



**ZIMBABWE
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Human Rights Violations

MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

A bleak Christmas

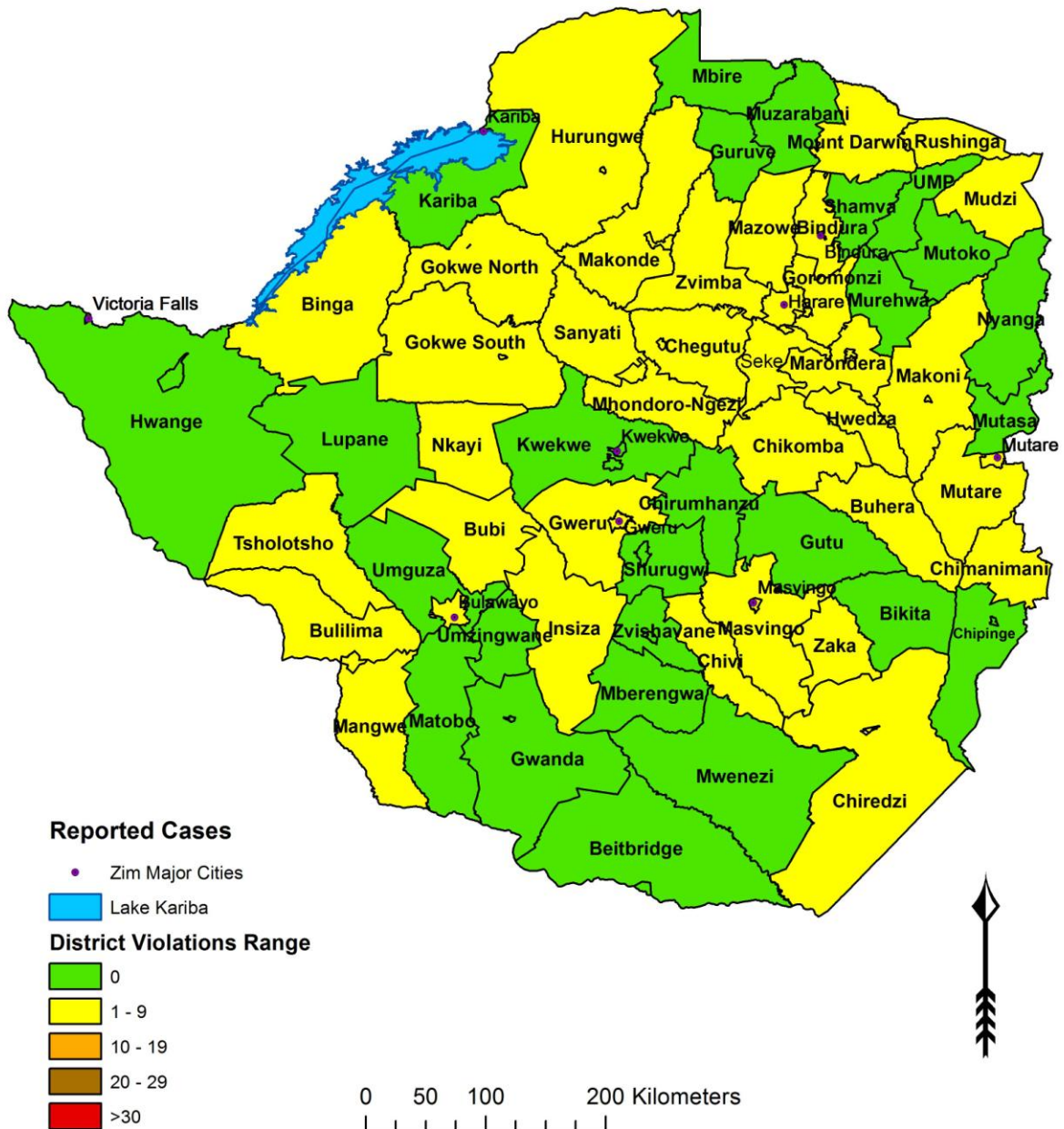
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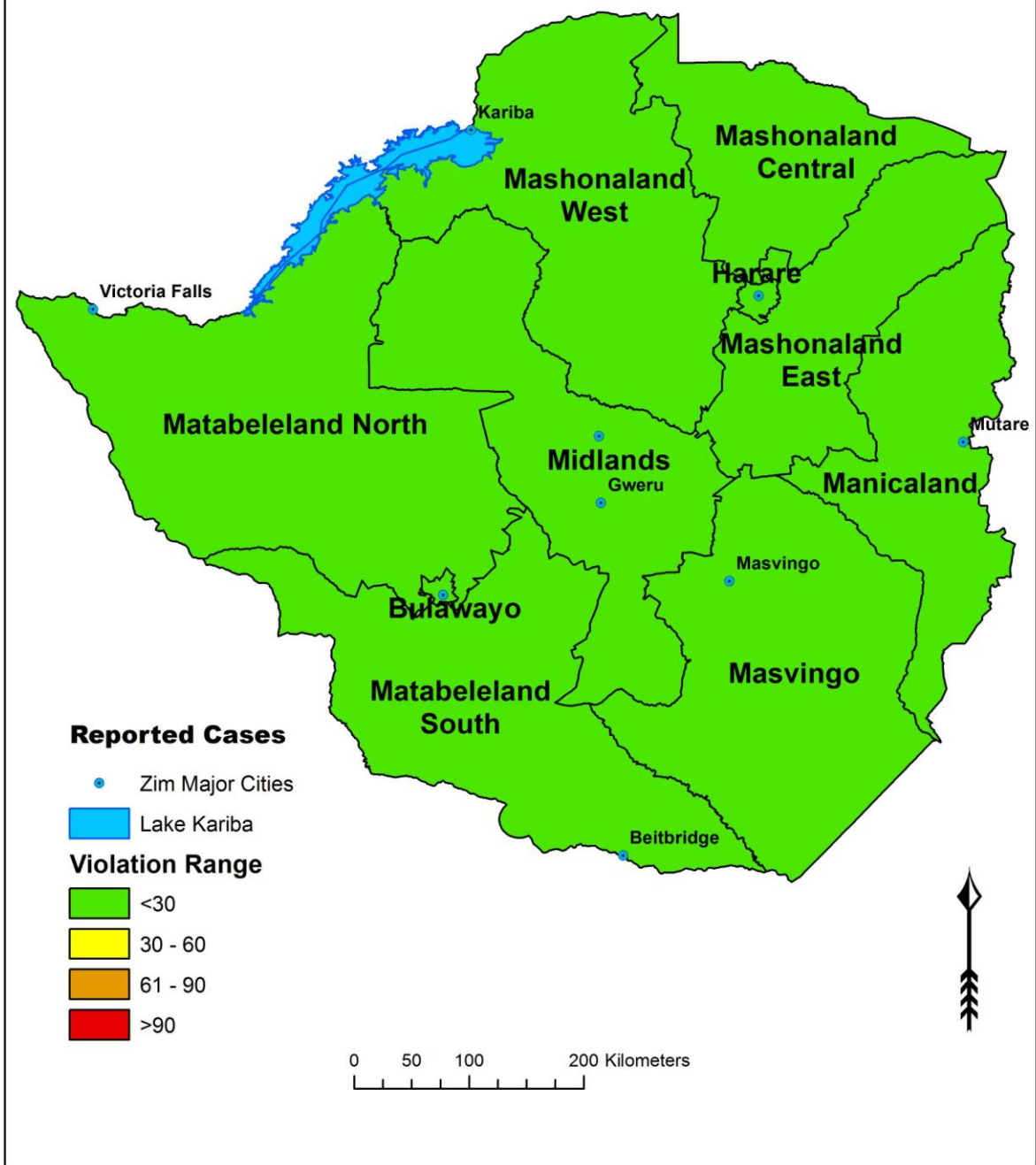
Acronyms

GMB	– Grain Marketing Board
MDC-T	– Movement for Democratic Change - led by Tsvangirai
Zanu PF	– Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
Zapu	– Zimbabwe African People's Union
ZimPF	– Zimbabwe People First
ZNA	– Zimbabwe National Army

December 2016 District Violations Map



December 2016 Provincial Violations Map



Executive Summary

December is usually an off peak month for human rights violations as soon as the annual Zanu PF meetings end the festive mood sets in. It is also during this month when most urban based citizens make their way to rural areas to take part in the planting season and some just to visit family. This year Zimbabwe had numerous challenges that affect the farming season: according to the Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment Committee Report of 2016, the last quarter of the 2016/17 consumption year was projected to have a total of 4.1 million people without adequate means to meet their annual food requirements. To compound the situation, there was no cash for most subsistence farmers to buy farming inputs, due to unavailability of cash most people did not go to rural areas meaning manual labour was low. The El Nino induced drought felt across the country meant there was not enough seed left over from the previous farming season. These factors indicate how most Zimbabweans were reliant on government for food aid and farming inputs.

Towards the end of the year the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare rolled out a scheme where rice and maize were to be issued to vulnerable community members. The government also implemented the Presidential Input Scheme and Command Agriculture through the Agriculture, Mechanisation, and Irrigation Development Ministry. This is inline with the state's mandate, as stipulated in the constitution, to take reasonable legislative and other measures, within the limits of the resources available to it, to achieve the progressive realisation of the right to food.

Unfortunately in areas like Norton, Chimanimani West and Bikita West the distribution of food aid and farming inputs coincided with by-elections and the resources were ultimately used for vote buying. In other areas like Matabeleland South, Manicaland, Mashonaland West and Mashonaland East headmen, councillors and Zanu PF chairpersons distributed the much-needed resources on partisan lines benefiting mainly Zanu PF supporters.

Due to unfair distribution of food aid and farming inputs the right to food is the most breached right during the month of December. There are 40 cases where the right to food is reported to have been infringed. The reportage of these cases is closely linked to the violation of people's freedom of association and their political rights which points to the interrelated nature of socio economic and political rights in the context of Zimbabwe. This month's report reflects that citizens were denied their right to food largely because of the political party they choose to be associated with. For instance, in Manicaland Chipo Chin'ono, Zanu PF district chairperson, is alleged to have told *Misheck Karimazondo and other MDC-T supporters to get the farming inputs from their party. The victims were later summoned and threatened with eviction by headman Hacknos Gumai of Dorowa village in Buhera South.

Cases of infringement of the right to food have continued to increase since September when the government started implementing the Command Agriculture scheme. In September only 25 cases were reported, the number increased to 40 in October, 38 in November and in December it hiked again to 40. The freedom of association breaches increased from 11 in November to 26 in December. Unlike the previous months whose political conflicts revolved around demonstrations, the freedom of expression was the most violated, in the month under review the most violated was the freedom of association. In November violations to freedom of expression were reported in nine cases and only four cases in December.

A highlight of December was the Zanu PF people's conference in Masvingo which was allegedly characterised by cases of forced donations and the use of food as a political tool.

Conference resolutions included the need to start preparing for the 2018 elections. Other resolutions included ensuring food security, improving irrigation and reducing grain imports. With regards to health, the government would ensure adequate medicines and facilities in hospitals and clinics servicing communities. The country's education system would be consolidated such that youths identify their niches and aim to be employers.

Other rights that were violated during the course of December include political rights (7 cases), right to human dignity (5 cases), right to personal security (4 cases), rights of the elderly (4 cases), right to shelter (3 cases), freedom of assembly (2 cases), property rights (2 cases).

Over the last three months December recorded the lowest acts of violence. In December 118 acts of violence were documented while in November and October it was 208 and 186 respectively. Intimidation/ harassment has continued to top the list of acts of violence. In December 50 cases were reported from a sharp 116 in November. 48 cases of discrimination were reported during December, an increase from 40 in November. This has largely been because of the discrimination occurring during distribution of food aid and farming inputs.

December had the lowest number of victims and perpetrators, 458 and 212, respectively. The number of victims reduced by 139 from 597 in November while 655 victims were noted in October. Perpetrators also reduced by 224 from 436 in November. It must be noted that December basically does not record high violations, as there are few political activities that place communities at risk. In 2015 November recorded 401 victims and 402 victims in December; perpetrators were 338 in November and 312 in December.

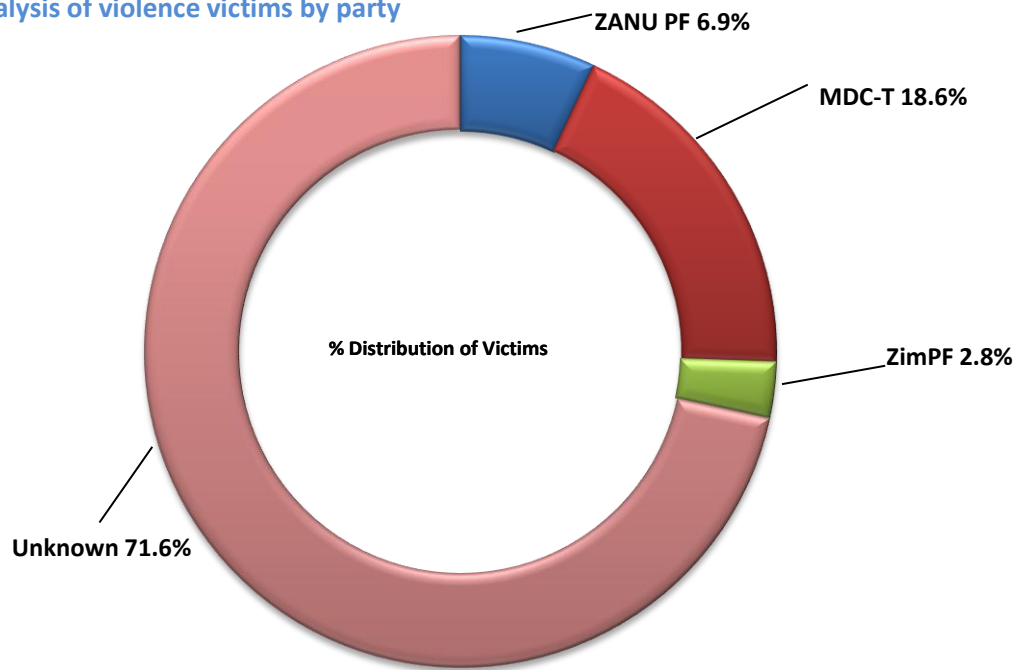
Data Gathering Methodology

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.

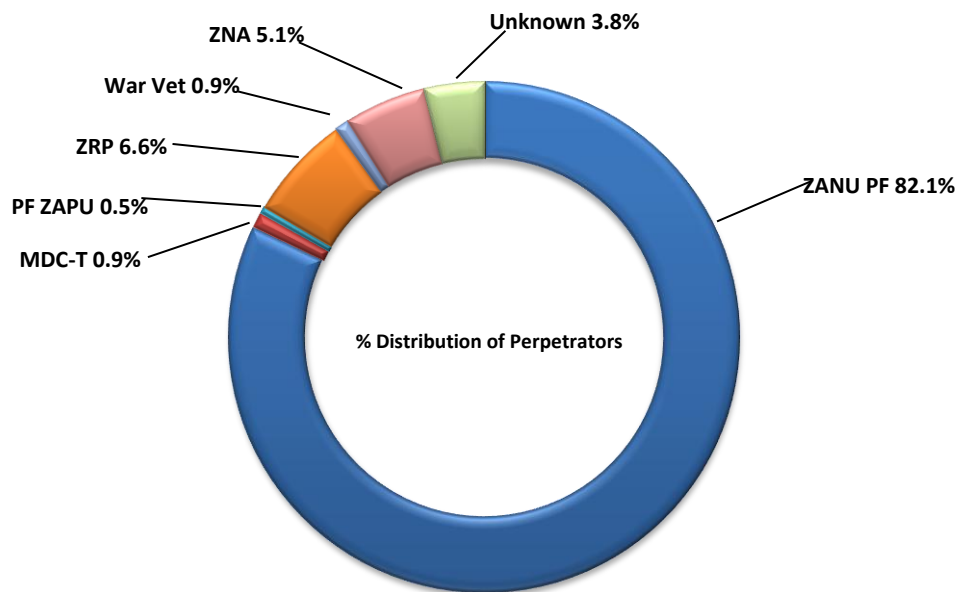
This report contains some of the violations recorded by ZPP, the organisation has a data base with the rest of the injustices and gladly shares it with interested stakeholders.

THE DASHBOARD – INCIDENTS' STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

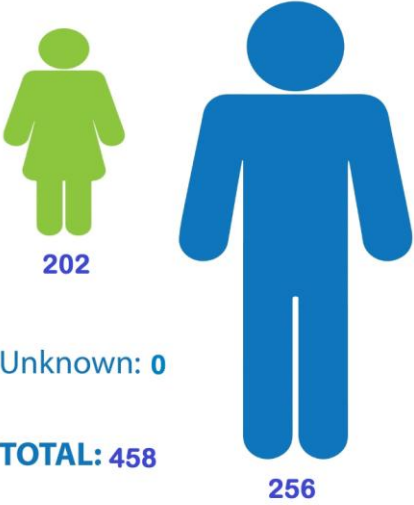
Analysis of violence victims by party



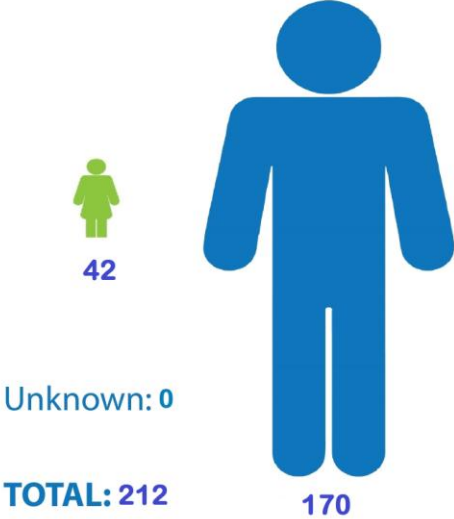
Analysis of violence perpetrators by party



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	0	0	0	0	0
Manicaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash Central	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mash East	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mash West	1	1	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	1	0	0	0	1
Overall Total	1	4	0	0	0	5

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF and MDC-T with the ruling party recording 4 for December and the opposition 1

Distribution of violence by type across provinces

ACTS	Midlands	Byo	Mat. South	Mat. North	Masvingo	Manicaland	Harare	Mash. East	Mash. West	Mash. Central	TOTAL
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
Theft/looting	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
Discrimination	6	4	3	2	4	9	2	6	5	7	48
MDP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Torture	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unlawful Detention	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Intimidation /harassment	6	3	1	4	5	8	1	6	7	9	50
Displacement	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banned Political Party Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disrupted Political Mtg	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	16	8	6	8	14	17	6	14	13	16	118

Harassment and Intimidation cases continued to dominate the recorded violations with 50, followed closely by discrimination with 48 and theft/looting a distant 7. Manicaland had the highest recorded violations in December with 17, followed by Mashonaland Central and Midlands provinces both with 16.

Provincial Summaries

Bulawayo

Food violations were the most commonly recorded violations and other civil and political rights were violated during the course of this month. The province also witnessed interparty conflict and intolerance.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
18 December	Freedom of Expression	At the Bulawayo city centre Charity Gumbo, a Zanu supporter, is alleged to have threatened to assault *Nomakhosi Tshabangu of Zanu PF. Gumbo blamed Tshabangu's party for bringing the country to its knees when they got into a heated argument after Tshabangu said Bulawayo was better off than Harare in terms of cash shortages.

Harare

People continued to face severe cash shortages with long bank queues despite introduction of the bond notes. Pensioners seemed to be the most affected as they had gone for up to three months without accessing their cash. Violations recorded included cases of discrimination, right to food, right to health and freedom of movement.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
2 December	Right to Education	Several pupils failed to collect their grade seven results at Zengeza Primary School in Zengeza West after school authorities demanded that they first clear outstanding school fees. Parents, who are bearing the brunt of the cash crisis, felt this would make it difficult for their children to proceed to form one. Other parents felt discriminated against when it was alleged that MDC-T member Mr Job Sikala, who also owed fees to the school, managed to get his daughter's results.
4 December	Right to Shelter	An MDC-T ward chairperson Jonathan Barindate who was one of the MDC-T activists who illegally took over land at Gurundoro New Stands at St Mary's in ward 5 and allocated stands to various people has run away after defrauding several people of their money. Over one thousand stands were illegally given to people. Barindate sold an undisclosed number of stands at \$100 each to various people before he disappeared with the cash. The complainants are finding it difficult to report to the police as they are told council did not give the stands. This renders them illegal occupants.
12 December	Freedom of Movement	A woman identified as *Mrs Chifamba was physically harassed by Zanu PF youths when she attempted to take photos of houses that were destroyed by rain in ward 8 at Gardiner's plots. Zanu PF activists took over the plot that was

		previously owned by a white man and built houses on unserviced wetlands. The youths took Chifamba to St Mary's police station where they claimed the woman should be arrested for being in their area. The police advised that Chifamba had not broken any laws and released her without charge.
30 December	Labour Rights	As cash shortages persisted many low level workers had their work days cut by half and this impacted negatively on their earnings. General workers from the Mount Pleasant area said that they their standards of living will change drastically especially with regards to access to health facilities, education and basic commodities.
31 December	Right to Water	For the entire month of December there was no portable water in ward 26 and 29 of Highfields West. The few available boreholes had contaminated water so residents had to walk long distances to other suburbs in search of water. The residents ran the risk of disease outbreaks while council officials could not be reached over the holiday.
31 December	Right to Health	In Harare North there was a serious shortage of cash throughout the month and most people were also resisting the use of bond notes. This led to many people failing to access health facilities as they could not pay. Some white employees in the Borrowdale area are said to have paid their workers in Rands, the South African currency. Pensioners had gone for 3 months without money and Harare City Council workers had gone for 6 months. People had a dampened Christmas holiday.

Manicaland

There was gross violation of the right to food as partisan distribution of food aid continues. Reports to local leaders have been futile as some of them perpetrate the injustice.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
6 December	Political Rights	Zanu PF activist, Richard Kuwenga, from ward 8 in Makoni West allegedly forced *Mildred Chikozho and other MDC-T members to buy Zanu PF membership cards for \$3 each. Kuwenga told the victims that the Zanu PF membership card will guarantee that they access government assistance.

Mashonaland Central

Major violations reported contravened people's freedom of expression, freedom of association, right to food and also bordered around discrimination, harassment and intimidation.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
15 December	Freedom of Association Political Rights	Village Head Gilbert Karuweruwe of ward 14 in Mount Darwin East threatened his children with violence for defecting to Zim PF from Zanu PF. Two of his sons *Benson and *Malvin attended a rally addressed by Zim PF president, Joice Mujuru Mount Darwin East. The village head heard about their attendance and was furious that they had deserted Zanu PF. He scolded them and warned that the party was going to take action against them.
28 December	Freedom of Association	Abraham Mhembare, Zanu PF ward chairperson for ward 12 called a meeting at Muonwe Township in Bindura South to give feedback on what had transpired at their party's Masvingo Conference. At the meeting he announced that no opposition members were allowed in the area and went on to castigate villagers who had attended a local social club meeting called Kuwadzana Trust, a fundraising initiative where villagers contribute money towards community savings. He said all those who participated in the initiative were MDC-T activists as this was not sanctioned by Zanu PF.

Mashonaland East

The most notable violations included inter-party conflict between Zanu PF and MDC-T supporters. There were also numerous cases of partisan distribution of food aid.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
2 December	Political Rights	A war veteran, Misheck Purazi, approached MDC-T supporter, *Wellington Mabvi, and demanded that he hand over MDC-T t-shirts for them to be destroyed. Purazi added that opposition parties are no longer wanted in Mudzi North especially towards 2018 elections.
18 December	Right to Shelter	A group of Zanu PF youths were given a stand in Wedza Centre by the Ministry of Youth Development, Indigenisation and Empowerment in September. The youths were each instructed to contribute \$20 before starting construction. In December they discovered that the stand was already in the ownership of a youth officer only identified as Chitongo. The case is yet to be resolved.

Mashonaland West

There have been several cases of social and economic rights violations to an extent where most people now believe that food aid and agricultural inputs that are from the government and humanitarian organisations is for Zanu PF supporters exclusively. Cash shortages were also reported in some parts of the province despite that bond notes were introduced by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe to ease the liquidity crunch.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
10 December	Right to Personal Security	Zanu PF supporters thronged the house of ward 5 councillor in Chegutu West in protest of his criteria of distributing food aid. The supporters included Miriam Mutisi who went on to insult the councillor's wife and added that she would report the councillor to Zanu PF district offices for failing to prioritise Zanu PF supporters in the food distribution.
12 December	Right to Personal Security	MDC-T supporter, Murawa Chikowero, allegedly threatened to physically assault MDC-T chairperson, *Moses Chari, for not following party protocol when calling for meetings in Mhondoro Ngezi. Chari was accused of notifying only his friends about important events and not calling meetings at scheduled times.
17 December	Freedom of Association	A former MDC-T campaign agent, Wilfred Machirori, was allegedly barred from entering St Fernando Farm in Chegutu West that is now occupied by a Zanu PF member known as Mutamamoyo. He had visited the farm with the intention of visiting his uncle but some of the farm occupants who are Zanu PF supporters identified him and denied him entry by virtue of him being an MDC-T supporter.
18 December	Freedom of Association Freedom of Assembly Right to Human Dignity	A former Zanu PF ward chairperson who has crossed floors to Zim PF was verbally assaulted and forcibly removed from a residents meeting by Zanu PF activists that were led by new ward chairperson Leonard Maphosa. Those in support of Maphosa's stance said they cannot be at the same meeting with the former chairperson as he is now an opposition member. The meeting was held at Rimuka Hall, ward 2 in Kadoma Central.
25 December	Freedom of Expression Right to Personal Security	Onlookers had to restrain a Zanu PF youth, John Khumalo, after he allegedly physically assaulted 70 year-old *Solomon Zinyemba at Milverton Farm in Chakari. Zinyemba had failed to get his pension from National Social Security Authority and in a fit of rage started complaining about the government's failures. That is when Khumalo attacked him and warned him not to scorn the country's leadership.

Masvingo

The province hosted the Zanu PF conference and food aid was used to lure people not to cause alarm during the course of the conference. The right to food and freedom of association were the most infringed rights. At the 16th Zanu PF National People's Conference President Mugabe spoke strongly against factionalism that is worsened by the ongoing succession wrangle within the party.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
2 December	Right to Shelter Property Rights	13 families had their homesteads burnt down by messengers of court in village C of Nyangambe under Chief Tshovane in Chiredzi South. The families are said to have each paid a cow to access the land and were later served with eviction notices. They reported to the chief who then assured them that he would protect them and the land would not be taken from them. The assurances served no purpose.
6 December	Freedom of Assembly	Zanu PF councillor, Munashe Pwanyai, disrupted a Zim PF meeting where the party structures were electing office bearers at ward level. The meeting was held at Gwenyaya village in ward 16 of Chivi Central when Zim PF members were forced to disperse or face unspecified action.
18 December	Political Rights Freedom of Association	Ahead of the conference, Masvingo residents were forced to part with money that was meant for the conference, including those that are not Zanu PF supporters.
19 December	Freedom of Expression	At Chivi Growth Point in Chivi Central, *Malvin Choga of MDC-T was reportedly assaulted by Darlington Chingozho of Zanu PF when Choga accused President Mugabe of creating more problems for the country. Chingozho was infuriated by this statement that he assaulted Choga.

Matabeleland North

The most noted violations involved distribution of food aid. Livelihoods were also grossly affected by cash shortages at banks and other service providers. In Hwange East, World Vision folded its food aid programme and issued maize, three hens, one cock and 10kg maize seed to each of its beneficiaries.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
23 December	Freedom of Expression Right to Human Dignity	*Gerald Mthabela, an MDC-T supporter, of Kamata village under Chief Siachilaba, was detained overnight at Siachilaba Police base in Binga North. Four police officers apprehended him after he was heard saying that President Mugabe and his ministers had brought the country to its knees and that the President Mugabe would not win the 2018 elections. He was accused of denigrating the president, however, no charge was laid against him.

Midlands

In Midlands most people complained about farming inputs being diverted and distributed to the same people at the expense of those in need. Politicians have also been accused of distributing food aid to Zanu PF supporters.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
12 December	Freedom of Association Political Rights	Nemangwe Zanu PF youth chairperson, Gift Mapolisa, is alleged to have told *Joseph Muchenje that unless he joins Zanu PF, he will not benefit anything from government. Muchenje was told that if he wanted to benefit from government sponsored aid he should first handover all MDC-T party materials.
23 December	Right to Personal Security	Constable Charumbira based at Kambasha Police Post in Gokwe Central is alleged to have unleashed dogs on *Roland Katiyo because he suspected Katiyo of having stolen from a local Zanu PF supporter and businessman. The victim sustained injuries after he was mauled by dogs. Upon resolving the issue it was confirmed that Msipa is a builder and was spotted by the businessman while he was carrying his tools and they were mistaken for a stolen loot.
27 December	Right to Human Dignity	*Matthew Msipha from Mantshiyo village in Vungu was called to headman Mantshiyo's court and stripped of his community responsibilities after he was assigned to register Zanu PF supporters as food aid beneficiaries but included MDC-T supporters as well.
30 December	Property Rights Freedom of Residence	*Lot Tshabangu was allegedly forcibly removed from his homestead in Nyoka village by Zanu PF ward 10 chairperson, Albert Chidhakwa. Chidhakwa is said to have told Tshabangu that land belonged to Zanu PF and its supporters and it is Zanu PF leadership that determines who gets land. Chidhakwa then started uprooting Tshabangu's fence. The victim reported the matter to headman Nyoka who declined to entertain him claiming the matter was politically sensitive.

*The names of victims have been changed to protect their identities.

FOOD AND OTHER AID VIOLATIONS

Summary of Food Violations by Province



Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Bulawayo	5 December	Right to Food	It is alleged that police and army officers looted about 400 bags of 50kg maize during food aid distribution at Entumbane Hall. 73 year-old *Dingani Mathe said he together with other residents stood helplessly as the law enforcers left with bags of maize in full view of rightful beneficiaries. Residents approached Entumbane Police Station to lodge their complaints but it was to no avail as officers on duty said residents should present their grievances to the responsible ministry's officials.
	18 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	A Zanu PF district official identified as Mr D.A Magura addressed Pumula residents that were gathered for the distribution of rice donated by the government through the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare. During the gathering at Methodist Village, Magura announced that the food distribution programme was a Zanu PF programme therefore those that benefit should vote for Zanu PF. It is alleged that each known Zanu PF supporter went away with a 50kg bag of rice while others had to share a bag between five people.
	19 December	Right to Food	It is alleged that in Bulawayo East at Mahatshula Business Centre, Zanu PF supporters took over distribution of 50kg bags of rice that were meant for under privileged community

			members. Residents said some of the beneficiaries are employed yet deserving individuals got nothing. Officials from the Department of Social Welfare had not been identified so residents did not know where to report their grievances during the distribution.
	29 December	Freedom of Association	In Luveve Zanu PF officials accompanied by some members of the police were registering people for seed and fertilizer distribution. It is alleged that there was discrimination as registration was based on political party allegiance. Those known to support opposition political parties were excluded from the process.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Manicaland	1 December	Political Rights Right to Food	Chipo Chin'ono, Zanu PF district chairperson, is alleged to have accused *Misheck Karimazondo and others of supporting MDC-T and therefore told them to get the farming inputs from their party. Headman Hacknos Gumai of Dororwa village in Buhera South later summoned the victims to the headman's court and further threatened them with eviction if they continued to support MDC-T.
	7 December	Right to Food Political Rights	During distribution that was held at Utseya village in ward 17, Zanu PF Councillor, Lovemore Utseya, refused to give 5kg bags of maize seed to several villagers saying that they had not voted for newly elected Zanu PF Member of Parliament, Nokuthula Matsikenyere, in the last by-election in Chimanimani West.
	7 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	*Viola Chikasha, a ZimPF supporter was allegedly denied access to food aid that comprised of a 50 kg bag of maize by Zanu PF councillor Jane Ziki at Jagers Township in Buhera South. Chikasha's name has been on the food register and she was a regular recipient of aid. The councillor is alleged to have cancelled Chikasha's name because of her affiliation to Zim PF.
	9 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Two MDC-T supporters were allegedly denied access to maize seed by youth officer Joffer Matanda in Mupatsi village, ward 18, Makoni West. It is reported that Matanda asked all the people expecting to receive farming inputs to produce Zanu PF membership cards. The two failed to produce cards and were told to affiliate with Zanu PF if they wanted to access the aid.
	9 December	Right to Food Right to Human	Naomi Baradza, an MDC-T supporter from ward 17 in Chikanga, was reportedly barred from getting rice which was being distributed by Esau Mupfumi's aide, James Gwete. Gwete is alleged to have publicly stated that this is what happens when one is not a Zanu PF member.

		Dignity	
	18 December	Right to Food	At Biriri Township in ward 17, Chimanimani West, *Sharon Nyadenga and *Philip Shereni of MDC-T were allegedly denied access to maize seed and fertilizer by Zanu PF chairperson Khaima Mukamba. When it was Nyadenga and Shereni's turn to each receive a 10 kg bag of maize seed, Mukamba asked them to produce Zanu PF membership cards, which they did not have. Mukamba allegedly told the victims that he was voted in to serve Zanu PF members first.
	20 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	*Matthew Mugoni an MDC-T supporter was denied maize seed by councillor Muzivi of Zanu PF. Although Mugoni had registered as a beneficiary, he was told that his name did not appear on the list of beneficiaries from Bwizi village in ward 19 of Mutare West.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland Central	4 December	Right to Food	Ward 32 councillor, Edith Mudzimu, has been accused of looting maize and storing it at her house after she refused to give several beneficiaries alleging that they belong to opposition political parties and will not benefit from state resources. The affected included *Rudo Samuriwo and *Knowledge Mombeshora from Villa Franca Farm in Mazowe South.
	5 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Mitchelle Kasere, ward 33 councillor and Zanu PF chairperson in Rujeko Centre, Mazowe, is alleged to have barred *Prince Gumbo, an MDC-T activist from accessing GMB rice saying the food was for Zanu PF and not MDC-T supporters.
	6 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Councillor Makabhaji Zinganga allegedly denied *Faith Choga and *Elina Midzi access to free seed and fertilizer accusing them of belonging to Zim PF and therefore not deserving government aid. While distributing the aid at Kapiripiri ward Centre, the councillor and his committee claimed the inputs were for Zanu PF supporters only.
	10 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	In Greendale ward 17 at Chungudzi old Clinic during distribution of aid in Mazowe, Dominic Chimumba, the Zanu PF ward 17 councillor, is alleged to have stopped *Wallace Maposa, of Zim PF, from getting government supplied fertiliser and seed claiming that these were not for opposition party supporters.

	14 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Zanu PF ward 11 councillor, Gwashure Madhanda, and his secretary, Tedson Nyamaharo, accused *Tarisai Zuze and *Linda Chiso, of belonging to opposition MDC-T and Zim PF, respectfully. As a result the two did not receive fertilizer and seeds as aid for the under privileged. The councillor claimed that the agricultural inputs were meant for Zanu PF members in Rushinga.
	24 December	Right to Food	Village head Kawanzarwa of Kawanzarwa village in Mazowe East is alleged to have denied about twenty people access to seed and fertilizer because they are known MDC-T supporters. The distribution was held at Takawira Centre.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland East	14 December	Right to Food	During food distribution in Marondera West at Manyaira Centre, Zanu PF chairperson Bonface Manyaira and the ward 10 councillor forced people to pay fifty cents each for transport yet the food was delivered by government trucks. The villagers complained and alleged that the pair had raised \$230 which was shared between them and a few other committee members.
	16 December	Right to Food	In Seke, Councillor Ngarande of Zanu PF is alleged to have exclusively invited Zanu PF members to collect rice provided under the government scheme. All those said to be opposition supporters did not benefit.
	17 December	Right to Food Right to Personal Security	MDC-T activist, *Walter Rob, was assaulted by Zanu PF supporters, Gift Midzi and five others after he asked them why they only gave food aid to Zanu PF supporters and excluded opposition party supporters yet the rice was meant for all deserving community members. The distribution was in ward 4 at Marondera Central. No report was made due to fear of victimization.
	23 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Only Zanu PF members were registered to receive free maize seed and fertilizer in Chikomba West. The names were collected from wards 9, 11 and 12 and supplied by the Zanu PF chairpersons.
	28 December	Right to Food	Government provided rice was distributed in Goromonzi South to Zanu PF supporters by ward 4, 5 and 9 Zanu PF chairpersons. Chairpersons first vetted all beneficiaries.
	31 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	In Goromonzi North Zanu PF supporters were registering beneficiaries for food aid and farm inputs to be provided by the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare. During the registration opposition party supporters were told that they could only enlist their

			names after they officially joined the ruling party.
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Mashonaland West	15 December	Right to Food	Less than 20 people received food aid despite that 48 were registered to benefit during the month of December in Zvimba North. It is alleged that maize was delivered on 3 December but councillor Mercy Mahachi kept the bags of maize at her homestead until 15 December when she distributed it at night to less than half of the beneficiaries.
	18 December	Right to Food	Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare Minister, Prisca Mupfumira was distributing food aid in Chinhoyi urban when she is alleged to have announced that it was for all regardless of political affiliation. Unfortunately, those that had been mobilizing residents invited mostly Zanu PF supporters. Very few opposition activists or non-partisan community members got the message.
	20 December	Right to Food Rights of the Elderly	Social welfare officers who were distributing relief maize at council offices at Mubaira Growth point in Mhondoro are alleged to have discriminated against elderly people when they denied them access to food aid. It is unclear what criteria the officials were using to identify the elderly, as they did not look at identity documents to ascertain age. *Monica Manhenga is on Anti Retroviral Treatment but was denied food as the social welfare officers said she did not look sickly.
	31 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Hurungwe North Zanu PF chairperson, Oliver Mutungwa, is alleged to have held a meeting where he announced to villagers at Karura Business Centre that fertiliser issued under the agricultural inputs scheme would be coming soon. He is alleged to have said that all villagers looking to benefit from the scheme should know which party to support.
	31 December	Right to Food	During the festive season people in Karoi town were focused on getting cash. Despite the introduction of bond notes, the cash crisis persisted. This forced most people to make financial transactions using bank-cards and Ecocash and ended up being fleeced by shop owners who introduced a mark up ranging from a dollar for all food stuffs bought through mobile or electronic transactions.

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Matabeleland North	7 December	Rights of the Elderly Freedom of Association	Zanu PF members who took control of the food for work program in Nkayi South were accused of forcing elderly people to work long hours even though they are entitled to free aid. One elderly lady *Rosemary Tshuma, aged 63, complained to one of the program coordinators, Magede Sibanda. Sibanda threatened to report Tshuma to Phibion Kamora, the Zanu PF district chair and to war veteran Tshaliba for resisting to work.
	8 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Eden Ncube a Zanu PF leader in village 2 in Bubi allegedly misappropriated food aid meant for the elderly and people with disabilities by giving it to Zanu PF youths. When challenged over this by ward 3 Councillor, Elvis Ndlovu of MDC-T, Ncube said the food was only for party members who would campaign ahead of the 2018 elections.
	31 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	There are allegations that politically connected villagers in Tsholotsho North are registered in absentia to benefit from food aid programmes. This then leads to a process that leaves out deserving community members from benefiting in food schemes.

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Matabeleland South	3 December	Freedom of Association Right to Food	Zanu PF supporters sold 50kg bags of fertilizer and maize seed for \$2 per bag at Embakwe Centre in ward 13 in Mangwe. Ward 3 councillor, Maguwe, with assistance from the headman and local Zanu PF activists had distributed the farming inputs to Zanu PF supporters only. Noting the desperation of those that had failed to access the inputs, Zanu PF supporters started selling the inputs.
	10 December	Right to Food Rights of the Elderly	It is alleged that Headman Lucas Ndlovu distributed 50kg bags of maize to Zanu PF supporters claiming they were Christmas gifts from Zanu PF. The distribution was done at Ingwizi Centre in ward 5 at Mangwe. However, villagers had been expecting maize meant for the elderly members of the community.
	12 December	Right to Food	After going for over two months without receiving food aid, villagers in Umzingwane have alleged that food is being stored and will be used for vote buying when campaigns for 2018 elections begin. Despite attempts to engage local community leaders, no explanations have been given as to why food distribution ceased in Umzingwane.
	29 December	Right to Food	Despite the fact that the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) in Gwanda South was selling maize at subsidized prices most villagers still failed to buy as they could not access cash due to the

			nation wide shortages.
	30 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	Zanu PF councillor Lawrence Maphosa, is alleged to have given food aid to Insiza South Zanu PF youth and women's league members at the expense of deserving beneficiaries.

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Masvingo	1 December	Right to Food	It is alleged that MDC-T supporters' names were erased from the food register by Sostina Zivuku and Munapo Gwenyaya, both Zanu PF supporters from Chivi Central. Before distribution the list was submitted to Gwenyaya who removed names of people he said do not support Zanu PF.
	8 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	At Cheshanga business centre in Zaka East, *Sheila Gore of MDC-T was allegedly denied access to food aid by Zanu PF supporters, Solomon Chinyaure and Mujera Charamba. Chinyaure told Gore that the rice was only enough for Zanu PF supporters. Chiponda reported the matter to Samuel Janga the Zanu PF District chairperson who turned Gore away and told her to go and get assistance from MDC-T.
	15 December	Right to Food Freedom of Association	MDC-T supporter *Tererai Madamombe was allegedly denied access to maize seed by Zanu PF councillor Fastino Chigevenga. Chigevenga claimed that the seed is from the Zanu PF led government and in Zaka East only Zanu PF members should benefit.

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Midlands	10 December	Freedom of Association	Farmers from ward 5 Gokwe Nembudziya were promised free fertiliser as an incentive for them to grow cotton. However, Councillor Steward Mbulawa allegedly refused to give the fertilizers to the rightful farmers and instead handed the inputs to Zanu PF members some who were not part of the cotton farming program.

	23 December	Right to Food	It is alleged that one Mrs Dube from ward 12 in Mkoba was requesting people queuing to get food aid to first produce Zanu PF membership cards. During that distribution only people in possession of membership cards got food aid.
	27 December	Right to Food	Villagers from Gokwe Chireya were each made to pay 50 cents in order for them to benefit from future government food aid schemes. It is alleged that while collecting the money, Timothy Pamire, the local Zanu PF chairperson said "Please pay. A cow will never allow a dog to suckle from its udder".
	29 December	Right to Food Rights of the Elderly	Zanu PF councillor, Washington Chimushonga, approached 70 year-old *Charles Moyo and told him that he would not get food aid because he is an MDC-T supporter. The maize was meant for vulnerable community members like people with disabilities, orphans and the elderly in Chiundura ward 10.

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Harare	29 December	Right to Food	There was an exercise in Epworth to register old people, people with disabilities, the chronically ill and child headed families for food aid. People had their names registered and then referred to Makombe building for vetting. Most people could not travel to town and Zanu PF officials organized transport to ferry their party members only. Residents were aggrieved and suggested that welfare officials should visit Epworth for vetting.

*The names of victims have been changed to protect their identities.

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	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)

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.

A) DESTRUCTION OF HOME

B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

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