

Human Rights Monitor 2000 Annual Report

The Human Rights Monitor celebrated its first anniversary at the end of 2000. Nine Monitors were produced, the first spanning January to March, the second covering April and May. From June, as the political violence subsided just before and after the election, we managed to print a Monitor each month, as we had originally intended.

We must now revisit the figures that we published. We knew the figures for political violence were incomplete when we published them, but it was important to publish what we had to keep you informed. As we said in later Monitors, new reports of old violence keep on coming in. Even now, in March 2001, with the MDC's electoral challenges being heard in the High Court, we are hearing new information about what happened nearly a year ago.

So our 'annual report' is simply an updating of the total figures we have as at mid-March 2001. They also include unpublished information. Our earlier figures were based simply on newspaper reports, but now we have extra information from some victims themselves, whose cases were not reported in the press.

Table 1. Human rights violations during 2000 in Zimbabwe, including those resulting from political violence.

<i>Type of Violation</i>	<i>Ordinary: Reported</i>	<i>Ordinary: Unreported</i>	<i>Political: Reported</i>	<i>Political: Unreported</i>	<i>Total</i>
unlawful killings: total	55	0	80	3	138
(by ZRP)	(25)	0	(1)	0	(26)
attempted killings	8	0	0	4	12
unlawful detention	>12	0	60	4	>76
assault by state officers	>45	19	10	1	>75
Zanu-PF/ZNLWVA	0	0	120	283	403
MDC	0	0	5	2	7
disappearance/kidnap	19	0	>810	32	>861
firearms offences: total	18	0	>264	0	>282
(by ZRP)	(12)	0	0	0	(12)
(by others)	(6)	0	(264)	0	(270)
death threats	3	1	>145	3	>152
death penalty	14	0	0	0	14
political intimidation	0	0	113*	31	144
torture	13	0	>63	11	>87
child abuse	13	0	0	0	13
child sex abuse / rape	61(8M)	0	0	0	61
political discrimination	>20	0	11	1	>32
property-related	>21	0	217†	135	>373
Total victims	302	20	>1898	510	>2730

> means more than

* virtually all reported cases involved tens if not hundreds of victims

† about half were specific individuals, the rest large groups (of villagers, farmworkers, teacher, etc)

As Table 1 shows, the picture is not a pretty one, with over 2 700 victims of human rights abuses. More than 88% resulted from politically-inspired violence. Presumably, if there had been no political violence, Zimbabweans would have experienced only one-eighth of the human rights abuses they had to put up with in the year 2000.

It is useful to understand how the violence was distributed by constituency, in relation both to the Referendum vote in February and to which party won the parliamentary seat in June. Table 2(a) shows the 13 constituencies that seem to have experienced no violence (reported publicly in the press or privately to the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum). At the other end of the scale, 23 constituencies (listed in Table 2(d)) suffered heavily, all having over 20 and averaging over 37 cases each. The dubious honour of topping the violence league went to Hurungwe East (124 cases), followed by Murehwa South (92 cases), then Mberengwa East, Budiriro and Mudzi all with over 50 cases. Between these extremes, 54 constituencies saw relatively light violence, with 1-9 cases each (Table 2(b)), while Table 2(c) names the 30 which suffered moderate violence (10-19 cases).

Table 2(a). Incidence of political violence by constituency: no violence

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>% Poll</i>	<i>Reported Violence</i>	<i>Unreported violence</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Referendum vote</i>	<i>Seat won by</i>
Beit Bridge	52.6	0	0	0	Yes	ZPF
Bulawayo North-East	56.3	0	0	0	No	MDC
Gwanda South	55	0	0	0	na*	ZPF
Hwange East	49.1	0	0	0	No	MDC
Hwange West	47.6	0	0	0	No	MDC
Kadoma West	52.1	0	0	0	Yes	ZPF
Lobengula-Magwegwe	44.6	0	0	0	No	MDC
Makonde	45.2	0	0	0	Yes	ZPF
Matobo	48.3	0	0	0	No	MDC
Mpopoma	45	0	0	0	No	MDC
Mutare North	61.3	0	0	0	No	MDC
Silobela	55	0	0	0	No	MDC
Zaka East	44.5	0	0	0	Yes	ZPF
Totals		0	0	0		

Table 2(a) shows that where there was no violence, every constituency that voted 'no' in the Referendum returned an MDC representative to Parliament. Violence disrupted this perfect correlation, as shown in tables 2(d), 2(b) and 2(c) below.

Table 2(d). Incidence of political violence by constituency: heavy violence

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>% Poll</i>	<i>Reported Violence</i>	<i>Unreported violence</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Referendum vote</i>	<i>Seat won by</i>
Gokwe South	50.6	19	1	20	Yes	ZPF
Murehwa North	55.2	11	9	20	Yes	ZPF
Mwenezi	59.5	19	1	20	Yes	ZPF
Harare South	52.5	20	1	21	No	MDC
Uzumba-Maramba-Pfungwe	70.6	15	6	21	Yes	ZPF
Harare North	53.4	14	8	22	No	MDC
Mutoko North	59.1	10	12	22	Yes	ZPF
Highfield	46.1	21	2	23	No	MDC
Kwekwe	54.1	21	4	25	No	MDC
Hwedza	51.1	19	8	27	Yes	ZPF
Mberengwa West	58.2	20	7	27	Yes	ZPF
Marondera West	47.6	25	3	28	Yes	ZPF
Mbare East	44.4	24	4	28	No	MDC
Bikita West	40.9	29	0	29	Yes	MDC
Mabvuku	53.1	23	9	32	No	MDC
Goromonzi	52	23	15	38	No	ZPF
Harare Central	49.3	38	1	39	No	MDC
Mazowe West	50.9	42	3	45	Yes	ZPF
Mudzi	65.1	26	25	51	Yes	ZPF
Budiriro	53	30	22	52	No	MDC
Mberengwa East	60	30	24	54	Yes	ZPF
Murehwa South	56.2	55	37	92	Yes	ZPF
Hurungwe East	53.4	27	97	124	Yes	ZPF
Totals		561	299	860		

Table 2(b). Incidence of political violence by constituency: light violence

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>% Poll</i>	<i>Reported Violence</i>	<i>Unreported violence</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Referendum vote</i>	<i>Seat won by</i>
Bulilimamangwe North	44.3	1	0	1	Yes	MDC
Chirumanzu	47.1	0	1	1	Yes	ZPF
Lupane	42.1	1	0	1	Yes	MDC
Pelandaba	43	1	0	1	No	MDC
Tsholotsho	41.9	1	0	1	Yes	MDC
Umzingwane	50.8	1	0	1	No	MDC
Zaka West	59.8	0	1	1	Yes	ZPF
Binga	51.4	2	0	2	No	MDC
Chegutu	47.2	1	1	2	No	ZPF
Kadoma Central	45.9	2	0	2	No	MDC
Kadoma East	45	0	2	2	Yes	ZPF
Shurugwi	46.7	2	0	2	Yes	ZPF
Bikita East	38.6	3	0	3	Yes	ZPF
Buhera South	51.9	1	2	3	Yes	ZPF
Chivi South	47	3	0	3	Yes	ZPF
Glen Norah	46	3	0	3	No	MDC
Gwanda North	51.8	3	0	3	No	MDC
Mutare South	45	2	1	3	No	MDC
Nkulumane	51.1	3	0	3	No	MDC
St Mary's	49.6	2	1	3	No	MDC
Zhombe	54.7	2	1	3	Yes	ZPF
Chivi North	49	4	0	4	Yes	ZPF
Guruve South	60.5	4	0	4	Yes	ZPF
Gutu South	49.7	4	0	4	Yes	ZPF
Gweru Rural	45.4	4	0	4	No	MDC
Kuwadzana	52.5	2	2	4	No	MDC
Mutare West	49.9	3	1	4	No	ZPF
Pumula-Luveve	46	4	0	4	No	MDC
Rushinga	67.6	4	0	4	Yes	ZPF
Zengeza	43.6	3	1	4	No	MDC
Chipinge South	36.8	5	0	5	No	ZANU
Guruve North	59.9	5	0	5	Yes	ZPF
Harare East	55.5	5	0	5	No	MDC
Insiza	50.1	5	0	5	No	MDC
Makokoba	43.7	5	0	5	No	MDC
Makoni West	50.7	5	0	5	No	ZPF
Mkoba	51.6	5	0	5	No	MDC
Nkayi	49.2	5	0	5	Yes	MDC
Bubi-Umguza	44.8	6	0	6	Yes	MDC
Bulawayo South	53.8	6	0	6	No	MDC
Gokwe West	55.3	5	1	6	na*	ZPF
Hurungwe West	60	2	4	6	Yes	ZPF
Mutare Central	49.6	6	0	6	No	MDC
Gutu North	50.2	7	0	7	Yes	ZPF
Hatfield	44.4	4	3	7	No	MDC
Mbare West	46.4	5	2	7	No	MDC
Mt Darwin North	68.4	6	1	7	Yes	ZPF

Table 2(b). Incidence of political violence by constituency: light violence (Continued)

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>% Poll</i>	<i>Reported Violence</i>	<i>Unreported violence</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Referendum vote</i>	<i>Seat won by</i>
Zvimba South	51	7	0	7	Yes	ZPF
Masvingo Central	53.9	7	1	8	No	MDC
Masvingo North	48	7	1	8	No	ZPF
Mhondoro	43.7	6	2	8	Yes	MDC
Nyanga	43.6	8	0	8	No	MDC
Chipinge North	37.4	9	0	9	No	MDC
Gokwe Central	52.6	2	7	9	Yes	ZPF
Totals		199	36	235		

Table 2(c). Incidence of political violence by constituency: moderate violence

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>% Poll</i>	<i>Reported Violence</i>	<i>Unreported violence</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Referendum vote</i>	<i>Seat won by</i>
Chinhoyi	46.6	5	5	10	No	ZPF
Chiredzi South	41.1	10	0	10	Yes	ZPF
Seke	49.2	9	1	10	No	MDC
Makoni East	45.4	7	4	11	No	ZPF
Makoni North	57.7	9	2	11	Yes	ZPF
Chitungwiza	45.3	9	3	12	No	MDC
Gokwe East	58.1	7	5	12	Yes	ZPF
Kambuzuma	48.8	8	4	12	No	MDC
Gweru Urban	45.8	12	1	13	No	MDC
Masvingo South	60.4	7	6	13	Yes	ZPF
Mt Darwin South	67	7	6	13	Yes	ZPF
Bulilimamangwe South	49.4	14	0	14	Yes	MDC
Kariba	48.2	12	2	14	Yes	ZPF
Mutoko South	59.6	8	6	14	Yes	ZPF
Buhera North	52.1	14	1	15	Yes	ZPF
Muzarabani	61.9	8	7	15	Yes	ZPF
Dzivarasekwa	56	16	0	16	No	MDC
Glen View	43.8	12	4	16	No	MDC
Gokwe North	59	8	8	16	Yes	ZPF
Mazowe East	58.1	11	5	16	Yes	ZPF
Zvishavane	55.9	9	7	16	Yes	ZPF
Bindura	51	16	1	17	No	ZPF
Chikomba	44.8	10	7	17	Yes	ZPF
Marondera East	50.1	12	5	17	No	ZPF
Shamva	53.9	15	2	17	Yes	ZPF
Zvimba North	50.9	17	0	17	Yes	ZPF
Chimanimani	46.6	17	1	18	No	MDC
Chiredzi North	43.2	16	2	18	No	ZPF
Mufakose	52.8	8	10	18	No	MDC
Mutasa	44.4	16	2	18	No	MDC
Totals		329	107	436		

* These constituencies did not exist when the referendum was held. They were created for the June 2000 elections. Many of the boundaries – but not their names – changed for other constituencies.