified one Ngoni Kashaya a known opposition supporter and said he was one of those being targeted to be assaulted and evicted from the area.

On 27 September in Buhera South village heads were forced to attend a meeting at Muzokomba





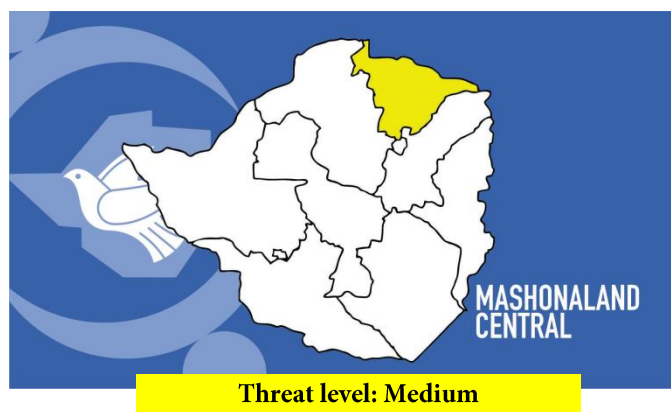
Township. It is reported that this meeting was addressed by one Zanu PF Councillor Simon Chingwidze. Chingwidze told the village heads that they must record names of each and every individual they give a proof of residence for the BVR process. Chingwidze went on to tell the village heads that the villagers must bring registration slips to them after registration for recording the serial

In ward 12 Chipinge East it is reported that villagers were intimidated by Nason Rushinga and one Derera at a village meeting. It is alleged that the two told the gathering that the new Biometric Voter Registration system will make it easy for them (Zanu PF) to identify those who would have voted for the opposition. They turned away all perceived opposition supporters who were present at the meeting before proceeding to list down beneficiaries for the presidential farming inputs scheme. It was also said the two's actions were supported by village head Phineas Maguta. This happened on September 28.

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Theft/looting	⇒	1	1
Discrimination	↑	5	1
MDP	⇒	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	21	3
Displacement	⇒	0	0
Disrupted Political Meeting	↑	1	0

number and safe keeping, which some village heads were reportedly against but they said they will comply as they did not have any choice.

On 27 September, in Buhera West, ward 3, it was reported that one village head Mabwera allegedly intimidated villagers at a meeting he called at his homestead. It was reported that Mabwera told the gathered villagers that the Biometric Voter Registration process shows clearly who opposition members are and also who one would have voted for. He went on to say that opposition members should not bother themselves to go and register as they would be revealed to him and were not going to be given any food aid in that ward.





In Guruve North, Zanu PF chairperson Stewart Kunatsa, Learnmore Muzava and Wonder Maphosa allegedly forced villagers to make financial contributions towards the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 2 September Kunatsa and his colleagues convened a meeting in Mukuyu village where they forced ward 19 villagers to contribute \$0.50 each towards transport. During the process they told villagers to contribute or risk not benefiting from government agricultural inputs or food aid programmes. Among the victims recorded was Kenias Makoni\*.

It is alleged that Zanu PF ward 12 Councillor Wendile Machisa instructed Peter Chakanetsa not to fetch water at a borehole located at Progress Shopping Centre in Bindura North. On 3 September Machisa had successfully conducted a door to door campaign collecting financial contributions to pay electricity charges for the borehole. When he met Chakanetsa who refused to make a contribution, he told him not to fetch water again at the borehole. He also threatened unspecified action if Chakanetsa defied his orders.

In Bindura North, headman Amon Gunyere allegedly forced villagers to make financial contributions to enable Zanu PF youths attend the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 4 September, Gunyere convened a meeting in ward 19 where villagers were forced to contribute \$0.50 each to cater for

transport costs. Among the victims recorded are Peter Chitimbe\* and Denzel Murimba\*.

Zimbabwe's popular comedian Samantha "Gonyeti" Kureya and her Bus Stop TV crew were violently ejected from the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally venue held in Bindura North ward 4 at Chipadze stadium. On 9 September unknown Zanu PF youths allegedly forced the crew to leave the venue also withholding their press cards and media equipment. This it is believed was Zanu PF's retaliation to the crew after a week before at a solidarity march the crew had interviewed people who did not know why they were at the solidarity march and did not know the meaning of the banners they carried.

In Guruve North headman Nicholas Muzhona forced Mucheri villagers to contribute money towards the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 6 September Muzhona collected \$0.50 per household in ward 19. Villagers were told that the contributions would cater for transporting Zanu PF youths and other party logistics. Some of the victims are Esther Chibwe\*, Beauty Mushonga\* and Taitos Chimene\*.

It is alleged that an MDC-T activist was intimidated in full view of Chitunhu villagers at Msasa centre in Guruve South ward 23. On 7 September Daniel Hozo was ordered to remove his party regalia by village secretary Francis Chitunhu. He was ridiculed and threatened with eviction ahead of the 2018





elections.

Zanu PF activist Sainet Chipungu allegedly forced villagers at Protea farm to attend the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 10 September Chipungu made a public statement in ward 31 saying those who would not attend the rally will be identified as traitors aligned to the opposition. This initiative forced villagers to attend against their will. Among the victims recorded were Luckson Kuwaza\* and Katherine Mupungu\*.

In Guruve South ward 7, it is alleged that Zanu PF branch Chairperson Leopas Matiya and Secretary Febbie Sairi forced villagers at Mutata to make financial contributions towards the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 6 and 7 September they collected \$0.50c per household to cater for transport and other logistics. They threatened to deny villagers food aid and other inputs from the president if they defied orders. Among those who contributed were Debra Chikwanha\* and Lucky Chikwanda\*.

It is alleged that prior to the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally, Michale Chibhinyane\* was intimidated by Zanu PF youths led by Tendai Mutuvha in Bindura North Chipindura stands ward 11. On 8 September Mutuvha in company of three ruling party youths arrived at Chibhinyane's home demanding his

national identity details. They told him they wanted to compile a database of names to identify those who fail to attend the rally.

In Bindura North, ward 4 business proprietors were forced to close down their business to attend the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally at Chipadze Stadium. It is alleged that Zanu-PF Mashonaland Central provincial chairperson Cde Dickson Mafios gave party youth officers' instructions to ensure that the rally was well attended. On 9 September youth officers ensured business closures around the Central Business District (CBD). Proprietors at TM flea market and street vendors were force marched to the rally. Peter Zinyemba who was in charge at TM Flea market was instructed to lock the premises to deny access to those who were defiant.

***Fig 1 Vendors' stalls closed***





Figure 1 man walks past a closed vendors stall during the Mashonaland Central Presidential Interface rally



In Mazowe Central Zanu PF youth leader Moses Bango allegedly forced Kanyemba villagers in ward 8 to attend the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally held in Bindura. On 9 September about 20 Zanu PF youths led by Bango were chanting revolutionary songs, armed with sticks threatening to assault those not attending the rally. Many villagers attended the rally in fear of being assaulted. All age groups including the elderly using walking sticks were ferried to Bindura in hired vehicles. Among the elderly victims in attendance were Mrs Moyo\*, Mr Gurwe\*, Mrs Chisvo\* and Mrs Chikerema\*.

On 9 September in Guruve North Kanounama village, ward 19, Zanu PF chairperson Wonder





Maphosa was accused of withholding financial contributions collected from villagers to finance the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface. It is alleged that Maphosa did not surrender part of the dues collected to the responsible authorities. A villager who requested to have her identity protected reported that Maphosa had collected \$0.50 per household towards fuel expenses to ferry ruling party youths to the rally but he used part of the funds for personal use.

It is alleged that Zanu PF chairperson Jonathan Kudangirwa forced residents in Mazowe South Glendale ward 17 to attend the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally. On 9 September Kudangirwa ordered all vendors at Tsungubvi shopping centre to close down their business and attend the rally. Vehicles were hired to ferry them to Bindura. An MDC-T activist Martin Risiyano was among those who were forced to attend the rally.

In Mt Darwin East village head, Kauya Bhaziweji allegedly forced Jongwe villagers to make financial contributions to clear ruling party debts after the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface rally. On 10 September Bhaziweji gathered ward 12 villagers and collected \$1 contributions per individual. He told them the village had not made a contribution towards the rally hence there were outstanding debts which needed clearance. Among those who contributed were Patience Tome\* and PaidamoyoMagwenzi\*.

It is alleged that three MDC-T activists Progress Nyamufukudza, Robert Kademo and Tapiwa Gumbate had their political rights infringed by Zimbabwe National Army officials (ZNA) Major Kurai Kuzaza and Major Trevor Tapera Magunye. On 11 September Nyamufukudza and his colleagues were summoned to a ruling party meeting where they were ridiculed in full view of villagers for singing MDC-T hymns when drunk. They were warned to desist from such behavior and stop wearing opposition regalia. This incident was recorded in Muzarabani South at Kademo farm house in ward 14.

In Bindura South Zanu PF chairperson Abraham Mhembere allegedly forced villagers in Masembura and Nekati to contribute a bucket of groundnuts to appreciate the 'first family' during the Mashonaland Central presidential youth interface. Mhembere sent village heads in wards 10 up to 15 to collect contributions by the ward chairperson only identified as Kakukira. The delegation consisted of Leonard Madamombe, Lawrence Masembura, Shadreck Chigume, and Paul Gutsa. Those who had no produce were forced to contribute a \$1 each. Among the victims recorded were Anne Muswe\*, Silas Mashoko\*, Alice Moyo\* and Jane Mambo\*.

Zanu PF activists Stewart Kunatsa, Chemhai Chirata, Ranganayi Nzvimbo, and Wonder Maphosa allegedly forced villagers at Zikumbo and Nyagomo to attend a ruling party meeting at Negomo secondary school ward 19 in Guruve North. On 23 September they sent circulars in





villages notifying all people to attend without fail. During the meeting they advised villagers to vote for the ruling party to safeguard their properties ahead of the 2018 elections. They also provided a calendar of events given to villagers to attend ruling party meetings often. Bongai Chitambo\* and Jeremiah Chitambo\* were part of the villagers who attended the meeting against their will.



War veterans boycotted a district stakeholders meeting which was held at Zanu PF Wedza District offices on 8 September. The agenda of the meeting was to devise strategies on how to revive President Mugabe's support within the district so as to make him competitive in the 2018 elections. It is alleged that, instead of following the agenda, war veterans organised their own separate meeting shaming, threatening and intimidating President Mugabe's supporters during the meeting. Among the war veterans were Cde Peter Mutsatsa, Cde Chigwededza, and Cde Langton Gotora, their argument was that President Mugabe and his family are a threat to ordinary Zimbabweans hence there was no reason to re-elect him.

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	↓	0	2
Theft/looting	↑	12	10
Discrimination	↑	4	2
MDP	↓	1	3
Intimidation/harassment	↑	35	21
Displacement	↑	2	0
Disrupted Political meeting	↑	1	0

In Goromonzi West ward 7, on 12 September there was a land distribution in preparation for the 2017-2018 farming season. The program targeted the



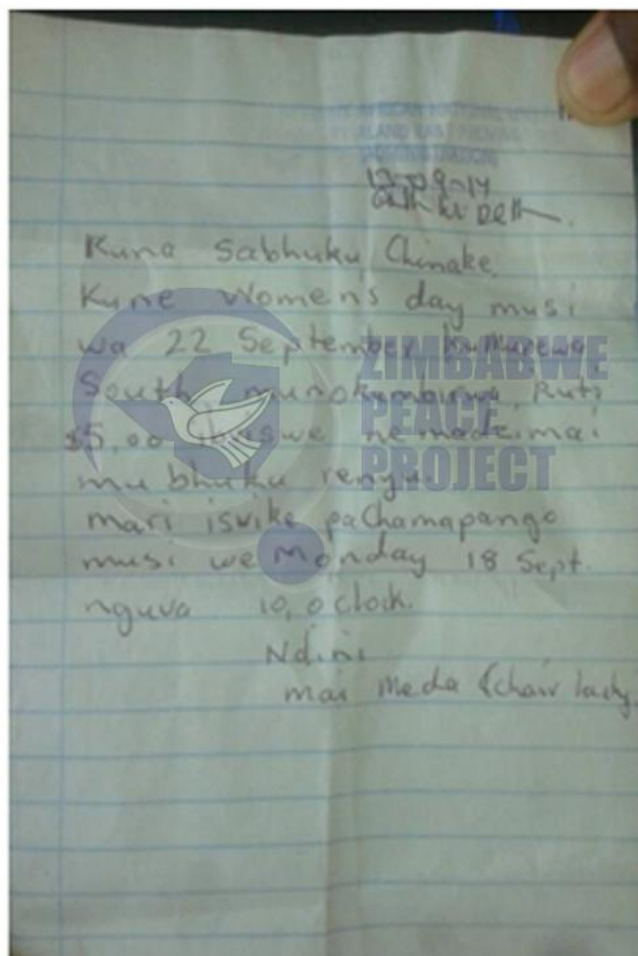


youths in the area as a way to promote resilience through farming using the Command Agriculture facilities. Youths in areas such as Chibvuti, Munhenga, Chabwino and Mkwene with two hectares secured more farming land and were promised farming implements. It is alleged that only Zanu PF youths were entitled to benefit from the exercise as known opposition supporters were denied the opportunity. Among those who were given land were Richwell Nyakudya, Hatious Junior Marange and Paul Chiminya Bohwo who are from the Zanu PF youth ward committee. However, this did not only affect opposition youth, it also affected less active and inactive youths in the area.

Local people in Murehwa North from Zihute village, Hanyanga village, Mavhumure village and Bute village were intimidated by Temba Chaponga Zanu PF district chairperson. It is alleged that on 14 September, Chaponga ordered people during a ward meeting not to associate with opposition supporters or to attend opposition meetings especially meetings convened by the Mnangagwa faction. It is alleged that Chaponga strongly warned villagers not to be seen in compromising positions and activities as it would cost them during the pre-election and post election period. The meeting had been organised by the acting District Administrator identified as Phylis Danhwa.

Zanu PF district chairperson at Chamapango Murehwa North ward 16, Anna Meda forced people to contribute money towards the next Women's Day. It is alleged that on 14 September Meda sent

letters addressed to village heads forcing each village to contribute \$5. Meda told all the village heads in the ward had to come up with the money as it would be channelled to fund activities during the Women's Day celebrations. However, other opposition village heads declined to contribute among them was village head Chinake. Meda threatened the rebelling village heads saying that their villages would not benefit from government programs since they are failing to contribute.



*A letter from Anna Meda addressed to village head Chinake to contribute \$5 towards the Women's Day.*







Tinashe Mugogo an MDC-T supporter was assaulted at Musunzwa Business Centre in Maramba-Pfungwe on 15 September. It is alleged that Mugogo was assaulted for wearing his party regalia at the time when people were queuing to secure National Identity cards. Headman David Kutuyamakwara ordered Mugogo to remove his T/Shirt but Mugogo refused. A group of Zanu PF youth led by ward chairperson Gideon Mhondo then assaulted Mugogo with open fists. The case was not reported to the police. Mugogo was threatened with eviction from the village if he reported the matter.

On 18 September village heads were summoned to attend a meeting at Zihute Hall ward 30 in Murewa North by Shakeboy Kahuni the Zanu PF district chairperson and Chief Mangwende. Village heads were told that from the 14<sup>th</sup> of October to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November they should advise and assist their villagers to register to vote. Village heads were told to go with their villagers to the registration points so as to provide them with proof of residence. Kahuni is alleged to have threatened village heads during the meeting. He is alleged to have told them that they should only support Zanu PF in the 2018 elections or would be sacked from their positions.

Kahuni further told village heads to monitor their villagers to curb infiltration by opposition supporters.

On 23 September in Mudzi West Ward 6 Masenda village, Kraal head Witness Choto a war veteran and

Zanu PF ward chairperson intimidated villagers during a meeting. It is alleged that during the biometric voter registration exercise, Choto ordered people from his area to vote for Zanu PF in the coming elections. He intimidated the gathering and those waiting to register that the registration process works in favour of his party since finger prints and photos are taken it would be easy to determine which party one votes for during the elections. He further denied known opposition supporters proof of residence and among them was Goodwell Mazarura. Choto intimidated the gathering and told them that he had sent 40 youths for training under the National Youth Service who will be deployed in Mudzi West to assault and kill all opposition supporters.

Village heads in Goromonzi North ward 16 were called for a caucus meeting on 26 September by Headman Rodias Musonza. The meeting was aimed at preventing Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) activities in Goromonzi. It is alleged that a team from the President's office was also present during the meeting. One of the delegates from the President's office warned village heads that they should not participate in (NGO) activities. The Silveira House a Catholic Centre was used as an example of a centre where opposition supporters and activists were being trained to overthrow a constitutionally elected government. Among the gathered people were Member of Parliament Paddy Zhanda, Headman Rodias Musonza, and Councillor Charles Majuru.

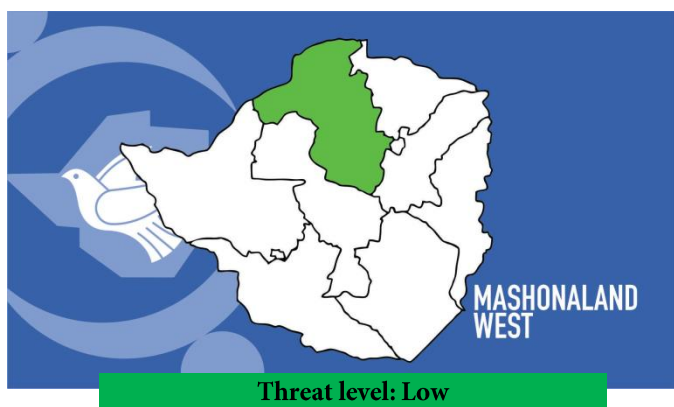




Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	→	2	2
Theft/looting	↓	1	7
Discrimination	↑	6	0
MDP	↓	0	1
Intimidation/harassment	→	14	14

Chitsvo is quoted to have said, ‘No one has the right to distribute anything in the compound except for me and only those who wish to do so should seek advice from Zanu PF through party structures.’

In Magunje ward 10 Councillor Budwell Chasara and village heads forced people to buy Zanu PF membership cards on 2 September. It is alleged that ward councillors with the help of village heads forced people to buy Zanu PF membership cards. The membership cards will be used to secure farming inputs from the Command Agriculture scheme and other government schemes as they attract a \$1 monthly subscription. Meanwhile village heads in the same area are taking advantage of the Biometric voter registration system by unlawfully charging a stamped letter as proof of residence. It is alleged that villagers are being charged to secure a copy of proof of residence. A proof of residence is a requirement in the new voters’ registration thus villagers have to pay for this document among the village heads charging for this document were Kandororo, Kambeme and Mazvimbakupa.



On 2 September at Chigwell Farm compound in Ward 22 Chegutu East, pastors from House of Fire Ministries were denied permission to reach out to the less privileged and vulnerable families. It is alleged that Zanu PF ward chairperson Amos Chitsvo denied a group of pastors access to the community to distribute clothing during an outreach activity. Susanna Gama who was working closely with the pastors confirmed the incident highlighting that Chitsvo threatened people before denying a group of pastors’ authority to donate clothing. Chitsvo argued that the pastors failed to notify and consult Zanu PF leadership in the area hence he denied them to conduct their outreach.

Zanu PF Chegutu East Ward 16 Councillor Etherge Mbangani forced villagers to gather for an inauguration ceremony of village heads. It is alleged that on 7 September, Mbangani forced people to attend a gathering to select and appoint village heads. However, the gathering rejected the whole process arguing that village heads were for villages not farms. Mbangani is alleged to have threatened and intimidated people arguing that it was a





government requirement to appoint village heads in farms.

In Norton ward 1 and 11 Zanu PF Councillors used food to campaign on 13 September, which represents a violation of the electoral code of conduct. It is alleged that social welfare food handouts were used for campaigning by Zanu PF councillors in Norton an exercise which will hinder free and credible elections.



*Some of the people who received social welfare food handouts during Zanu PF ward campaigns*

On 19 September CATZIM a Christian based organisation hosted a workshop aimed at

promoting Christians to vote at Ebenezer Church in Chegutu Ward 8. The activity was facilitated by pastors and among them were Pastor Edmore Phiri, Pastor Chakona and Pastor Magwenzi. The activity was initially interrupted by the officers from Police Internal Security Intelligence (PISI) stationed at Pfupajena who were later joined by state security agents. Nevertheless the workshop was not halted but the presence of state agents minimized the participation level. Despite that the gathering was a religious activity; pastors were later accused of violating the Public Order and Security Act (POSA). The facilitators were then taken for questioning and after hours of interrogation they were released. One of the policemen from Pfupajena police station identified himself as constable Zuva and the suspected state security agent identified himself as Mudhingo.

On 20 September, in Kadoma Claudius Maphosa an MDC-T supporter was harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF supporters at Kadoma Library ward 13. It is alleged that a Zanu PF team led by Hillary Kachere a self proclaimed war veteran and other four Zanu PF youths harassed and intimidated Maphosa. Things went sour for Maphosa during a residential meeting when he reminded and encouraged people to register to vote. Maphosa's remarks did not go well with the Zanu PF supporters. Maphosa was quickly silenced, scolded and humiliated and was told that it was not his duty to remind and encourage people to vote. Maphosa was ordered to immediately leave the meeting and





he quickly complied as he feared that he would be assaulted.

opposition supporter named Promise Maribha who is from Gombi village and another political activist Chaka Chomupute. Gumbu is also said to have been warned Mazorodze that he will have to tread carefully in the elections in 2018.

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	↓	0	1
Theft/looting	↑	2	1
Discrimination	→	2	2
Displacement	↓	0	1
Intimidation/harassment	↓	11	12
Unlawful Detention	↑	1	0

It was reported that on 5 September in Chivi Central the ward 16 Councillor, Munashe Pwanyai was threatened by a Zanu PF youth officer Howard Madungwe. Madungwe accused Pwanyai of calling for a meeting meant for discussing development in ward 16 without consulting him (Madungwe). Madungwe went on to accuse the Councillor of calling several meetings behind his back. As a member of the Zanu PF provincial youth Madungwe said Pwanyai should always inform him of any meetings he convenes. It is also alleged that the misunderstanding between the two escalated after Pwanyai supported the re-election of Ezra Chadzamira as the Masvingo Zanu PF provincial chairperson who Madungwe accused of belonging to the Lacoste faction in Zanu PF.



On 2 September in Chivi Central ward 16 Zanu PF chairperson Namiel Gumbu threatened village headman Reuben Mazorodze. The threats started when Mazorodze refused to buy Gumbu some beer at Huruyadzo Night Club. Gumbu then allegedly accused Mazorodze of being an MDC-T activist as he had been seen associating with a perceived

In Masvingo Central, ward 15 Chidzoka village, it was reported that Vonai Haurovi who had not contributed towards the Heroes Day commemorations was victimised on 9 September. It is alleged that after failing to contribute a bucket of maize towards the Heroes' Day commemorations, Haurovi was harassed by Taru Chikodza. It was reported that Haurovi had thought the issue was over after the event, but it was reported that she was taken aback when she saw Chikodza coming to her homestead demanding a bucket of maize. Haurovi





told him again that she did not have the said bucket of maize. After a heated argument it was reported that the village head instructed Haurovi to find another village to reside since she had refused to comply with what that village head was demanding from her.

On 10 September in Chivi Central it was reported that the ward 17 community was threatened by three Zanu PF members namely Austin Hakunavanhu, Namiel Gumbu and Francis Mhomho at Chirogwe Business Centre. Hakunavanhu as an aspiring Member of Parliament for Chivi Central in 2018 and together with Gumbu, they threatened ward 17 villagers that they should vote for Hakunavanhu if they know what is good for them in the upcoming elections. Hakunavanhu's campaign has been violent from the beginning.

On 13 September in Chiredzi South, ward 11 Mpakati village, Zanu PF ward development Chairperson Stephen Chivandika announced that only Zanu PF supporters will get residential stands in the constituency. It is alleged that while at the funeral of one Zanu PF member Perfect Hlongwani's son, Chavandika took advantage of the opportunity he had been afforded to address mourners after the burial and told the gathering that the Chiredzi low density suburb residential stands will only be given to Zanu PF members. He is also alleged to have said those eligible to receive those stands will only be recommended by him. He said Zanu PF supporters will need to go to him with

\$20 then one will be recommended to get a residential stand.

In Bikita East, ward 13 it was reported that a Zanu PF member Josphat Masunda embarked on a campaign of intimidating villagers concerning the BVR process. It is alleged that Masunda started telling villagers that the new voter registration method will be good for his Zanu PF party as it will be able to show them where and who exactly one would have voted for. Masunda went on to say after that process those who would have voted for the opposition will be heavily assaulted in the post-election period. One of the victims of this intimidation is Curtis Mapuranga\*.

On 19 September, in Gutu West ward 25, a case of assault as a result of political differences was recorded. It was reported that while at a meeting which was called by one Masarira, a Zanu PF aspiring 2018 member of the House of assembly in 2018, Silvestre Mundongo was assaulted by Evans Rangarirai. It was said that while slaughtering two goats at the gathering Mundongo was approached by Rangarirai and was slapped in the face after he was accused of supporting opposition activities in the area an allegation Mundongo denied. It was also said that people were encouraged to go register to vote. They were warned that they would face the 2008 punishment if they do not vote for Zanu PF.

On 27 September in Masvingo West it was reported that schools around Masvingo were forced to participate in a tournament dubbed 'President Bob





at 93 Festival’ which was to be held at Victoria High School on 30 September - 01 October. It is alleged that schools were forced to participate in this tournament despite some of the students preparing for their ‘A’ level examinations. The organisers of the tournament are said to have been T. Zhakata and Muzamani who are the chairperson of the School Development Committee and the headmaster for Victoria High School. It was also reported that the tournament was compulsory.

On 20 September, in Bikita West, ward 13 it was reported that, one Zanu PF supporter called Kirion Mapindwa intimidated residents about the BVR system. It is alleged that Mapindwa who is employed by Zanu PF as a driver intimidated people saying the new BVR system will be able to show them where one would have voted in the upcoming 2018 elections. One victim was Previous Kufa\* of an unidentified political affiliation. It was also reported that Mapindwa is currently using the Zanu PF Bikita West vehicle to make the errands and intimidate ward 13 residents.



**Threat level: Low**

On 13 September, it is alleged that Mr. Joseph Donga, Zanu PF member intimidated people during a village meeting held at Mbembeswana Masuku Business Centre. It is said that Donga threatened all individuals who had travelled on September 12 to attend the coronation of Mthwakazi King in Bulawayo. While addressing the crowd, it is reported that he persistently made reference that plans were underway to deal with individuals who had engaged in ‘secessionist’ activities as their names had been noted. It needs to be noted that the coronation failed to take off as the ZRP barred the ceremony citing various factors, chief of them being that the ceremony had not been ‘adequately’ cleared.

It was reported that in ward 22 of Nkayi South constituency, an influential Zanu PF member only identified as Bigboy ‘Sandlana’ Sibanda instructed individuals to vote for President Robert Mugabe or risk being assaulted. While in a series of community meetings, it is said that Sibanda instructed people to register and ultimately vote for Zanu PF. In all his speeches, it is reported that he illustrated how they

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	↑	1	0
Discrimination	↑	1	0
Intimidation/harassment	↑	12	2
Displacement	↑	1	0



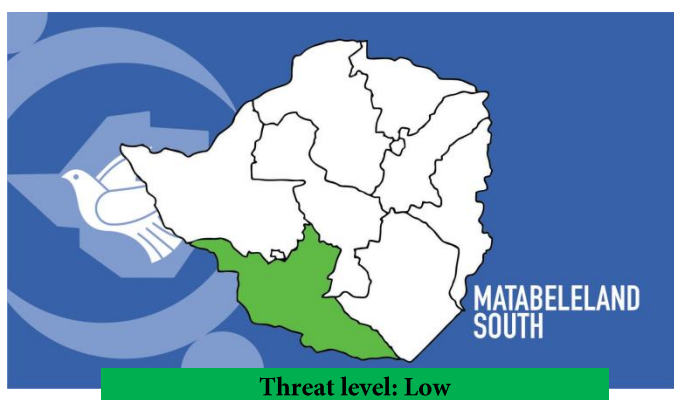


would punish individuals who would fail to vote for Zanu PF since according to him the BVR system shall easily trace those that would vote against Zanu PF. Bella Moyo\* is among those who were threatened.

Phumula Ncube. It is said that Ncube prevented those that had failed to pay a sum of 60 cents meant for ‘civvies day’ from attending school lessons. In his address it is alleged that he set the record straight to those that had failed to pay the civvies’ day fee and ultimately ordered them to withdraw from lessons.

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	➡	0	0
Theft/looting	⬇	0	1
Discrimination	⬇	0	2
Displacement	⬇	0	1
Intimidation/harassment	⬆	5	2

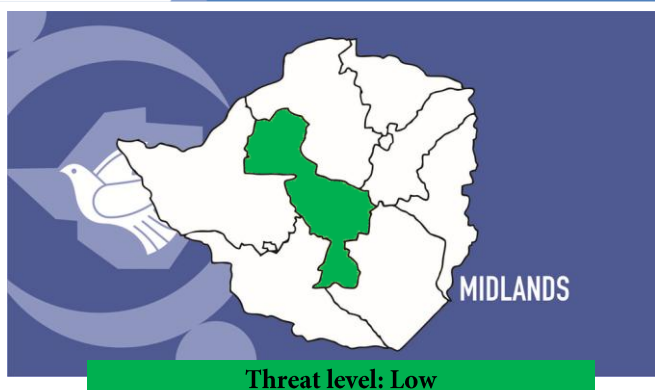
On 25 September at Sikhutha Business Centre of ward 19 in Insiza North, it is reported that three Zanu PF supporters only identified as SamaTshu, Mlala and SaStance threatened retail store owners to reduce commodity prices. It is said that the trio made it clear that if the retail stores failed to comply with the government directive, they risked burning down of the shops and ultimately being beaten up. The shop owners were accused of sabotaging the Zanu PF led government.



Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	➡	0	0
Theft/looting	⬇	0	1
Discrimination	⬆	1	0
Displacement	➡	0	0
Intimidation/harassment	⬆	3	1

On September 14, it was reported that pupils at Mawabeni Primary School were denied their right to education by the headmaster identified as





It was reported that on 4 September six suspected Zanu PF youths assaulted a police officer at Mkoba 1 Shopping Centre. The police officer is said to be stationed at Mkoba 1 police station. The six assaulted the police officer after they had been told to stop vandalising some property in a shop at the shopping centre. After the police officer had told the six to stop what they were doing, they replied saying by telling them to stop he is simply telling them to stop campaigning for Zanu PF as they were on a Zanu PF campaign programme at that moment. The police officer is reported to have advised them to concentrate on their campaign and stop destroying people's property in the process. One among the youths only identified as Kenny immediately called someone from the CIO and reported the police officer. The unidentified person then demanded to speak to the police officer and told the police officer that by warning the youths he was acting against President Mugabe. The six then allegedly slapped the police officer and left the scene.

In Chiwundura Constituency at Mkoba 14 business centre, a case of intimidation was reported on 9

September. It is alleged that two Zanu PF youths confronted Martin Zumbika, Noel Zinyemba and Tafara Chitete all three suspected to be of the MDC-T and accused them of being part of the MDC-T youth who were said to have been discouraging residents not to attend the Zanu PF youth interface rally which was held on 1 September in Gweru. It was alleged that the three denied the allegations and told the Zanu PF youths not to forget that Mkoba is a MDC-T stronghold. The two Zanu PF youths then threatened to follow the three one by one at their homes for unspecified action.

In Silobela ward 21, it is reported that the ward 24 Councillor Munashe Matane intimidated villagers at a funeral at Moyana village. It is reported that on the date in question villagers had gathered for the late Never Matinetsa's funeral. Matane took advantage of the funeral when he was asked to speak and allegedly intimidated villagers. He is alleged to have said that villagers should vote correctly in the upcoming 2018 polls and if they do not vote for Zanu PF they would be inviting war and violence in the constituency. The number of villagers to have attended the funeral was estimated at around 300. It was also alleged that he did this at the funeral which had been attended by villagers mostly from wards 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

On 10 September in Chiwundura at Mkoba Golf Course, Tinashe Mawire who is a member of the MDC-T was confronted and assaulted by five Zanu PF youths. It is alleged that the five accused Mawire of spreading false reports that Zanu PF youths had







sexually abused a woman after the 1 September youth interface rally. It was said that this abuse had happened after a number of Zanu PF supporters had been left stranded after the rally with no transport to take them back to their respective places. It is alleged that the stranded people spent the night roaming around and these Zanu PF youths took advantage of the situation.

In Gokwe Chireya at Chidora Business Centre it was reported that, the Zanu PF ward chairperson Elias Vumbanyama and one Zanu PF youth Olivia Manhenga addressed a meeting on 11 September where they intimidated and threatened villagers with unspecified action if they do not vote for Zanu PF in the 2018 elections. It is alleged that all village heads in this ward were forced together with their villagers to attend the meeting. It was reported that the meeting was for purposes of intimidating village heads and coerce them into ensuring that they do not have opposition supporters in their villages. It was also said that at the meeting the village heads were told to make sure that their villagers had registered to vote in the 2018 elections. Notable victims of these threats were said to be Gift Munyuki and Phone Gazi who are well known opposition supporters.

On 21 September, Chiwundura, at Senga Business Centre unidentified Zanu PF youths confronted one Edward Rusere and demanded to know whether he was going to continue supporting the MDC-T or he was joining Zanu PF in the build up to the 2018 polls. It was said that this followed another

confrontation which had previously happened to the same victim before the 1 September Zanu PF youth interface rally held in Gweru. Rusere responded by saying he was still deciding. The response prompted a reaction from one of the youths who kicked Rusere before leaving the scene. No police report was made.

Category of incident		September 2017	August 2017
Assault	↑	4	2
Theft/looting	→	0	0
Discrimination	→	1	1
Torture	↑	1	0
Intimidation/harassment	↓	8	9
Disrupted Political Meeting	→		

*\*Names of victims have been changed.*







**Food and Other Aid Violations**

1/One	0/Zero	4/Four	1/One	1/One	0/Zero	1/One	0/Zero	1/One	1/One
Bulawayo	Harare	Manicaland	Mashonaland Central	Mashonaland East	Mashonaland West	Masvingo	Matabeleland North	Matabeleland South	Midlands



**Threat level: Low**

In Mazowe North ward 28, it is alleged that pupils at Mudavanhu primary, a satellite school under Mvurwi Primary had their education rights violated by school head Richard Mudavanhu who sent them away on allegations of outstanding tuition fees. On 12 September Mudavanhu turned away pupils from all grades. He told them not to report to school until a payment was received by the school authorities. This initiative left parents concerned since it was opening day. In a telephone interview Mudavanhu denied the allegations. He said whoever is saying that is speaking blatant lies.



**Threat level: Low**



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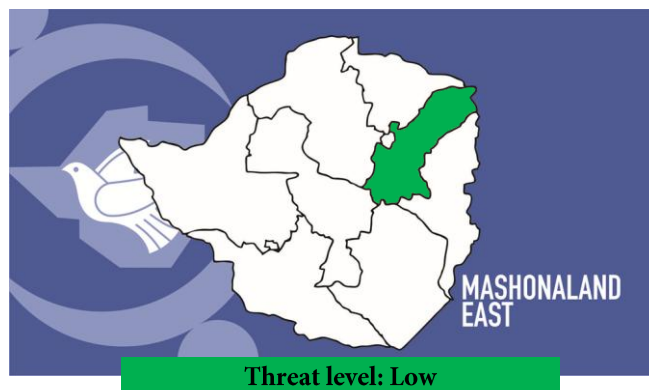
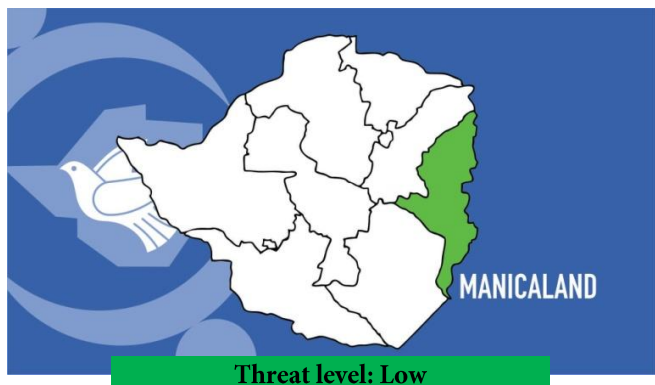
On 22 September, it was reported that in Chivi Central, ward 16 Gwenyanya village a list supposed



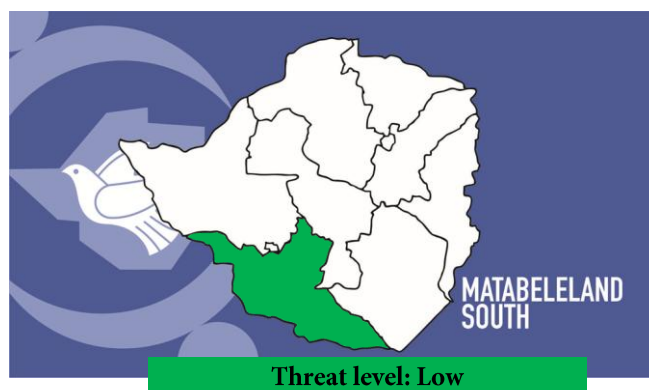


to be for beneficiaries from the Social Welfare department maize aid programme was politicised. It is alleged that kraal head Jairos Gwenyanya told villagers who had gathered to register for the maize aid programme that all Zanu PF supporters will be given first preference as beneficiaries.

going to be given agricultural inputs.



On 24 September, in Chipinge East, wards 13 and 17 Maswera Primary and Mandere grounds respectively a case of politicisation of farming inputs was recorded. It is reported that while villagers were gathered at the two, anticipating to be given presidential farm inputs, the Zanu PF ward 17 chairperson identified as Machokera politicised the process. It is alleged that Machokera told the gathering that the inputs were only going to be given to Zanu PF members and opposition supporters were supposed to go and be given by the MDC-T president. In ward 13, it was said that the same case happened as one Zanu PF youth chairperson identified as J. Zvotoona told the gathered villagers that only Zanu PF members were





**Threat level: Low**

On 22 September in Chivi Central, ward 16 Gwenyanya village a politicized list of food aid beneficiaries was prepared. It is alleged that kraal head Jairos Gwenyanya told villagers who had gathered to register for the maize aid programme

that all Zanu PF supporters will be given first preference as beneficiaries of this maize aid.

*\*Names of victims have been changed.*

*Annexure 1: A letter used to source funds for Heroes Day commemorations*





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

TERM	DEFINITION
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person
SEXUAL ASSAULT:	It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.
a) RAPE	
b) AGGRAVATED INDECENT SEXUAL ASSAULT	Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter
	Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.
ASSAULT	Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.
a) FALANGA (FOOT WHIPPING)	Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood, or a whip. The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.
b) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATION (WATER BOARDING)	A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's





c) BEATING	breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.
d) OTHER ASSAULT	Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or their own excreta.)
TORTURE	Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind
THREAT	It is whereby a person threaten to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION	Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult of threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity.
MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS	
KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL DETENTION	Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or









or control this very property.

**MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO  
PROPERTY**

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

- a) **DESTRUCTION OF HOME**
- b) **OTHER TYPES OF MDP**

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





## ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN ZIMBABWE



### ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

#### VISION

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

#### MISSION

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

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