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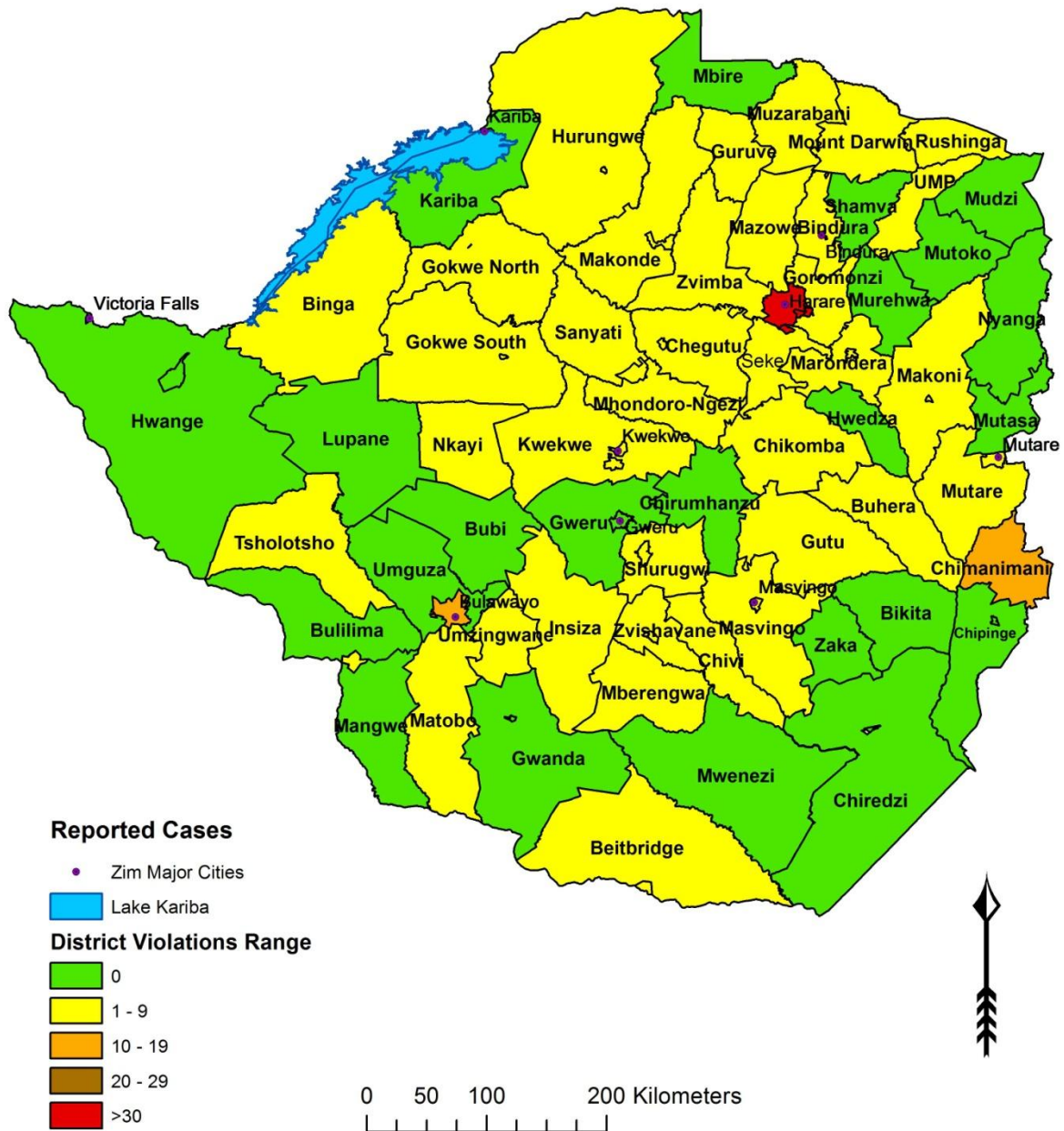
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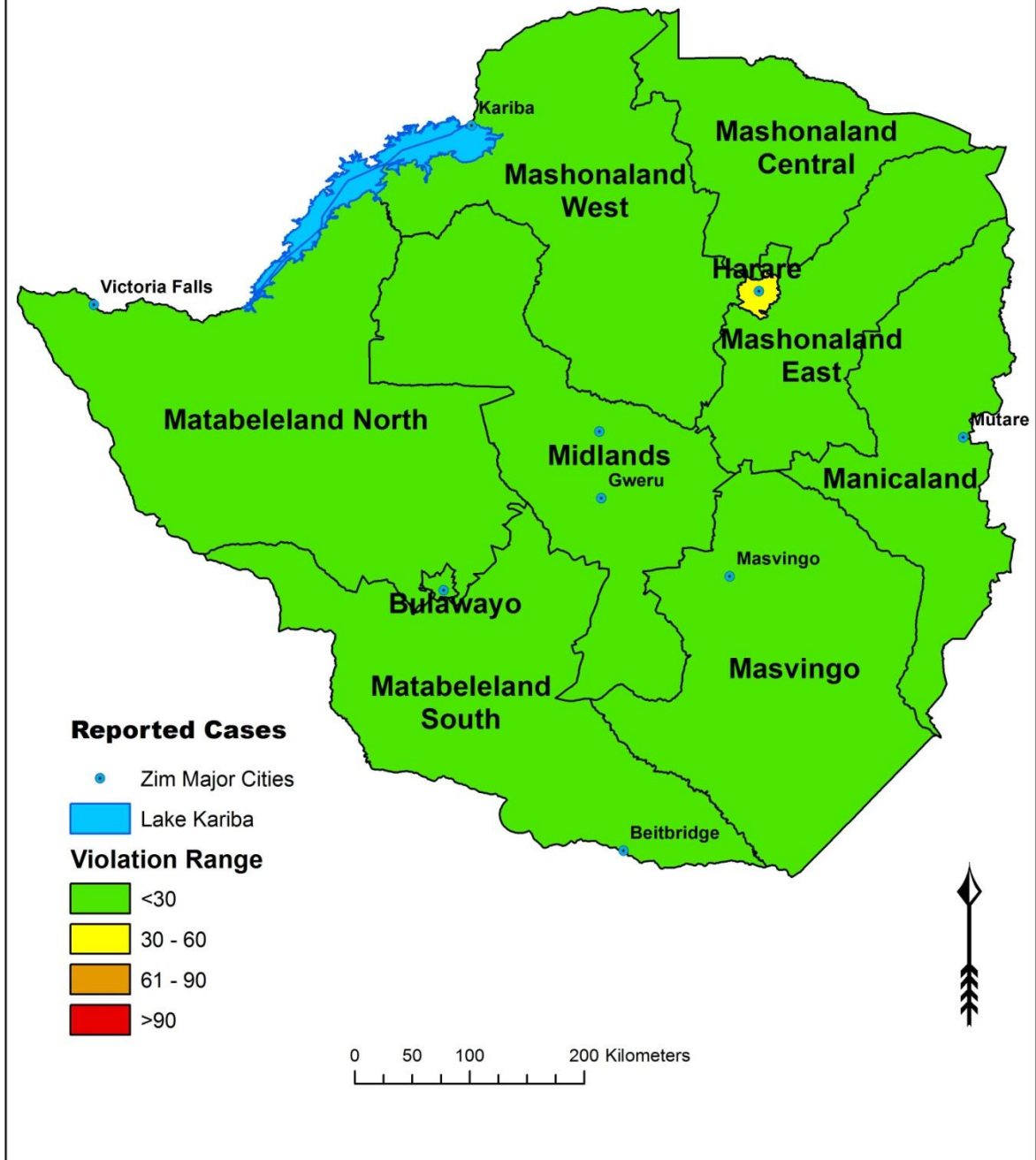
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November 2016 District Violations Map



November 2016 Provincial Violations Map



Executive Summary

Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) reported a surge in politically motivated violations during November largely due to the by-election that was held in Chimanimani West and two protests held in Harare. The Chimanimani West by-election that was held on 26 November was marred by vote buying, village heads intimidating voters, assisted voting and heavy police presence. Protests held on 18 and 30 November were against the introduction of bond notes. Bond notes are a surrogate currency introduced by the government to ease cash shortages. The protests, although peaceful, led to unlawful detention, harassment of protesters by police and malicious damage to property. State security agents took measures before the protests to stifle dissent through abducting and torturing two activists, assaulting residents in Kuwadzana East and maintaining a heavy presence. In Marondera Boni Tagwirei the MDC-T councillor for ward 3 together with two other party members were arrested and unlawfully detained by the police after they had gone to Marondera Police Station to give notice of a planned anti bond notes demonstration.

Apart from the above-mentioned irregular events, most violations are recorded in cases of food and agricultural input distribution. The El Nino induced drought has meant that many people, in both rural and urban areas, depend on food aid to avert starvation and malnutrition. The beginning of the delayed rainy season has found most people without adequate farming inputs thus the Food and Agriculture Organisation and government through the Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development as well as the Targeted Command Agriculture scheme have been implemented.

During distributions of aid, claims are made that aid coming from government schemes is provided for Zanu PF supporters only. For instance, this report states how some opposition activists were blacklisted from receiving aid in Muzarabani North. In a sign of desperation some opposition supporters in Bubi crossed the floor to join Zanu PF to ensure that they get aid. With the impending Zanu PF conference people have also been coerced into contributing varying amounts of money towards transport fares for Zanu PF members to attend the party conference slated for Masvingo in December. As a result food and other aid violations record the highest statistics.

In November food violations totalled 38 cases, while September had 44 cases and October had the highest with 52. There has been a dip in the number of violations of the right to food supposedly because concern was raised by ZPP, other civic organisations and recorded in a report by Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) to the extent of catching the attention of the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare.

On the contrary, in November there was an increase in violations by type to 208 from 186 in October. Forty-four cases of violence were recorded in Harare with Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West, Manicaland and Mashonaland East recording 28, 26, 26 and 20 respectively. In November there were 116 cases of intimidation as compared to 88 in October. Discrimination, which can be accounted for largely due to food and agricultural input partisan distribution, was recorded 40 times in November and 51 times the previous month. Another alarming statistic is that of assaults from 15 in October to 25 in November. Increase in the number of cases of intimidation, discrimination and assault is worrisome especially considering that Zimbabwe is approaching harmonised elections in 2018 and history has it that violations increase during the pre-election period.

In November cases of intimidation are high most likely because traditional leaders and state security agents are gearing up for the 2018 election and already employing different

intimidation tactics to ensure that most people will vote for Zanu PF. There is a distinct convolution between the party and state as Zanu PF and the police maintain a lead as perpetrators of violence. According to reports received by ZPP, in November Zanu PF was responsible for 51.1% of human rights violations, a reduction of 10.4% from October. As the state continues to deploy police officers in constituencies holding by-elections and as police officers attack peaceful protesters the police are responsible for 32.3% of human rights violations from a low 6.1% the previous month. ZPP is also aware that there are violence perpetrators of no known affiliation. The number of these perpetrators also continues to grow to alarming numbers of 12.1% in August and 16.6% in October. The levels of unknown affiliation of perpetrators were low in July at 0.4% and the record is at 0.9% in November. Perpetrators increased by 106 from 330 in October, however in September they reached an alarming level of 967.

There is a disturbing trend of continuing farm invasions and pegging of stands in undesignated areas. For instance in Gutu West it is alleged that Chief Serima and Colonel Muchechetere approached Erasmus, a white farmer, and told him to evacuate his farm in Chatsworth, Gutu West. In Goromonzi it is alleged that some youths who included MDC-T youths were pegging stands at Mara farm in ward 23.

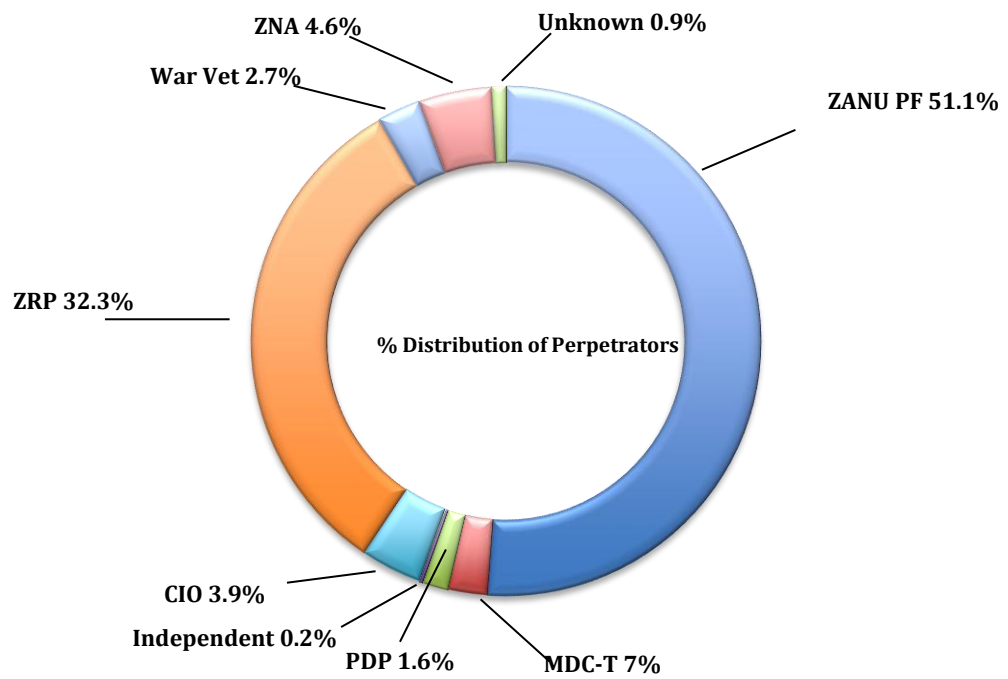
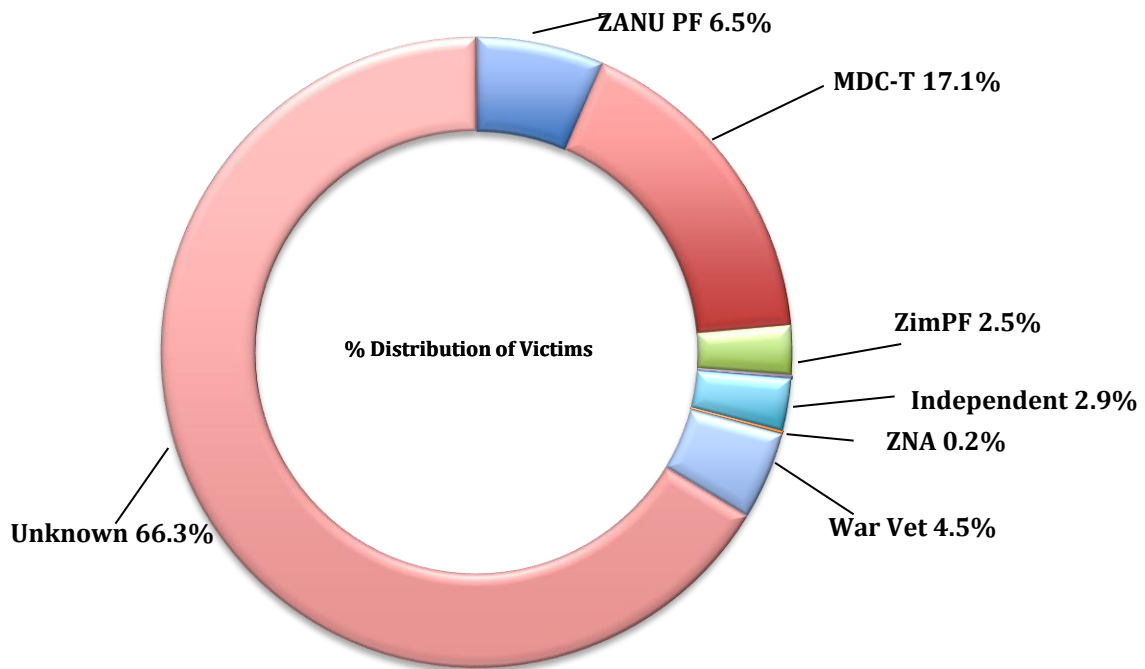
The rights commonly breached in November are freedom of association, freedom of expression, right to personal security, political rights, freedom to demonstrate and petition, freedom of assembly, right to human dignity and rights of accused persons,. Rights that rarely feature but featured during November are the freedom of profession, trade and occupation and right to life.

Data Gathering Methodology

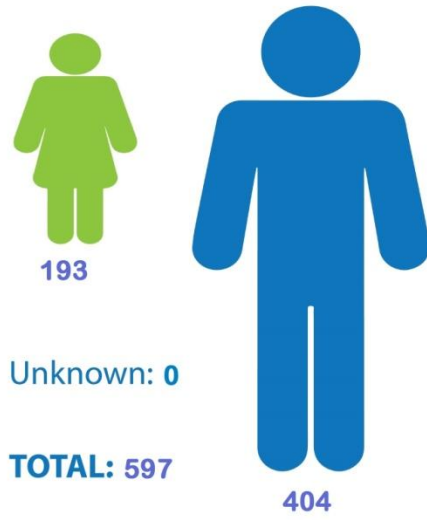
Information contained herein is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors, who observe and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies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

This report contains some of the violations recorded by ZPP, the organisation has a data base with the rest of the injustices and gladly shares it with interested stakeholders.

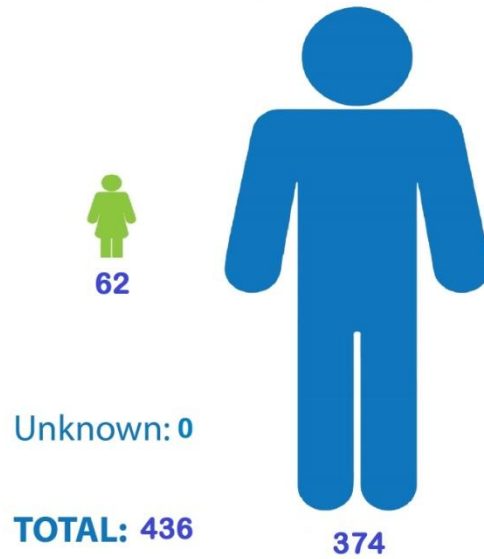
THE DASHBOARD – INCIDENTS' STATISTICS AT A GLANCE



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	0	0
Harare	0	2	0	0	0	2
Manicaland	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash Central	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash East	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash West	0	0	0	0	0	0
Masvingo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat North	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mat South	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall Total	0	4	0	0	0	4

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF with 4 violations for November. The intra party violations in Zanu PF are indicative of the factional fights over who will succeed the incumbent President.

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	2	1	0	0	3
Assault	2	2	0	1	2	0	12	2	2	2	25
Theft/looting	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	1	9
Discrimination	4	3	2	3	2	7	4	5	5	5	40
MDP	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	5
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Intimidation /harassment	9	10	4	7	7	17	22	6	16	18	116
Displacement	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
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	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	16	16	8	12	12	26	44	20	26	28	208

Harassment and Intimidation cases continue to dominate the recorded violations, followed by discrimination and assault. Harare had the highest recorded violations in November with 44, followed by Mashonaland Central province. This is attributed to the anti-bond notes protests.

Provincial Summaries

Bulawayo

Most of the violations recorded are a result of political intolerance and intraparty conflict. Heavy police presence on a select hampered people's freedom of assembly, movement and expression.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
9 November	Right to Shelter	<p>The Bulawayo City Council (BCC) served 100 families residing at Bulawayo Municipal Compound near Madlodlo beer garden under Mzilikazi/Makokoba Municipality with eviction notices. The council told the families that the compound was to be used for accommodation of council workers like municipal police. Some of the residents have lived in the compound for nearly twenty years. Affected tenants include *Mary Ndlovu with a family of seven, *Mandla Mpofu and his family of six as well as *Mphathisi Simela who has a family of five.</p> <p>When contacted by ZPP, an official from the municipality said the compound is meant for council workers and currently former employees are subletting the premises. He also said most of the residents owe rentals ranging from \$600 upwards but the council is willing to look into their circumstances and negotiate payment plans.</p>
12 November	Freedom of Expression	<p>War veterans in Pumula were threatened by unknown men for expressing displeasure towards President Mugabe's tenure in power. The war veterans held a secret meeting at Old Pumula shopping centre where they vowed to continue with the meetings until more people joined them in calling for the president not to stand in the 2018 elections.</p>
13 November	Right to Personal Security Freedom of Association	<p>*Phillip Musimwa from Bulawayo East was physically harassed and insulted by Orbet Dube and Custon Chinginge who accused him for defecting from their party the People's Democratic Party (PDP) led by Tendai Biti to Zimbabwe People First (Zim PF) led by Dr Joice Mujuru. No police reports were made.</p>
17 November	Freedom to demonstrate and petition	<p>Heavily armed police officers were patrolling the city center, in anticipation of a demonstration against the introduction of bond notes. There was also a marked increase of roadblocks on main roads leading to the city center. The demonstration did not take place.</p>


18 November	Freedom of Expression	In the Bulwayo city centre Kholwani Sibanda, a Zanu PF supporter verbally insulted and threatened *Siboniso Mathe, a member of the MDC led by Professor Welshman Ncube accusing her of denigrating Zanu PF and the President when she passed complaints over school fees of war veterans' children not being paid and the Zanu PF led government failing to run the country properly.
28 November	Right to Information	<p>The introduction of bond notes in banks caused serious confusion, instability and resistance as the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe had not adequately informed citizens and the business community before introducing the currency. Queues were very long and for those who managed to get their cash, in a combination of bond notes and dollars, the challenge was most major shops were refusing to accept the bond notes as legal tender. Such shops included OK, Choppies, Pick n Pay and Greens supermarkets.</p> 

Figure 1: Bulawayo residents queue to access money at a local bank (*image by ZPP*)

Harare

The province witnessed a number of violations that include abductions, assaults, intimidation and discrimination.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
5 November	Freedom of Association	Zanu PF youths looted goods and threatened to take over a vending stall owned by one *Moven Chikami at Gazaland Shopping Center in Highfields West. Chikami, an MDC-T supporter reported the issue to his party superiors who then sent some party youths to man the vending stall until Chikami felt safe.
18 November	Right to Personal Security Right to demonstrate and petition	Activists Patson Dzamara and Ishmael Kauzani were allegedly abducted by suspected state security agents in plain clothes. The abduction took place a night before a planned protest by social movement activists against government's introduction of bond notes. It is reported that Dzamara was in the company of other activists who fled after the ambush by the armed men. The two were severely assaulted and sustained serious injuries to the head and back and their cars were torched. They were found the following morning at Avenues Clinic where they were treated.
18 November	Right to Personal Security Right to demonstrate and petition	At around 2am a group of approximately 20 uniformed soldiers assaulted civilians in Kuwadzana East. It is reported that the army officers patrolled nightclubs and shops around Kuwadzana 2 beating up civilians. They first went to Sunset Nightclub where they beat up people using baton sticks and bare hands before proceeding to K2 Nightclub. At K2 Nightclub they assaulted vendors outside the bar before proceeding to attack patrons inside the club. It is believed that their motive was to intimidate people from participating in the anti-bond notes protest that had been planned by social movement activists.
18 November	Right to demonstrate and petition Freedom of Expression	There was heavy police presence in the Harare Central Business District on the morning earmarked for a demonstration against the introduction of bond notes, a surrogate currency set to ease the cash crisis. The demonstration had been planned by social movement activists and was dubbed 'Munhu Wese muRoad'. However, due to intimidation and heavy police presence following violence in previous protests members of the public failed to convene and start the demonstration.

	Rights of Accused Persons	<p>Police arrested six human rights defenders for taking part in the protest. Harare lawyer Advocate Fadzayi Mahere, Mudiwa Mahere, Henry Munangatire, Talent Chademana, Nyasha Musandu and Thobekile Ncube were charged with participating in a gathering with the intention of promoting public violence to breach the peace as defined in Section 37(1) of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act (Chapter 9:23), or alternatively with disorderly conduct in a public place. They were each released on \$100 bail by Harare provincial magistrate, Mr Vakayi Chikwekwe. Defence lawyers of the human rights defenders opposed the application arguing that the arrest and detention of their clients is unlawful since they were not advised of the reason of arrest upon being apprehended.</p> <div> </div> <div> </div> <p>Figure 2: Armed police patrolling the city center (Image by ZPP)</p>
22 November	Right to Personal Security Right to Shelter	<p>Zanu PF youths, Honest Bekani and his friend only known as Masimba, physically assaulted an MDC-T supporter, *Yvonne Zuva and her 6 year-old son. Zuva reported the matter to Epworth police leading to the arrest of the two. The case Reports Received Book (RRB) number is 2978943. Zanu PF chairperson for ward 5, Mrs. Joe, questioned Zuva and told her she should have reported the matter to the Zanu PF leadership instead of the police and forced her to withdraw the case. Zuva refused to withdraw the case and was threatened with eviction from her Epworth home.</p>
23 November	Freedom of Association Political	<p>MDC-T youths were putting up posters in Mufakose at Samuriwo Shopping Centre when Zanu PF youth, Jairos Humbiro started pulling down the posters and defacing some of them. This was ahead of a rally that was scheduled for 26 November at the Zimbabwe Grounds.</p>

	Rights	
29 November	Political Rights	Elections for youth chairperson were for the second time nullified due to Zanu PF infighting at area 3 Takawira district in Epworth. Illegal settlers, who made up the bulk of the electorate, were divided between Victor Kagamba and Rosemary Watch. After Kagamba won people protested and accusations were thrown at him as the illegal settlers claimed that he was responsible for 2008 election violence and would cause violence again in 2018.
30 November	Freedom of Expression	<p>MDC-T youths, led by Harare Province Vice Chairperson, Paul Gorekore, staged a protest in Harare city center. The youths were demonstrating against the introduction of bond notes and calling for the government to step down. The protest started at the Main Post Office and was disrupted on arrival of riot police. This forced the protesters to flee and as chaos ensued most shops and banks were forced to close.</p> <div> </div> <p>Figure 3: Police in riot gear were dotted around the city center <i>(Image by ZPP monitor)</i></p>

Manicaland

In November campaigns intensified ahead of the Chimanimani West by-election that was marred by vote buying, intimidation and unwarranted assisted voting.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
18 November	Political Rights	At Mukomwe Primary School ward 10 in Mutare West *Simon Bakasa was allegedly expelled from Zanu PF on suspicion of being a ZimPF sympathizer. The decision was made by Chief Gilbert Marange at a Zanu PF restructuring exercise. Chief Marange accused Bakasa of setting up Zim PF structures in ward 10 and 11.
24 November	Political Rights	At Mhandarume Secondary School in Chimanimani West, Minister of Home Affairs Ignatius Chombo and District Party Chairperson, Briton Muzvuzvu, told a gathering that some voters should declare that they are illiterate and be assisted to vote.
26 November	Political Right Freedom of Association	On the morning of the Chimanimani West by-election, at Shinja Primary School in ward 9 of Chimanimani West a youth officer was deployed at the school gate and appeared to be jotting down names of everyone entering the polling station. This intimidated villagers. The election was riddled with vote buying, intimidation, heavy police presence and assisted voting. Zanu PF candidate, Nokuthula Matsikenyeri won against independent candidate Edmore Mtetwa, National Constitutional Assembly candidate Pesanai Musakaruka and Peter Gutyanga of the Renewal Democrats of Zimbabwe.

Mashonaland Central

The most violated rights during the course of this November were freedom of association, right to personal security and right to food.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
2 November	Right to Personal	It is alleged that Zanu PF youths torched a house belonging to *Bezel Kazembe, a Zim PF supporter. The Zanu PF youths are said to have a list of names of people that attended a Zim PF rally and it is feared that they are going after

	Security Freedom of association	those whose names appear on the list.
6 November	Freedom of Association	Allegedly, Zanu PF youths were forcing residents to attend the party's meeting that was to be addressed by officials from Bindura at Chimhanda Growth Point Rusambo village in Rushinga. The local Councilor, Manyika had in a previous meeting refused to source food aid for the people and his statement was suspected to have made residents reluctant to attend the Zanu PF meeting hence the need for the party youths to coerce people.
14 November	Freedom of Association	Citizens were allegedly forced to join a group of war veterans that demonstrated in Guruve North's ward 6. Guruve North Zanu PF Chairperson, Bernard Mondo, from Manovi farm led the protest whose aim was to demand land.
17 November	Freedom of Assembly	Guruve police refused to clear an MDC-T rally which was to be held on 18 November at Mudhindo. No clear reasons were given and the MDC-T leadership was forced to reschedule the rally at the last minute.
19 November	Freedom of Profession, Trade Or Occupation	It is alleged that Kainos Kambanje and seven other Zanu PF youths under the instruction of Peter Muswaka (district chairperson) collected \$2 from all the vendors and shop owners at Dandamera shopping centre, ward 15 in Mazowe West. The money was said to be used for transport for youths to the Zanu PF national conference in Masvingo. Those who failed to pay were told that they were not going to be allowed to sell their wares at the shopping centre while shop owners were threatened with cancellation of licenses.

As Zanu PF heads towards its conference, members are increasingly harassing people, forcing them to attend meetings and contribute money towards the event set for December.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
21 November	Right to Life	It is alleged that an MDC-T youth, *Raymond Masimba fell into a river and drowned when police officers chased after youths that were pegging stands at Mara farm in ward 23 in Goromonzi. However, other reports state that the post mortem results indicate that the victim was assaulted severely leading to his death and was thrown into the river after he had already died. The sub-aqua unit retrieved the body of the deceased the following day. The deceased's relatives are said to be seeking legal advice and assistance as they suspect foul play.
23 November	Right to Personal Security	*Gideon Chiza and *William Gombera were unlawfully arrested and severely assaulted by police in plain clothes in Ruwa. The two MDC-T supporters, were accused of arson at Mara Farm. They were taken to an unknown location and were found two days later at Harare Central Police Station. Their lawyer, Douglas Mwonzora, negotiated their release.
24 November	Freedom to Demonstrate and Petition	Boni Tagwirei the MDC-T councilor for ward 3 together with two other party members were arrested and unlawfully detained by the police after they had gone to Marondera Police Station to give notice of a planned demonstration. The demonstration was against the introduction of bond notes. The three were released the following day without charges laid against them.
28 November	Political Rights	Dennis Mutadza a Zanu PF youth together with three other youths were forcing vendors in Dombotombo to each pay \$1 towards supporters' transport fares to Masvingo for the Zanu PF conference. Some of the vendors paid while others refused saying they did not have the money. The youths threatened those who failed to pay with eviction from their market stalls.

Norton residents that were fielded by Temba Mliswa as polling agents when he ran for the post of Member of Parliament on 22 October have accused Mliswa of not paying them. ZPP spoke to Mliswa's assistant who asserted that the polling agents were taken on board as volunteers and no payment terms were set on the table especially considering that Mliswa ran as an independent candidate and did not have funding to pay his campaign team or polling agents.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
21 November	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that *Willson Goredema who was denied entry into a council budget meeting was assaulted by six Zanu PF youths led by Zanu PF ward 7 Youth Chairperson, Steven Zulu. Goredema was denied entry at Rimuka Hall in Ward 7 Kadoma on the basis that he is a supporter of Zim PF.
21 November	Freedom of Expression	At a roadshow held at Katanga Shopping Centre in Norton to raise awareness about bond notes *Jones Mafunga was threatened for expressing scepticism towards the introduction of bond notes.

Masvingo

There has been in-fighting within Zanu PF structures as factions fight to take control of the planning for the conference to be held in Masvingo. Progressive Democratic Party has continued to lose members as some influential members have gone back to MDC-T.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
8 November	Political Rights Right to Personal Security	Councillor Macheche Macheche, Shadreck Mugubunje and others are alleged to have assaulted Headman *Solomon Poshai after accusing him of supporting MDC-T. Poshai is both Headman and Organizing Secretary for MDC-T. Councillor Macheche accused the headman of setting up MDC-T party structures in the ward. Magubunje then advanced towards Poshai and assaulted him using clenched fists. Magubunje was arrested and appeared in court on the charges. It is believed he is serving an 8 months jail term.
14 November	Freedom of Association and	Two officers from PISI in Chiredzi approached a community gathering at Chilonga in Chiredzi where the community was dialoguing with ZPP officers. It seems from the community someone who is a 'gatekeeper' must

	Assembly	have called the police. By the time the officers from PISI arrived the meeting had been concluded and they advised ZPP officers to inform them the next time they intend to meet with community members.
17 November	Property Rights	It is alleged that Chief Serima and Colonel Muchechetere approached Erasmus, a white farmer, and told him to evacuate his farm in Chatsworth, Gutu West. The farmer was into cattle ranching and government had promised to protect essential or specialised farming operations such as dairy and /or ranching. Serima and Muchechetere did not produce offer letters or any other official documents.
28 November	Freedom of Association	The Provincial Zanu PF leadership is forcing its members to clean and cut grass at the Agriculture Show Grounds in preparation for the annual conference slated for December. Joseph Chitemba and others that have failed to report for duty at the cleanup have been branded Zim PF sympathizers.
30 November	Right to Personal Security Freedom of Expression	Zanu PF youth chairperson, Walter Manjonjo and Kudakwashe Mundeza physically assaulted *Donald Chikasha after the victim asked about project funds promised by their Member of Parliament, Berita Chikwama. Chikasha was assaulted at N.Richards business centre, ward 34 in Gutu East.

Civil, political and socio-economic rights violations were the most commonly reported in the constituencies of this province. Opposition political parties undertook no major political meetings or activities, as political intolerance remains high. Political intolerance and food related violations dominated the incidents noted. Hwange, Lupane and Binga people were confused about how bond notes will work at a rate equivalent to the United States Dollar. Some traders and shops were refusing to accept the bond notes and service station operators were also sceptical.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
2 November	Freedom of Association Right to Human Dignity	Binga South Council Chief Executive Officer, Joshua Muzamba, who is also a Zanu PF official barred a ward 17 Councilor from participating in the ward CAMPFIRE program. The campfire district manager leading the program said he had strict orders from Mr Muzamba not to include the MDC-T councilor in the program.
7 November	Freedom of Expression	*Methembe Hlabangane had his mobile phone confiscated by Nkayi South Zanu PF Youth Chairperson, Nomagugu Ndlovu, after he played on whatsapp a video insulting the president. With the help of Zanu PF Vice Chairperson Chikonzero Manhende, Ndlovu took the victim to a police station intending to hand him over to a specific officer from the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO). The officer was not available and Ndlovu released Hlabangane after ordering him to attend the next Zanu PF meeting.
16 November	Political Rights	In ward 17, Kabuba village of Binga South, *Clayton Baloyi, a former member of Zanu PF was accused by two policemen identified as Dube, Chitemare and a local man Songoya, of defecting to Zim PF. Baloyi was threatened with unspecified action if he went on to join the opposition political party.

Matabeleland South

Most cases reported in the province were violations in terms of discrimination, freedom of association and the right to food. There was not much activity on the political front due to commencement of the farming season.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
4 November	Right to Human Dignity Freedom of Expression Freedom of Association	One of the Matobo North village heads, Somandla Ndlovu, a known Zanu PF member is alleged to have chased away an MDC-T party supporter from a village meeting held at Silozwe Business Centre in Silozwane Village. The MDC-T supporter intended to make a contribution at the community meeting and Ndlovu scolded her saying he does not listen to silly politicians.
4 November	Right to Health	Councilor Lawrence Maphosa of Ward 4 Insiza South moved a clinic site that had been agreed upon and pegged by the villagers at a central place at Ngaya Ward Centre to Mbondweni Business Centre. By virtue of not being central some of the villagers will be denied efficient access to the health center. This led to people from three other villages not participating in the construction as it will not benefit them.
5 November	Freedom of Association Freedom of Assembly	Zanu PF youths disrupted an MDC-T rally held at Mahole Business Centre in ward 3, Insiza South. They disconnected electricity connected to the loud speakers and ordered workers at Cover shop not to connect electricity to the MDC-T loudspeakers and threatened to burn the shop should they ignore the order. They also closed the water taps in an attempt to inconvenience attendants.
28 November		As shops in Gwanda and Plumtree were refusing to accept bond notes, money changers were already capitalizing by changing in the streets giving people \$80 for 100 bond notes.

Midlands

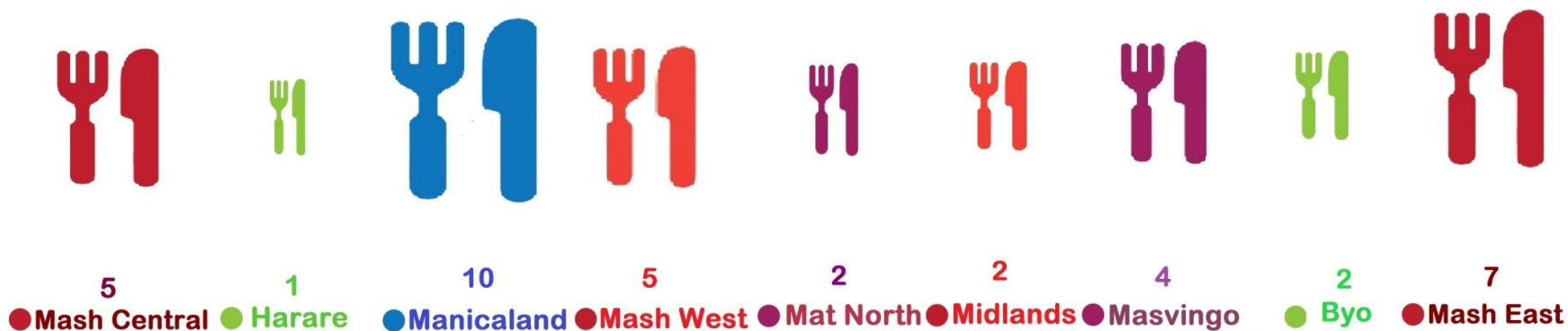
Discrimination, political intolerance, unfair distribution of food aid and disagreements over the introduction of bond notes were some of the issues recorded. The rains that were received in early November caught farmers unprepared as most were yet to receive inputs promised under the Command Agriculture Scheme.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
6 November	Political rights Freedom of Assembly	Police disrupted an MDC-T rally addressed by MDC-T Vice President, Nelson Chamisa, at Mandava Stadium in Zvishavane. It is alleged that police officers approached the venue and ordered the party supporters to disperse. When the MDC-T supporters expressed reluctance the police officers began throwing tear gas canisters into the stadium and arrested five of the party's supporters.
19 November	Political rights Freedom of Assembly	Stephen Masunda, a Zanu PF supporter forced *Tarisai Nyoni, an MDC-T supporter to stop ploughing in his farm and attend a Zanu PF rally at Makuva Secondary School in ward 28 at Mberengwa South.
22 November	Right to Agricultural Land	Headman Mufaro Bushe of Zanu PF ordered *Denis Lubimbi to stop clearing land where he intended to construct his homestead. Bushe claimed that land is for people who attend and identify themselves with Zanu PF in Mtemba village, ward 29 of Mberengwa South.
24 November	Right to Information	Zanu PF supporter, Masara Mafukidzangwa, threatened *Noel Zinyemba at Svisvi Business centre ward 12 Gokwe Sesame. Zinyemba had been distributing copies of the Zimbabwean Constitution and other reading material relating to peace building in Chikuni village.
29 November	Freedom of Expression	*David Matonga, a Zanu PF supporter, sustained a broken arm and was admitted at Gokwe District Hospital after his son who supports MDC-T assaulted him for showing him a bond note valued at \$2. It is alleged that the son, Mugove was furious as he believed the money would cause more harm than good to the economy.

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FOOD AND OTHER AID VIOLATIONS

Summary of Food Violations by Province



Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
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Bulawayo	16 November	Right to Food	Mary Esther Tshuma, a Zanu PF provincial committee member compiled a third list of Lobengula food beneficiaries under the social welfare scheme. Residents questioned what had happened to the first and second lists. Suspicions were also raised that she had replaced most people with disabilities and the elderly with Zanu PF supporters.
	19 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Zanu PF members took over registration and distribution of drought relief food in Bulawayo South. Opposition political parties are also failing to hold meetings in the area as Zanu PF supporters threaten those that attend. Due to this, residents are attending Zanu PF meetings in anticipation of welfare food distribution. *Raymond Gatsha who is the organizing official for Zim PF said opposition party members are on the verge of giving up as they are running out of ways to attract members.
	19 November	Right to Food	It is alleged that an epileptic patient, *Melusi Donga was denied access to welfare distributed maize by Zanu PF ward chairperson, Mrs Sibanda, at Mpopoma Hall. Melusi said the beneficiaries' list consisted of Zanu PF activists while deserving individuals were excluded.
	20 November	Right to Food	In Luveve Department of Social Welfare officers brought 500 bags of maize and these proved to be insufficient for the community. This caused mayhem as residents tried to grab the maize from the officials. Police intervened and closed the maize and distributing officers inside the Beit Hall.
	28 November	Right to Water	The recently introduced water rationing has seen some parts of Pumula constituency going for more than a week without water. This raises serious threats of disease outbreaks like cholera.
	29 November	Right to Food	There was distribution of 650 bags of 50kg grain by District Social Services in Makokoba. Zanu PF youths tried to interfere with the process as they wanted to off load and distribute the grain. Their attempts failed as people asserted that it was not the role of political party youths.

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Manicaland	7 November	Right to Food Rights of the Elderly	At Gugyanga business centre in Chimanimani West widows and the elderly were allegedly denied access to relief maize by Luckson Pimai of Zanu PF. Those that were removed from the list of beneficiaries were accused of being sympathetic to the MDC-T.
	11 November	Right to Food	Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing and Zanu PF national political commissar, Saviour Kasukuwere and Minister of Environment, Water and Climate, Oppah Muchinguri donated 2kg bags of rice to villagers at Biriri business centre ward 17 Chimanimani West. Only Zanu PF supporters were called out to receive the rice
	25 November	Right to Food	Headman Caldwell Mukobo of ward 8 Mutare North allegedly forced villagers to pay \$3 per household as registration fees to enable villagers to access government inputs. The fees were deemed exorbitant as a result the maize seed was inaccessible especially to vulnerable groups. No registration fees are required for government aid schemes
	25 November	Right to Food	In ward 11 Mutare North, Zanu PF Councillor Ngoro Chateu allegedly refused to register several people for the government inputs scheme. On the day, Chateu had called for a meeting at the ward centre and during the registration process he announced that the program was for the benefit of Zanu PF supporters only.
	26 November	Right to Food Right to Personal Dignity	Councillor Jane Ziki of Zanu PF deprived MDC-T supporters, *Pynos Shoko and *Susan Kambewu, agricultural inputs at Jagers Business centre, ward 5 in Buhera South. Villagers were receiving 5 kg bags of maize seed when Ziki said the seed was coming from the Zanu PF government and only Zanu PF members were entitled to it. The two were turned away empty handed.

	28 November	Right to Food	Soon after the Chimanimani West by-election, Headman Batsirai Chieza is said to have struck off the names of two election agents that were posted by independent candidate Edmore Mtetwa. The former election agents were told to get assistance from Mtetwa. It is alleged the headman is bent on punishing villagers whom he suspects did not vote for Zanu PF.
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Mashonaland Central	3 November	Right to Food Freedom of association Political Rights	Mrs Murombo, the Zanu PF chairperson for Chawawa village, Nzvimbo in Mazowe East, allegedly told *Anna Chizanga that she would not benefit from food aid because her husband is an MDC-T supporter. Chizanga was instructed to go and get food aid from the opposition party and the instruction is said to have come from councilor Elisha Mukahiwa.
	5 November	Right to Food Freedom of association Political Rights	It is alleged that ward 12 Councillor, Yeukai Mathaba, labeled two MDC-T supporters traitors, denied them agricultural inputs and reported them to Member of Parliament, Chrstopher Chitindi. The two were told while at St Albert's Growth Point in Muzarabani that they had been blacklisted and would not get any aid from the government. For fear of further victimization they did not report to the police.
	10 November	Right to Food Political Rights	At Chibombo village in Muzarabani North, Ward 24 Councillor, Winby Kagodo, claiming to be adhering to orders from the Zanu PF provincial office, is alleged to have blacklisted three MDC-T supporters from receiving any forms of aid. Kadogo accused the opposition party supporters of luring Zanu PF supporters to join MDC-T. He further threatened the MDC-T supporters with eviction if they continued.

	16 November	Right to Water	*Winie Chakabva is said to have been denied access to water by virtue of being an MDC-T supporter. Enock Fambani, a war veteran from ward 26, is the one who refused Chakabva to fill two buckets of water at Pfura Council Crèche in Mt Darwin North.
	18 November	Right to food Freedom of Association	It is alleged that there was partisan distribution of food aid at Muone Township in ward 4 Bindura South where Zanu PF district members received 10kg each while other supporters received 5kg each. Zanu PF chairperson Abraham Mhembere denied food aid to opposition party supporters and accused them of not attending Zanu PF meetings.

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Mashonaland East	18 November	Right to Food	It is alleged that headmen in ward 26 and 27 in Chikomba East were instructed by Zanu PF members to collect \$0.50 from villagers for transport to ferry maize seed. Zanu PF chairperson, Ardonis Mandizha, vice secretary for Zanu PF Women's League, Beauty Chikomba, Chairperson for the Women's League, Emelly Chigogo, youth chairperson, Kumbirai Sengwe and committee member, Simba Manyame were the ones issuing orders to the headmen. Villagers in ward 27 paid but villagers in ward 26 refused to pay.
	27 November	Right to Food	During agricultural input and food aid distribution at Svosve Communal area in Marondera East at Masikana shops in ward 19, Zanu PF councilor for ward 19 Nobert Hwenjere hijacked the process, started chanting party slogans and replaced names of beneficiaries with Zanu PF party youths. Tapiwa Mbewe (37) of N'gandu village and Chipso Magombedze (39) of Badza village benefitted in place of a widow *Princess Chikozho (70) of Gonye village and widower *Vincent Karima (79) of Badza village. Shakespeare Dengurenda the Zanu PF district committee secretary collected \$4 from each villager that had benefitted. It is not clear what this money was for.

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Mashonaland West	2 November	Right to Food	Zanu PF chairperson for ward 21 in Chegutu West, Claude Nyandoro, accused ward 21 Zanu PF councilor, Majury Mtambo, of including opposition party supporters on the list of aid beneficiaries. Nyandoro threatened that if the councilor went ahead to use the list that had ZimPF members there would be chaos during the distribution at Branswick clinic.
	11 November	Right to Food	Wadesango Nyatsambo, a Zanu PF youth coordinator harassed Councilor Philip Nhira at Manyewe Business Centre in Mhondoro Ngezi. Nyatsambo ordered Nhira to add Zanu PF supporters to the register of beneficiaries during a food distribution exercise. Nyatsambo threatened Nhira with unspecified action if he refused to add more people and this resulted in some deserving people who had walked long distances failing to get the maize.
	15 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Villagers from Mashuma 2 ward 17 under Chief Nyamhunga were forced to gather at Mashuma Business Centre for a meeting called by the Zanu PF District Chairperson, Morgan Masewe. Villagers were told that those who attended the meeting would be added to the list of agricultural input beneficiaries and those who did not would be deemed as opposition party supporters.
	15 November	Right to Food	Maize seed and fertilizers from the presidential inputs scheme that were meant for the elderly, widows and orphans was delivered in ward 22 and 23 in Zvimba South. Each affected household was meant to get a 10kg bag of seed maize and 50kg bag of fertilizer. It is alleged that Councillor Loveness Kumhunga of ward 22 and Richard Muganhiri of ward 23 changed the distribution criteria telling people to bring offer letters for them to get the aid. Those without offer letters were told that they would not get anything. To date the seed and fertilizer is yet to be distributed as it is suspected the two councilors wanted to divert the aid for resale.

	25 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	It is alleged that *Caroline Mwashita did not receive agricultural inputs that was distributed by Zanu PF Women's League Chairperson, Susan Mukura in ward 6 Kadoma Central. Mwashita claims that her failure to chant Zanu PF slogans and show support for the party is what led to her discrimination.
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Matabeleland North		Right to Water Right to Food	Tsholotsho North reported dire shortage of water as boreholes and dams are drying up due to a lowering water table. Villagers continue to lose a lot of livestock as a result of the water shortages. Some boreholes broke down and are in need of repairs. Food shortages remained critical but at least these have been abated by provision of food aid by Plan International that provided sorghum, beans and cooking oil to families not benefitting from the welfare scheme like those in wards 3, 4, 5 and 6 under chief Matupula area and the Department of Social Welfare.
	4 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	At Binga North Department of Social Welfare food distribution at Manjolo Business centre the Sikalonga ward 9 councilor found that a number of his fellow MDC-T party members were allegedly erased from the register and did not get food. The councilor then approached Chief Sikalonga and the six ward officers to lodge a complaint after which he was insulted and the local leaders declared that the maize was for Zanu PF supporters only and not for MDC-T traitors. The councilor has since lodged a complaint with the welfare department at Binga District offices and awaits a response.
	19 November	Right to Food Freedom of Expression	*Simangaliso Dungeni and Mandla Tshuma of village 2 in ward 3 at Bubi crossed the floor from MDC-T to Zanu PF saying they were tired of failing to get drought food relief as MDC-T did not provide the food. They said they were joining Zanu PF to enable them to benefit from the drought relief scheme and other government programs. They approached Zanu PF

			officials at a party meeting at Masuku Business Centre and requested to buy party cards and also register for food and maize seed.
	21 November	Right to Food	In Hololo village, Tsholotsho South ward 22 councilor Phumuza Ziya Dube was accused by villagers of writing names of his fellow Zanu PF members only for food relief benefits. He was accused of doing this in conjunction with his zone leaders who are also Zanu PF.
	25 November	Right to Water Right to Health	The Sipepa Business Centre and Hospital in ward 5 of Tsholotsho North, under chief Matupula, continue to be without water after the Zinwa water pump broke down. This has been worsened by an electric fault in the area. The water crisis poses a serious health hazard in the affected hospital, school and shops.

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Matabeleland South	3 November	Right to Food	Zanu PF activists in Beitbridge East were compiling lists of people to benefit from welfare food and farm inputs. Villagers complained why party activists instead of the councilor and village heads did the registration as this might lead to discrimination. The Zanu PF activists were promising that people would receive 10kg maize seed, 2 bags of 50kg fertilizer and 50kg maize per family.
	10 November	Right to Food	Umzingwane Zanu PF officials are alleged to have been registering people for farming inputs claiming it was from their party yet the villagers believed it was a government scheme. The Department of Social Welfare distributed food in ward 6 but not everyone benefitted as the maize was insufficient.

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Masvingo	28 November	Right to Food Right to Personal Dignity	Zanu PF Councillor, Munashe Pwanyai Musara, allegedly denied *Phillip Mwale, *Rodwell Mamhare and others access to food aid on the basis that they support MDC-T. During the registration process at Nyamakwe business centre, ward 16 in Chivi central only Zanu PF supporters got the nod.
	30 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Mr Munganasa, Manyanga, Mrs Chiurawa and Mr Mafudza chased away Zim PF member *Leroy Chitanga from food distributions on accusations of sympathizing with Zim PF. Opposition party supporters went home empty handed while the Zanu PF leadership each received extra 5kg bags of rice.

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Midlands	24 November	Right to Food	The government initiative to avail seed and other inputs to farmers was compromised at Charandura business centre ward 8 Chirumanzu when William Gondo of Zanu PF allegedly gave known MDC-T supporters and other villagers a cupful of maize seed instead of the 10 kg bag to each. Gondo refused to entertain questions from farmers regarding this unfairness.
	27 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Zanu PF Councillor Parliament Gwebu allegedly discriminated against *Timothy Mahlangu as he denied him agricultural inputs at ward 23 in Silobela. The councillor was distributing 10kg bags of maize seed when he allegedly told Mahlangu that the seed was for Zanu PF supporters only.

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Harare	25 November	Right to Food Freedom of Association	It is alleged that in Mabvuku, Zanu PF Youth Chairperson, Pearson distributed aid to Zanu PF supporters only. Each person got 2kg maize seed and a bucket of maize. Opposition party supporters in wards 19, 20 and 21 were told to register as Zanu PF members first in order for them to get the aid.

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ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

TERM	DEFINITION
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person
SEXUAL ASSAULT:	It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.
A) RAPE	Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter
B) AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT	
INDECENT	Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.
ASSAULT	Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.
A) FALANGA (FOOT WHIPPING)	Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood or a whip? The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.
B) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATION (WATER BOARDING)	A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.
C) BEATING	Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or their own excreta.)
D) OTHER ASSAULT	
TORTURE	Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind
THREAT	It is whereby a person threatens to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to

property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.

HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION

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

MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS

KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL DETENTION

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

A) ABDUCTION

B) UNLAWFUL ARREST

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

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

C) UNLAWFUL DETENTION

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

D) FORCED DISPLACEMENT

Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border"

PROPERTY RIGHTS

THEFT

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

ROBBERY

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

STOCK THEFT

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

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

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

- A) DESTRUCTION OF HOME
- B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP

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

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

Acronyms

GMB – Grain Marketing Board

NAVUZ – National Vendors Union of Zimbabwe

NERA – National Electoral Reform Agenda

RTUZ – Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe

ZimPF – Zimbabwe People First

ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army

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