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Human Rights Violations

MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

Intolerance for opposition

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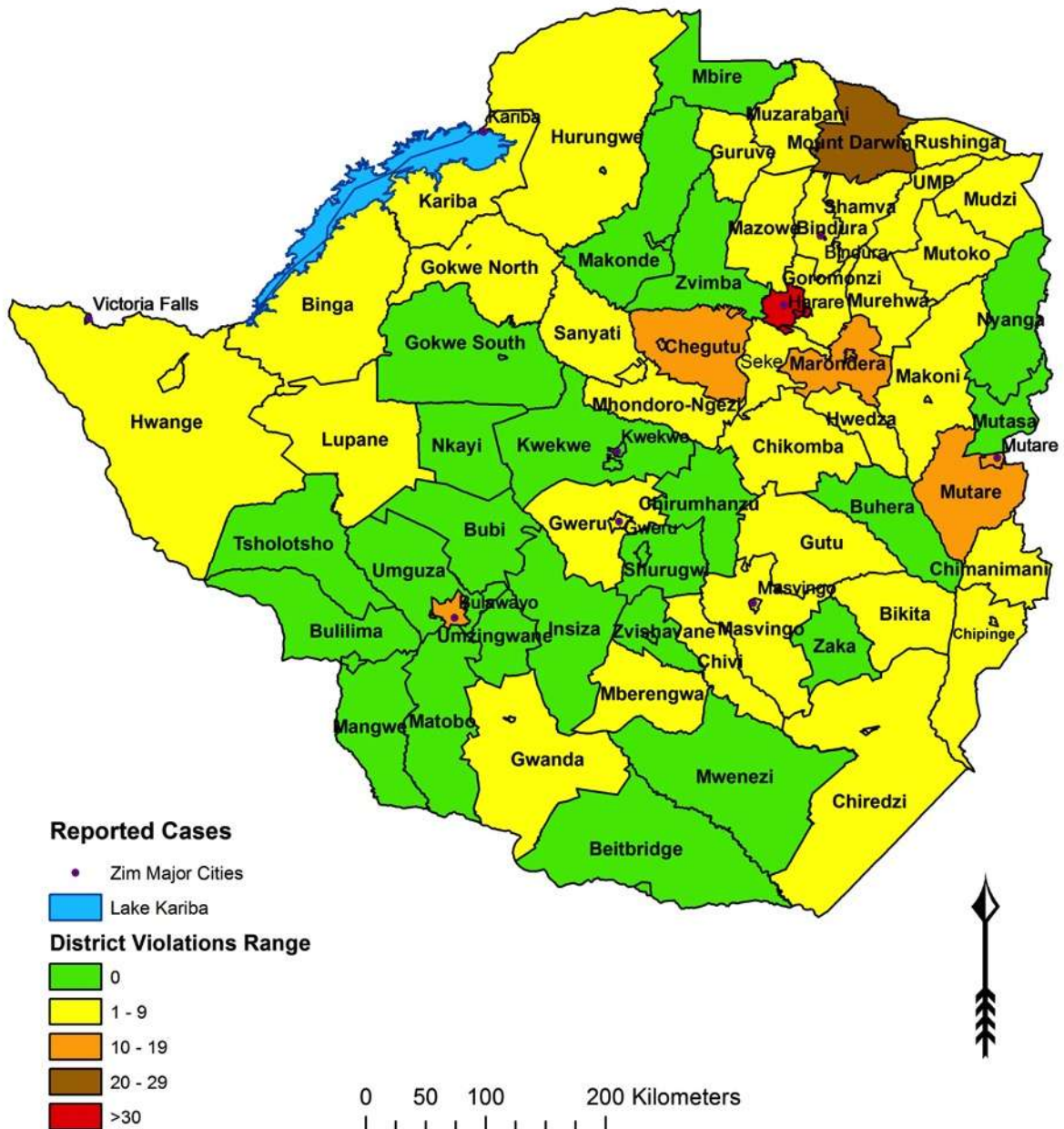
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THEMATIC OVERVIEW

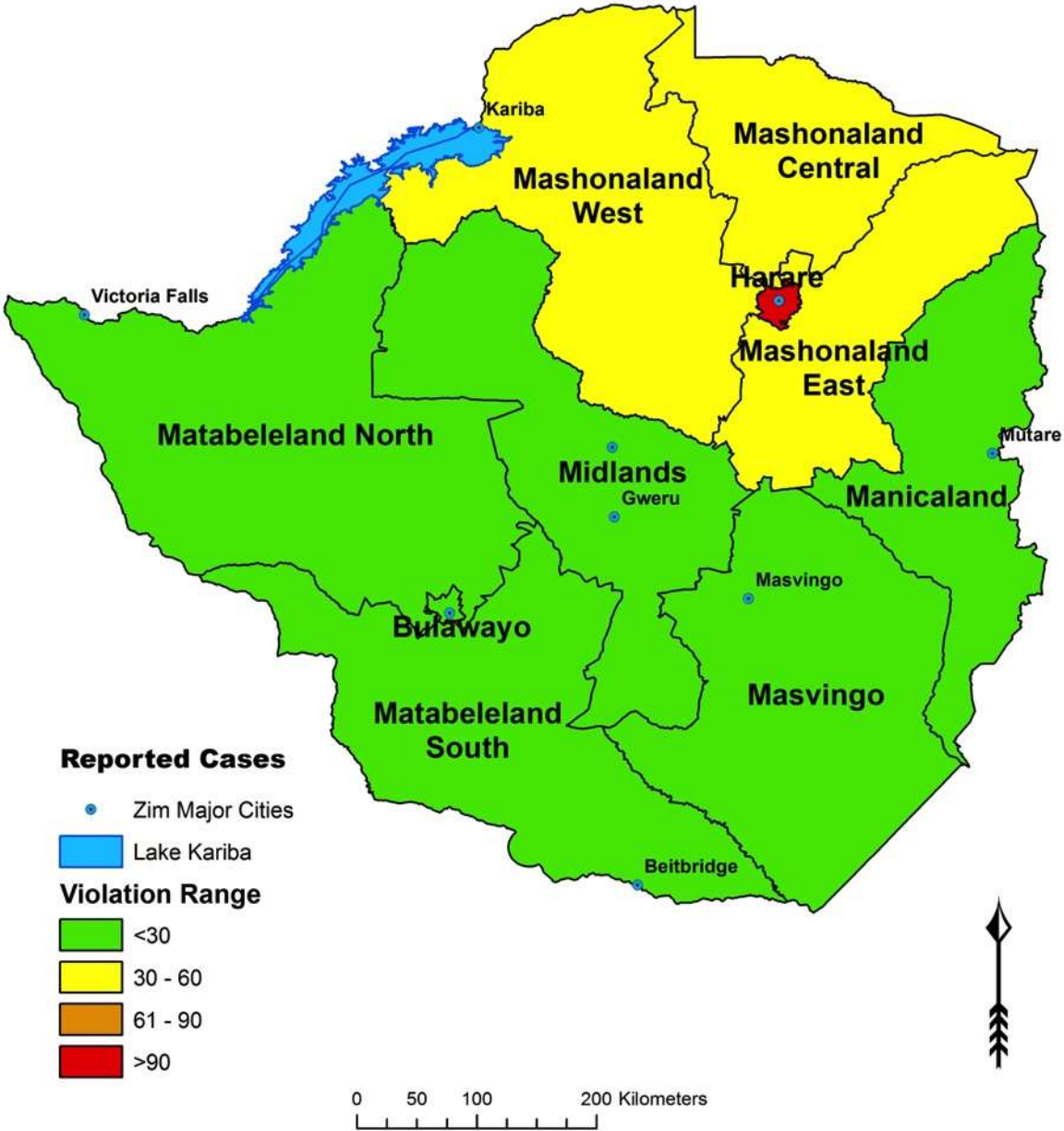
Theme: Political Intolerance

As political parties and the electorate brace for the 2018 general elections political intolerance continues to take center stage. In a democratic country where plurality should be welcome, political players and their structures are failing to come to terms with rising opposition on the political front. At a time when factionalism is rife in Zanu PF, the leadership is thwarting opposition and promoting political intolerance.

August 2016 District Violations Map



August 2016 Provincial Violations Map



Executive Summary

At any other time political intolerance could go unnoticed or would not be prominent as it is this August. This month MDC-T and ZimPF are trying hard to grow their membership base especially in rural areas as they prepare for the 2018 general elections. Ironically, it is during this month that most rural communities are looking forward to food aid as most granaries are dry. In Zimbabwe failure to accept other political players is becoming a sad culture. Those that are in Zanu PF believe they deserve to use state resources and determine beneficiaries.

The shocking levels of intolerance have gone beyond Zanu PF and opposition but between MDC-T and ZimPF as well. On 20 August Mashonaland East MDC-T supporters went rogue and started their own campaign “tinodawo mastands” (we also want residential stands). The right to land has lost its universality as opposition political parties are sidelined in land distribution and redistribution. MDC-T youths have also become intolerant that they believe they are more deserving of rights more than other political party supporters.

In Mt Darwin North, people that are known to support ZimPF are called out by ZanuPF leadership, humiliated and told not to attend public gatherings. Some are forced to denounce their political parties. These are signs that 2018 elections preparations are in full gear. There are no attempts to foster development regardless of political affiliation. In Mutoko North at Masisi Primary School the school development committee delved in identifying school cooks and the political parties they belong to, expelling one cook on grounds that he does not support Zanu PF. A development meeting was disrupted in Mutoko South when the Member of Parliament, David Chapfika, said the agenda of the meeting should have included an aspect discouraging people from taking part in protests against the ruling government.

The intolerance not only breeds physical violence between members of different political parties but the rot continues to spread to food distribution. On 12 August in Makoni North a social worker from Chingono Village was victimised after refusing to side line MDC-T supporters during food distribution. Opposition activists live in communities where their rights to shelter and food are violated. It is disconcerting to note that as granaries are dry more and more citizens are being denied food aid that is distributed by the Department of Social Welfare.

It is sad to note that citizens' freedom to demonstrate and petition is still at risk as police continue to brutalise those who exercise this freedom. Brutality linked to street protests have also followed known opposition and citizen movement activists to their homes raising red flags around risks of abduction and kidnapping. Journalists have become victims of brutality in the conduct of their duties and some have languished in prison for several weeks.

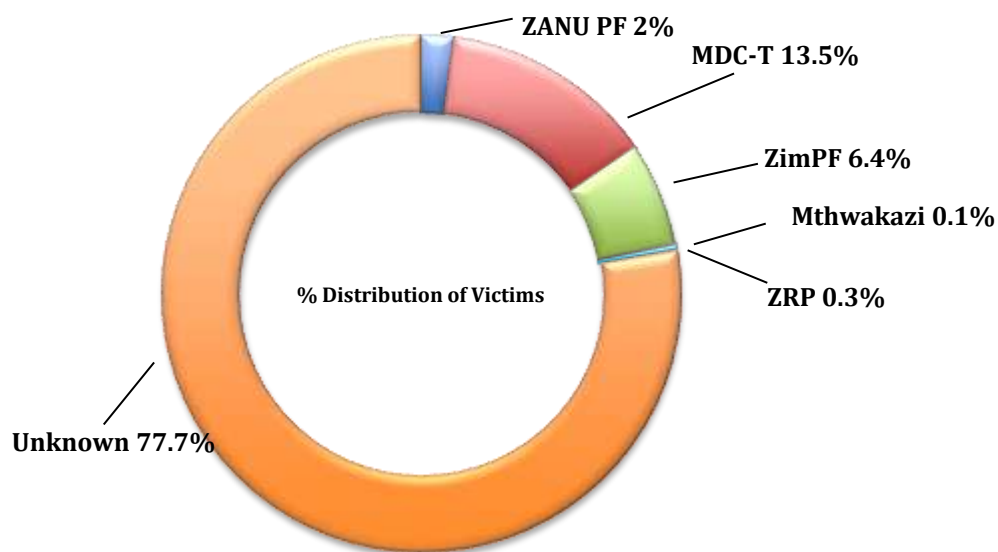
Data Gathering Methodology

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.

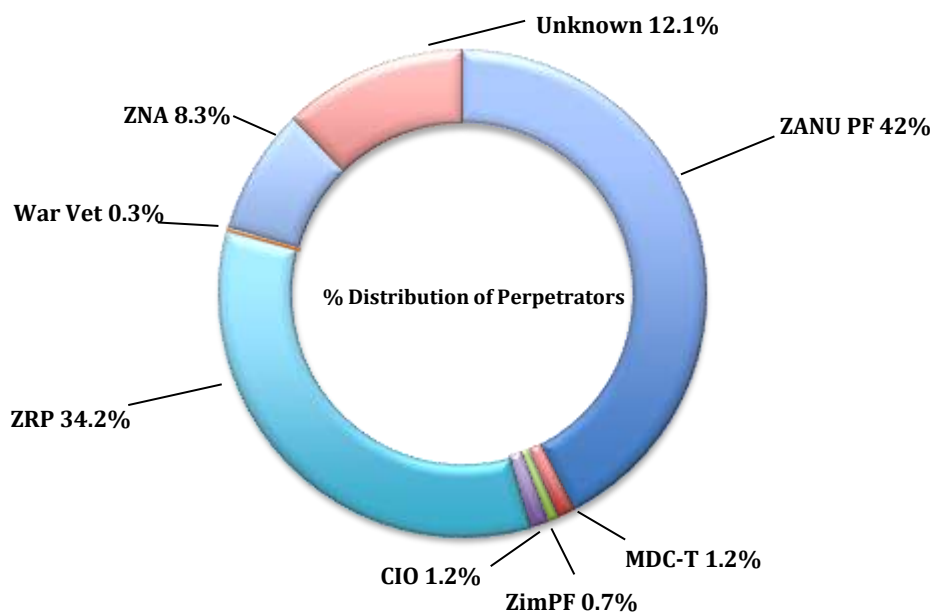
THE DASHBOARD - INCIDENTS' STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Analysis of Violence Victims by Party



As the figure above shows, the August victim figures show the increasing percentage of victims whose political affiliation is not known. It should also be noted that other victims are not aligned to any political party but take to protests as Zimbabwean citizens claiming their right according to Section 59 of the Constitution. Zanu PF victims continued to decrease in August (2%) as compared to July (6.8%)

Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Political Party



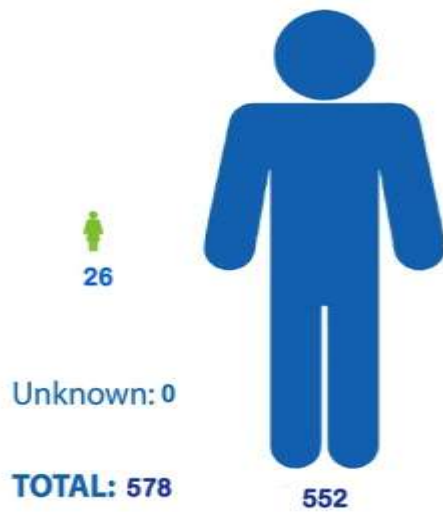
In August the high percentage in state-sponsored perpetrators such as the ZRP (34.2%), ZNA (8.3%), and CIO (1.2%) has remained relatively high, although July recorded higher percentage for ZRP (63%).

Analysis of Violence Victims by Gender



August has recorded a sharp increase in the total number of victims (1401) as compared to July (647) and June (356)

Analysis of Violence Perpetrators by Gender



In August the number of female perpetrators remains low whilst the male perpetrators remained the same (472 for July)

Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
Bulawayo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harare	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manicaland	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash Central	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash East	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash West	0	2	0	0	0	2
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
Overall Total	0	5	0	0	0	5

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF only with 5 violations recorded for August

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	4	0	0	0	4
Assault	0	0	0	0	2	3	34	4	2	7	52
Theft/looting	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	0	12
Discrimination	1	2	0	1	2	2	4	5	9	8	34
MDP	1	0	0	0	1	2	14	0	3	3	24
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Unlawful Detention	0	4	1	0	0	0	25	5	0	0	35
Intimidation /harassment	13	6	2	1	8	15	40	18	14	30	147
Displacement	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	6
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	1	1	2
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	12	3	3	14	29	130	33	32	49	321

N.B ZPP records acts or events of human rights violations which could have more than one victims and/or perpetrators.

Harassment and Intimidation cases continue to dominate the recorded violations, followed by assault and discrimination. Harare had the highest recorded violations in August with 130, followed by Mashonaland Central province; evidenced by the protests and arrests which occurred in August.

Provincial Summaries

Bulawayo

In August the trial of 86 protesters who were arrested in July began but was moved to 2 September 2016. Most high-density residential areas reported heavy police presence. The effects of the July protests were still visible as destroyed property and houses have not yet been repaired.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
6 August	Freedom of Assembly	Police unlawfully detained 14 #ThisFlag protesters at Bulawayo Central Police Station. The protesters were among the cricket game spectators at Queens Sports Club who sang the national anthem at the game's 36th over. The protest it is reported was against poor governance, an ailing economy and disregard of human rights by President Robert Mugabe's government. The protesters were not charged upon their release.
23 August	Right to Land	It is alleged that in Lobengula, Zanu PF leadership lured MDC T and other party supporters by promising to give them land on the outskirts of the city on condition that they defect to Zanu PF. The meeting was held at Chairperson Ncube's house in Lobengula.
26 August	Freedom of Expression	Bulawayo East was marked with very heavy police presence that instilled fear in people and also curtailed their movements. Residents felt intimidated by water canon tanks and police in riot gear roaming the streets.
31 August	Right to Shelter	Furniture, windowpanes and roofs of houses in Makokoba, which were destroyed during the July riots, have not been repaired and families are still without blankets, clothing and food. At house number 2219 First Street in Makokoba, Gogo *Chimonyo and her family still sleep on the floor with very few blankets offered by neighbors.

Harare

Peaceful protests turned violent following the police's brutal attack on protesters. The protesters were demanding major reforms ahead of the 2018 elections, calling for an end to police brutality and demanding that President Mugabe steps down. The violence left an ugly trail of destruction as people were injured and arrested while shops were vandalised and goods looted.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
10 August	Property Rights Freedom of Association	At a meeting addressed by MP Beauty Kaseke in Kuwadzana 5 it is reported she promised title deeds to residential stands being distributed if the beneficiaries are Zanu PF supporters.
10 August	Freedom of expression	17 months after the abduction of Itai Dzamara, protesters in Harare marched with Itai's children, during one of the #BringBackDzamara protests at Africa Unity Square. During the protest, the children offered flowers and cup cakes to the police as a symbol of love. The message of the protest delivered by Sten Zvorwadza was "We choose love over hatred, flowers over guns, unity over disunity, prosperity over poverty and justice over injustice". While the protesters including the children had the right to demonstrate and petition the United Nations Children's Fund issued a scathing attack on the protesters accusing them of using children as shields and yet the same UNICEF issued no statement when Dzamara was abducted on the welfare of his children.
16 August	Freedom of Assembly	In Glenview South, ward 32, the Zanu PF district, branch and cell leaders were reported to be moving door to door writing down names of people in every household. It's alleged that they intimidated people by telling them that if they refuse to give their full details they will be entered in a 'black book', followed by displacement before Zanu PF youths dealt with them. Archford Mavhimira, the Zanu PF District Youth Political Commissar, led the campaign. The youths were said to be targeting people who joined ZimPF and those that held positions in the opposition party. The Zanu PF youths were threatening that a time shall come when they will beat everyone who supports other parties.
18 August	Freedom of	Archford Mavhimira, Eddie, Florence Masami and Mrs Hombarume reportedly approached the Transform Zimbabwe chairperson and ordered her to stop holding party meetings at her house or she risked having

	Assembly Freedom of Association	having her house burnt down in Glen View 3.
18 August	Freedom to Demonstrate and Petition Freedom of Expression	National Vendors Union of Zimbabwe (Navuz) chairperson, Sten Zvorwadza, was brutally attacked by police officers while him and Patson Dzamara were demonstrating against police brutality meted on vendors and other human rights activists. Zvorwadza had approached Harare Central Police Station holding flowers when he was beaten and left unconscious. The flowers were a symbol of peace and love towards the police.
24 August	Freedom of Expression	MDC-T youths that were demonstrating in the city centre were attacked by the police. The youths were demanding that President Mugabe step down accusing him of using dictatorial tendencies. They also complained of violence meted out by police on protestors. The police attacked the protestors, fired teargas and water cannons. Property including motor vehicles were burnt while shops were looted and the police fired teargas indiscriminately and also targeted a commuter omnibus. 42 men and 17 women were arrested while protesting. They were released the following day.
24 August	Security of person Freedom of the media Access to information	While covering a protest march a journalist Lucy Yasini was attacked by the police and thus her right to go about her duties as a journalist were violated. This action by the police posed a serious threat to her security while on duty. By threatening the security of a journalist while on duty the police contributed to violating citizens' access to information.
25 August	Freedom of Expression	Police arrested Bishop Ancelimo Magaya of Divine Destiny Network and several other people after they attempted to stage a peaceful demonstration to express their concern over the deteriorating economic situation in Zimbabwe. They were later released on the same day with no charges laid against them.

26 August	Freedom of Association	*Chenai Danda was wearing an MDC-T t-shirt when he was approached by ten Zanu PF youths at Beverly Bottle Store in Msasa. He was assaulted and accused of taking part in demonstrations. Danda sustained injuries but refused to report the assault at the local police station for fear of victimisation.
26 August	Freedom of the media Access to information	A journalist James Jemwa was arrested on charges of incitement while covering a demonstration. He was detained for over a week and granted bail in September. The detention of a journalist arrested while on duty violated his right to cover events as a journalist and threatened security while at the same time citizens were denied access to information.
26 August	Freedom of expression Access to information	A grand coalition of 18 political parties, National Electoral Reform Agenda (NERA), held what was intended to be a peaceful protest in Harare. The protest turned violent when riot police attacked protesters with baton sticks, teargas and water canons despite that the High Court had issued a court order ordering the police to allow the protest. According to NERA, the coalition aims to heal the anger within the masses caused by President Mugabe's misrule and brutality, identifying an overarching common cause that goes beyond mere grievances against the government and demanding electoral reforms.
27 August	Right to personal security Rights of detained persons Freedom of expression and association	Police went on a rampage raiding bars and western suburbs following protest that had been held earlier on the day. Armed men raided MDC Harare Provincial chairperson, Kerina Dewa's Glenview home. Dewa was seized from her home and her whereabouts were not known until the following day when she was found at Harare Central Police Station. Other Glenview residents were physically assaulted. She was detained for over 10 days and released on \$100 bail.
27 August	Freedom of Expression	At Parirenyatwa hospital six people were received after members of the army had beaten and accused them of demonstrating against the government. The injured comprised of two women and four men. They were ferried

		to hospital by an unknown woman at about 2:30am.
27 August	Freedom of Association	It is reported that members of the ZNA at around 3am attacked people at 4th Street market. It was said that the army harassed all vendors who sleep in the make shift shelters claiming that they are sympathising with the opposition while the economy was at its knees. *Charles Musona alleged that soldiers arrived and started harassing people. He managed to sneak out from his tent and hid near the railway. Other vendors who were unfortunate were seriously injured.
29 August	Freedom of Association Freedom of Expression	Zanu PF supporters accompanied by police officers from the Law and Order section took two MDC-T supporters at gunpoint. *Melody Jiri was taken on 29 August 2016 while *Rose Mugadza was taken on 30 August. The other MDC-T supporters managed to escape. The Zanu PF youths who assisted the police with identification of the people were once in the MDC-T but later defected to Zanu PF and could identify MDC-T supporters in their locality. The two were suspected to have been taken to Harare Central Police Station for questioning. Jiri was taken from her home at Pentagon and Mugadza was at Epworth Local Board premises.
31 August	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that Zanu PF held a meeting in Epworth where they discussed the issue of terror bases. It is said the bases will be in all wards and people will be disciplined at those bases like what happened in 2013. Terror bases are make shift and they can be put up and pulled down in no time and in the past they have been used to 'punish' those that hold dissenting views according to Zanu PF.
31 August	Freedom of Association Freedom of Expression	In St Mary's a group of four MDC-T supporters including Simon Jingo and Jonathan Malindati harassed a Zanu PF supporter who was wearing a Zanu PF party t-shirt. The MDC-T youths ordered the Zanu PF youth to remove the t-shirt and blamed his party for causing hunger in the country. Prior to that, the youths were said to have also ordered another man who was on a bicycle to remove his Zanu PF cap.

Manicaland

There was chaos after the announcement of the Zanu PF primary election results in Chimanimani West with losers claiming the election had been rigged. Politicization of food aid and deprivation of civil and political rights were the most prominent abuses recorded in August.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
1 August	Right to Shelter	Chipinge Rural District Council evicted 80 families to pave way for the expansion of Checheche Growth Point in Chipinge South. *Susan Mudzimu and 79 others approached Chipinge District Administrator, Mr Sienza, and Chipinge District Council Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mamvocha, for compensation in order to look for alternative land but to no avail. Council has since begun demolishing homesteads.
4 August	Freedom of Association	Cadwell Mukobo and Taurai Wendumba, both Zanu PF supporters, allegedly forced Wendumba and Mukobo villagers to each pay \$1 towards the Heroes Day Celebrations. Mukobo threatened villagers with unspecified action if they refused to pay. The villagers argued that this was a political choice.
14 August	Property Rights	*Mr Robb of Wakefield farm in Headlands was allegedly served with an eviction notice giving him three months to vacate his farm and pave way for a new owner. It is rumoured that Kudzai Chipanga of Zanu PF could be taking over the farm. The eviction will also leave over one hundred families without homes and employment.
14 August	Freedom of Expression	It is alleged that *Honest Rozhani and *Nobert Chuma (MDC T) were physically assaulted by a war veteran, only known as Chigadza, and Tobias Malunga at Thandi Business Centre in Headlands after they were heard saying that Zanu PF always lies to people.
19 August	Right to Health	People living with HIV and other chronic diseases marched from Quest Motors in Mutare town to the local government complex to hand over a petition to the Ministry of Health and Child Care. The citizens were questioning the government over the increase in health fees. Consultation fees increased from \$2 to \$9, ambulance services from \$5 to \$15 while maternity fees are pegged at \$35.
20 August	Freedom of Association	The Headmaster of Chipfatsura Pprimary School, Frank Siziba, who is also a Zanu PF member in Mutare North is alleged to have been involved in violence against *George Nyoni, councillor for ward 4. Nyoni is said to have defected to ZimPF and Siziba verbally assaulted him for that.

Mashonaland Central province recorded a number of violations during the period under review. Most of these violations were targeted at members of the Zimbabwe People First (ZimPF). They were threatened with violence by Zanu PF supporters. The right to food continues to be an issue as food distribution continues to be politicised. Villagers are told to defect to Zanu PF if they want to get maize in Mt Darwin and this violates their right to food.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
6 August	Right to Shelter Property Rights	In ward 20 Bindura North, *Trevor Tirivanhu (37) had his house torched by alleged Zanu PF supporters. Tirivhanu is the ZimPF chairperson for ward 20. The perpetrators include Joseph Mususa, a war veteran, Chakanetsa Maruza the Zanu PF councillor for ward 20, Washington Makoni the Zanu PF deputy chairperson for ward 20 and other youth officers. The case was reported to the police at Chiwaridzo Police Station but Constable Musoro refused to handle the matter saying the case was not politically motivated.
8 August	Freedom of Association	Mt Darwin South residents were harassed and intimidated by alleged Zanu PF youths. The youths claimed that they had received instructions from “the top” that everyone was to attend the Heroes Day celebrations that were to be held at Mt Darwin Heroes Acres.
12 August	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that *Prosper Banda (25) who stays in Ridgeview in Mt Darwin had his ZimPF t-shirt torn by Simba Kachidza the Zanu PF youth chairperson in the area. Kachidza went on to slap Banda at Ridgeview shops at Madondo telling him that he did not want to see Joice Mujuru t-shirts in the area. The victim did not report the case to the police for fear of victimisation.
17 August	Freedom of Association	Allegedly, Gweshe villagers, namely *Joyful Chironda, Nomatter Rindai, *Esther Godo and *Takudzwa Musimwa were harassed after they were seen attending a ZimPF rally in Glendale. The victims were threatened with eviction from their fields.
23 August	Freedom of Association	*Aaron Muchena, a teacher at St Philips Primary School in Guruve North’s ward 7, was reportedly chased away from the school by Zanu PF youths who included Never Masiya for wearing a ZimPF t-shirt. The school’s headmaster referred him to the district office where he was given a date to meet with the District Education Officer.
24 August	Property Rights	At a meeting chaired by Councillor Freedom Chabayanzara in Nyamuseve (ward 21), Guruve North community members were reportedly told to support Zanu PF. Councillor Chabayanzara also said those without valid

		documentation for the land they live on were going to be evicted. The evictions started towards the end of August 2016.
26 August	Freedom of Association	*Beatrice, a former Zanu PF supporter who defected to ZimPF, was allegedly fired from work at the local council and assaulted for associating with ZimPF. She was reportedly fired by Machisi, a Councillor for ward 12 and assaulted by Jacha a Zanu PF youth although it is not clear if the councillor has authority to dismiss council employees.

Mashonaland East

The month of August had a number of violations that ranged from discrimination, harassment, land invasions, inability to demonstrate and petition and intimidation to attend party meetings.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
15 August	Freedom of Association	Ward 5 resettlement area kraalhead, *Steven Karima, was reportedly removed from his position by Chief Svosve. The victim who is an MDC-T activist was replaced by Tendai Machingura of Zanu PF.
15 August	Right to water	Ndakaitei Muodzeri (Zanu PF chairperson) allegedly insulted *Gift Chirimo at a borehole in DRC Kotwa location. Chirimo wanted to fetch water at the borehole but was told by Muodzeri that he had to pay a dollar because the borehole is not for MDC-T supporters. Chirimo did not have money to pay and failed to fetch water.
19 August	Right to Food	Zanu PF Councillor, Jonathan Mujuru, is reported to have enticed villagers to converge by telling them that there was food distribution. At the meeting he is reported to have announced that all those that had joined opposition political parties were not going to benefit from food distribution in ward 8, Chirimira village in Murehwa North.
20 August	Freedom of Association	In Chikomba East, councillor for ward 26, Roselyn Mudoti, was allegedly assaulted for refusing to give sports kits to community members that support MDC-T.

23 August	Freedom of Expression	of	In Marondera Central *Morris Ngirande, *Tafadzwa Moyo and *Rodwell Zuze were said to have been arrested and taken to the police station. They were accused of urging people to heed the stay away. The three victims were released after a week. They were told to report to the police every Monday and Friday
27 August	Freedom of Association	of	At a district youth meeting reportedly held at Zaire Township in Hwedza South, MP David Musabayana urged the youths to keep on hunting for opposition supporters. He promised the youth more than 800 residential stands at Hwedza Growth Point.
30 August	Freedom of association	of	Eden Magonga of MDC-T was accused of ordering a Zanu PF supporter to remove his party t-shirt. Magonga is said to have burnt the t-shirt at Goromonzi Business Centre. He was arrested and detained in police holding cells at Goromonzi Police Station until 1 September.
31 August	Freedom of Expression	of	Teachers who participated in the RTUZ walk from Mutawatawa Growth Point to Harare were allegedly harassed and questioned by police officers at Mashambanhaka in ward 9. They were later arrested at Murewa Centre.
31 August	Freedom of Assembly	of	Hatcliffe residents who were reportedly at Takasangana bar were beaten by soldiers around 10 pm. Vendors had their wares confiscated by the soldiers. It is suspected the soldiers wanted people to disperse.

Mashonaland West

During the month of August there were a number of cases that violated freedom of assembly and association and freedom to demonstrate and petition. People were threatened with unspecified actions and a repeat of 2008 violence if they participated in any of the demonstrations. Citizens live in fear as they do not know what might befall them. In other areas people were also intimidated and threatened with violence for supporting ZimPF and MDC-T. Others were forced to pay contributions towards Heroes Day celebrations and accused of supporting ZimPF if they failed to contribute the \$5 that was required. Most villagers were forced to sell their maize to raise the money.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
4 August	Property Rights	It is alleged that *Timothy Katema, the MDC-T candidate for ward 8 in Kadoma Central who lost the elections in 2013, was evicted from a nightclub he was operating on grounds of his political affiliation.
20 August	Freedom of Association	Following an MDC-T demonstration that was held in Chegutu, *Essie Mukozho was reportedly threatened by Zanu PF members. Mukozho alleges that after the demonstrations Simba Gwashero, a Zanu PF youth went to her and showed her pictures of herself that were taken at the demonstration. He told her that she and her family were blacklisted and that serious action against her was going to be taken
23 August	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that in Rimuka at Kadoma Central *Trevor Chiso of MDC-T was humiliated, assaulted and chased away from his relative's funeral Zanu PF chairperson for ward 2, Silvanos Moyo. Chiso sustained minor injuries.
25 August	Freedom of Association	In Sanyati Zanu PF supporters in the area moved around threatening residents with physical assault. It is reported that ZimPF had organised a soccer tournament for Sanyati residents and that infuriated Zanu PF supporters who then threatened to beat people if they associate with ZimPF.

Masvingo

Masvingo provincial human rights outlook for the month of August is characterised by denial of socio economic rights as well as the disenfranchisement of civil and political rights.

Violations	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
3 August	Right to Health Right to water	After the boreholes that were sunk by Red Cross some twenty years ago broke down there has been limited access to clean, safe and potable water. The government has not made any effort to repair the boreholes. The Village Pump Minders who were supposed to repair the boreholes charged \$180, which was beyond what the villagers can afford. As

		a result villagers are forced to access water from unprotected water sources.
4 August	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that teachers at Tamuka Secondary and Tabudirira High in ward 3 Bikita East were forced by Kujonjoma (Zanu PF) to pay \$1 each towards the local Heroes Day celebrations. The teachers argued that no one should be coerced to pay. Kujonjoma is then alleged to have threatened the teachers who refused to follow the order with unknown action come 2018.
10 August	Freedom of Expression	At a Sugarcane Plantations Milling Workers Union of Zimbabwe (SPMWUZ) meeting that was held in Chiredzi town, Adonia Mutero and more than 3000 employees under the SPMWUZ body reportedly vowed to protest against Provincial Affairs Minister Shuvai Mahofa. The workers are disgruntled over her alleged intention to evict Hippo Valley and Triangle Sugar Estates and hand over the plots to new farmers thereby rendering over 3000 employees jobless. Mahofa has allegedly been advocating for the takeover of the two estates and the fear is that this could plunge the country in serious sugar shortages.
19 August	Freedom of Association	An MDC T Provincial Youth Chairperson's hut was reported to have been gutted down by fire in Mutema village. It is alleged that suspected Zanu PF members approached the homestead at night and set a hut ablaze all in an effort to fix the victim a known opposition activist.
21 August	Freedom of Association	It is alleged that at Chivi Growth Point, Gunda Marambwa (MDC-T) threatened *Lighton Musimwa (Zanu PF) because he defected to Zanu PF. Musimwa is said to have been an MDC-T member for years.
25 August	Freedom of Movement	Heavy police presence in Mucheke, Rujeko and Runyararo suburbs of Masvingo city made it difficult for people to go about their daily business. The deployment could be in response to fears of the nation wide demonstrations.

Matabeleland North

The situation and political environment was relatively calm in comparison to the month of July that was full of protests and political uncertainty. Most political parties went about campaigning and recruiting members especially in Tsholotsho. The most visible political parties were Zanu PF, MDC T, PDP and Zimbabwe People First. Hwange Colliery workers have now gone for almost three years without pay and some of them have received eviction notices

because of failing to pay rentals. In Tsholotsho food for work programs went on with people involved in rehabilitation of roads and clinics and getting 50kg bags of maize per month. Some people did not get their June allocation and when the August rations came they were told they would not get extra rations, as the June one was the initiative of Member of Parliament Professor Jonathan Moyo. Most families are still surviving on one meal a day due to a severe food deficit in the province.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
4 August	Right to Information	At a community dialogue meeting under Chief Saba in Binga, Senior village head Thadeaus Musambe who is a member of Zanu PF is reported to have deliberately omitted to invite Village Head Siamangoma and his people who are known MDC T supporters. This was the second incident of exclusion after one in June.
20 August	Freedom of Association	*Casper Lunga, a human rights activist and *Sthandiwe Mdluli were questioned and threatened with unspecified action after they were accused of mobilizing people for Mai Mujuru's ZimPF party.

Matabeleland South

Tensions remained high in the province although actual violations reduced slightly.

There were incidents of inter party conflict. The province continued to endure severe hunger due to the ravaging drought. Most families go for days without a decent meal.

Violations	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
24 August	Freedom of Association	It is reported that due to unending conflicts within the Community of village 13, Vulindlela Clinic was closed resulting in people travelling over 20km to Dombodema Mission. It was reported the conflict was mainly due to political differences among villagers. It is feared that this might strain community relations as people fail to tolerate differing

		political views.
27 August	Freedom to demonstrate and petition	A Gwanda resident, Kukhanyakwenkosi Mkandla, took to the streets of Gwanda Town on a one-man demonstration with a banner written “Mugabe must go”. He was arrested and detained for several hours and released upon intervention of Lizwe Jamela of Zimbabwe Lawyers for human rights.
28 August	Freedom of Association	At Khozi Business Centre in ward 6, Misheck Ndlovu of ZimPF is alleged to have insulted and almost assaulted *Mbonisi Maduma of MDC-T. He was accusing Maduma of trying to kick ZimPF out of the area. Kraal Head Mehluli Ndlovu eventually restrained them.

Midlands

Malicious destruction to property, denial of socio economic rights as well as an infringement upon citizens’ political rights constituted the major highlights for August in the Midlands Province.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
7 August	Freedom of Association	In Mharamasaka village (ward 7) at Gokwe Chireya an MDC-T activist’s house was allegedly burnt by suspected Zanu PF members. There are claims that the activist had been warned the previous week by Oliver Manhenga (Zanu PF) to desist from mobilizing and campaigning for MDC-T. The incident was reported to the police who are yet to apprehend the culprits.
13 August	Freedom of Association Freedom of Movement	People were intimidated by heavy police presence in Mkoba and Gweru urban resulting in people staying indoors. On this day Tsvangirai and Mujuru had a joint rally in the city. Due to intimidation, people could not go about their daily business.

25 August	Freedom of association	Hate speech and foul language was reportedly used against MDC-T members and Headman Nembudziya at a development meeting convened at Headman Nembudziya's homestead. The Zanu PF members fronted by Chiherenge and Kanogoverana allegedly verbally assaulted the MDC-T supporters and said their party should not hold any events in the area. At the meeting no productive discussions regarding development were held.
	Right to Water	Access to clean, safe and potable water is a challenge in Redcliff leading people to access water from unprotected sources. Residents of Rutendo suburb have gone for months without water after the City of Kwekwe cut off water supplies citing non-payment of previous bills. Ironically, the Rutendo residents claim that they cannot pay because their employer, ZISCO Steel Company, has laid most of them off and is failing to pay their benefits.

*The names of victims have been changed.

FOOD AND OTHER VIOLATIONS

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Bulawayo	25 August	Right to Food	Food distribution has started in parts of the province. In Mpopoma there was distribution of food to Zanu PF members only at the late Dr Sikhanyiso Ndlovu's house. The source of food could not be ascertained.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Manicaland	3 August	Freedom of Association	Soldiers that were conducting distribution of social welfare food aid made *Zororo Ndlovu and others chant Zanu PF slogans like "Pamberi ne Zanu" at Domboshawa Training Centre ward 10 in Mutare West.
	12 august	Right to Food	It is alleged that Anthony Nyakatsaru of Zanu PF is reported to have labeled *Pardon Mugoni, a Social Welfare Officer, an MDC T sympathizer after Mugoni refused to compromise on issues of non-discrimination and transparency with regards to food distribution. Nyakatsaru, had tried to influence Mugoni to exclude MDC-T members. The incident took place at Chingono village ward 23 Makoni North.
	24 August	Right to Food Freedom of Association	*Tsitsi Dongo (MDC-T) from Mubvurungwa village and others were allegedly denied access to social welfare food aid by Headman Mubvurungwa. Villagers had convened at Thandi Business Centre in Headlands and while waiting for social welfare officials, Mubvurungwa made the villagers sign their names claiming that this would speed up the process once the officials arrived. All the villagers that were present signed but no food has been delivered. It is alleged that the food was delivered and issued to Zanu PF supporters the following day.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland Central	3 August	Freedom of Association	Councillor for ward 10 in Muzarabani South, Ashton Chiweshe is reported to have chased away two MDC-T supporters at a meeting where names were being registered for maize distribution. The two victims who stay at Mukwengure farm and are MDC-T supporters were told that the food was meant for Zanu PF supporters only.
	4 August	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Maize distribution is reported to have been conducted by Lovemore Mukumawasha at Chiswiti ward 5 in Mt Darwin North. He is alleged to have accused *Timothy Mahwe, *Malcom Makoto, *Winidzai Kakondo and *Kelvin Mavere of being MDC-T supporters. The victims were told that they were not going to get maize because of their political affiliation.
	7 August	Right to Food Freedom of Expression	At a Christian Care meeting where people were being registered for food the Zanu PF councillor for ward 9 in Mt Darwin South Alfonso Chiwashira is reported to have refused for MDC-T and ZimPF supporters to have their names registered. ZimPF supporters *Leon Mashenu and *Michael Bamu were told that they would only benefit when they defect to Zanu PF.
	25 August	Right to Food Freedom of Expression	Maize seed and fertiliser were delivered at Karanda Centre in Mt Darwin East from the GMB and it is reported that Zanu PF supporters were threatening people not go and collect the maize saying it is was meant for Zanu PF supporters only.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland East	1 August	Right to Food Freedom of Expression	In Bangira Village in Seke, it is reported that Muchemwa Bangira the village head had his food diverted by his son William Chikambi who is the acting village head as Bangira is not well. Chikambi diverted Bangira's allocation for his own use accusing him of being an MDC-T party supporter.
	10 August	Right to Food Freedom of Expression	*Faith Tambiri is reported to have had her name removed from the list of Caritas food aid beneficiaries by Nyamasvinga Tafirei, a village health worker who is also a Zanu PF supporter. Her name was removed because her father is an MCD-T supporter. The list had previously been compiled at Kotwa hospital and was submitted to the Ministry of Health and childcare. Beneficiaries receive 2kg kapenta, 4 litres cooking, 4kg sugar, 500g salt, 5kg porridge, 250ml Vaseline petroleum jelly, 20kg mealie-meal each month.
	26 August	Right to Food	It is reported there was maize distribution from the department of social welfare where villagers were made to pay \$0.20 per person receiving a 50kg bag of maize. The maize was meant for the terminally ill and elderly. The distribution was done at GMB Manyaira Centre in ward 10, Marondera West.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland West	7 August	Right to Food	*Promise Marima is reported to have refused to pay a transport fee of \$1.50 that was required for one to benefit from food aid. Marima was told by kraalhead Augustino Kumire and Synodia Garakara, his secretary, that he would not participate in any food for work programme again for refusing to pay. The distribution was held at Benhura Primary School in Mhondoro Ngezi.
	8 August	Right to Food	Mudambi kraalhead, Nathan Musapurwi of Mudambi village in ward 4 allegedly denied 14 people access to food for belonging to the African Apostolic Church led by Paul Mwazha. It is

			alleged that people from the church do not attend Zanu PF meetings.
	25 August	Right to Food	In Chegutu East it is reported that there was a misunderstanding between Councillor Ethilege Mbangani of Waze (ward 16) and the residents. The residents were questioning why they were required to pay \$1 per person for transport to receive maize that was coming from the Department of Social Welfare when the government had declared that no one was required to pay any money. Mbangani then fled the meeting and was not answering his phone. Some of the people paid the money in order to receive the maize.
	28 August	Right to Food	Zanu PF Chairperson For Agriculture, Felix Chizanga reportedly assaulted a villager of Bvungo village in Hurungwe West, Tichaona Roja, over corrupt distribution of loan forms under the Government Command Agriculture Scheme. It is alleged that Chizanga sells the forms for \$1 each. It is also alleged that Chizanga connived with Agritex officers who collected forms from her offices and photocopied them for \$0.10 each. The allegations angered Chizanga who turned against Roja, slapped him and also tore his clothes. Some people being made to pay between \$2 and \$3 per 50kg a bag for food for work. <i>View video on https://youtu.be/xbW_3_d6FV8</i>
	31 August	Right to Food	Crispen Mhembere, Zanu PF District Chairperson, is reported to have said the maize distributed as part of the food aid programme was meant for Zanu PF supporters only. Several MDC-T committee members were stopped from benefiting from the food for work programme because of their political affiliation.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Matabeleland North	12 August	Right to Food	In ward 4 of Tsholotsho North people were denied their allocation for June food aid. They were told that MP, Professor Jonathan Moyo was responsible for June allocations but the August one was from government through the social welfare department. This was a food for work program and people had worked for two months and expected double allocations of 50kg bags of maize but got one. Many did not get anything because the food ran out.

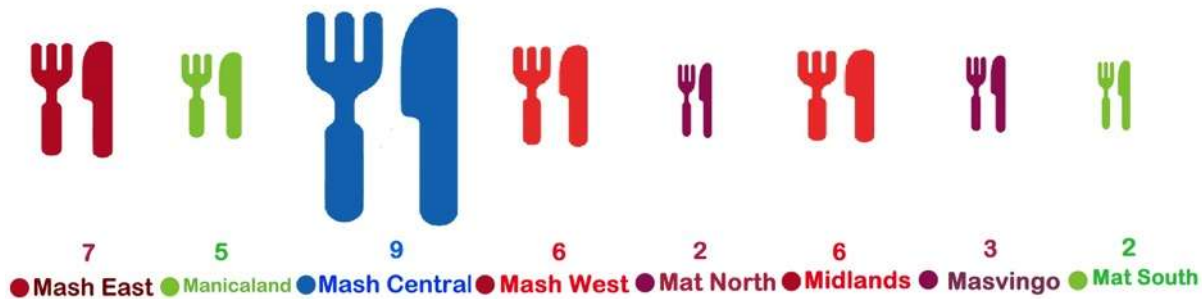
Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Masvingo	14 August	Freedom of Association Right to Food	Fungai Madzingo of Zanu PF denied *Denzel Mizha access to food aid in Chivi central at Matizenyika village ward 16. The village Head, Abukiel Makono had tasked Madzingo to list villagers in need of food aid and he reportedly omitted Mizha due to his political affiliation. Chivi District is perennially drought stricken and the people there look up to government and development agencies for assistance.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Midlands	22 August	Right to food	Dickson village received 6 bags of 50kgs maize from government and these were to be shared among 58 households. Wards 8,9,10, 11, in Dickson and Chikumichawa villages had all been expecting food.

	22 August	Freedom of Association	In ward 14 Gokwe Chireya, food was used to advance the interests and cause of Zanu PF when soldiers who were doing the distribution forced people to clap and chant the slogan, "Pamberi ne Zanu PF" as a pre-condition to receiving a 50 kg bag of maize.
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Summary of Food Violations by Province



ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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

TORTURE	Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession , punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind
THREAT	It is whereby a person threaten to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention , theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION	Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult of threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity.
MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS	
KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL DETENTION	Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority (based on section 93 of the Criminal code Act)
A) ABDUCTION	The taking away of a person using intimidation , open force of violence
B) UNLAWFUL ARREST	Is the arrest of a person by another person (usually a police officer), whereby the latter's position generally authorizes him/her to arrest the other person, but not in this particular case. Essentially, it is a form of abuse of power on the part of the police officer Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.
C) UNLAWFUL DETENTION	Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border"
D) FORCED DISPLACEMENT	
PROPERTY RIGHTS	
THEFT	Is whereby a person takes property from another person "knowing" that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property.
ROBBERY	Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the

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

STOCK THEFT

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

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

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

A) DESTRUCTION OF HOME

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

B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

Acronyms

GMB – Grain Marketing Board

NAVUZ – National Vendors Union of Zimbabwe

RTUZ – Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe

ZimPF – Zimbabwe People First

ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army

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