

# **ZIMBABWE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO FORUM**

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## **POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT**

### **JULY 2003**

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A report by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum

## OVERVIEW

The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum is concerned with widespread allegations by opposition party (MDC) candidates in the upcoming Urban Council Elections (scheduled for 30/31 August 2003) that they have been victimised, assaulted and barred from entering the Nomination Courts by ZANU PF supporters. Preventing a candidate from being duly nominated through coercive means is significant as according to the Urban Councils Act, an uncontested nominee wins the poll, regardless of whether an opposing candidate has been prevented from filing nomination papers due to political intimidation and / or physical violence. In the month of July, the Human Rights Forum documented claims MDC candidates were being barred from the Nomination Court, while ZANU PF candidates were reportedly being allowed unlimited access, such that most MDC candidates failed to hand in their forms. In Makoni District (Manicaland Province), Chegutu (Mashonaland West), Bindura (Mashonaland Central), and Hurungwe West (Mashonaland West), several candidates from the towns claim that they were victimised and prevented from presenting their papers to the Nomination Courts sitting in their areas, hence several ZANU PF candidates won the seats as uncontested candidates.

There were also reports of assaults on candidates. Albert Ndlovhu of Chegutu (Mashonaland West) suffered a broken neck after he was reportedly attacked by ZANU PF youths manning the gate at Chegutu's Town House as candidates handed in their nomination papers. As a result, he failed to submit his own. There were reports that Martin Dinha (ZANU PF) of Bindura (Mashonaland Central) was declared Mayor after Fred Chinembiri of the MDC failed to get to the Nomination Court to present his papers as all roads leading to the court had been sealed off by suspected ZANU PF supporters. In Hurungwe West (Mashonaland West), 2 MDC candidates were reportedly rushed to hospital after they were severely assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters at the Nomination Court. Kidwell Gomana and David Mukunda, MDC candidates for Ward 6 and 2 respectively in Makoni District (Manicaland), assert that they were assaulted and barred from campaigning for the Council Election by ZANU PF supporters in the area.

As the Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) noted in a statement dated 30 July 2003, "*scenarios where candidates are declared winners in violence ridden wards and constituencies mean that the electorate has been denied a chance to participate freely in elections.*" The Human Rights Forum urges all candidates and effected persons to report incidents of violence surrounding elections to the police and to the Electoral Supervisory Commission so as to officially bring such claims to the attention of the relevant authorities. We further implore the Zimbabwe Republic Police to investigate such reports promptly, in a non-partisan manner, and to deal with those responsible accordingly, to ensure a peaceful and impartial electoral process. Regrettably, evidence documented to date indicates that the upcoming Urban Council Elections have been and will continue to be shrouded in violence thereby resulting in their being held in an inequitable environment in which it is difficult to achieve a free and fair electoral process.

Farm evictions have been reported with some of the victims claiming that they are being forced to move from the farms upon which they were resettled. In Goromonzi District, (Mashonaland East),

Oliver Juru (Goromonzi Rural District Chairman) and one Nkatazo have been implicated in the besieging of Oribi Farm allegedly to facilitate occupation by ZANU PF Provincial Party Officials. However, it is reported that the authorities claim that the exercise is meant to correct an error made when the farm was set aside for resettlement under the A1 scheme, yet it falls under the A2 scheme for agricultural purposes. In Chimanimani District (Manicaland), Minister for Youth Development Gender and Employment Creation Elliot Manyika and other ZANU PF members are alleged to have turned a vocational training school in the area into a centre for national service training displacing 500 students in the process. Minister Manyika is said to have officially opened the Training Centre. In Mashonaland East, one Tendai Gurira, a member of the ZNLWVA, is said to have verbally attacked Roy Bennet (MDC MP – Chimanimani) at his Bigtull Farm and displaced his farm workers. Bennet asserts that he was also threatened with unspecified action if he failed to vacate the farm. Gurira denies the allegations.

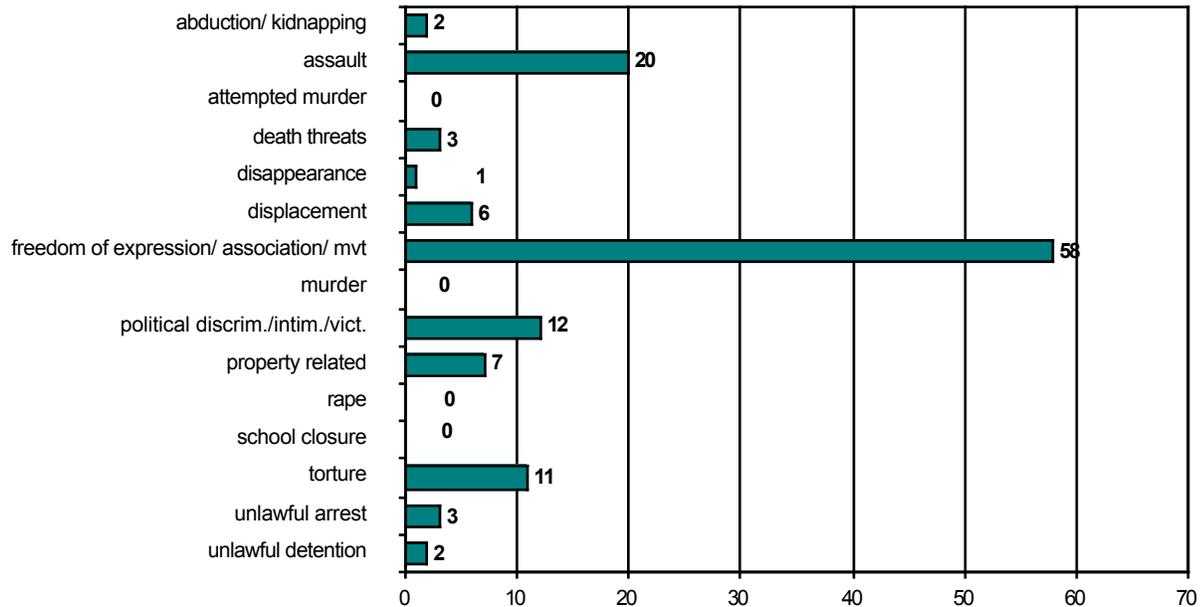
Freedom of association remains strictly limited or threatened in Zimbabwe with individuals consistently reporting that they are targeted on the basis of their real or perceived political affiliation. SM of Highfield (Harare) reported that he was walking at the shops wearing an MDC T-shirt when a truck full of ZANU PF youths stopped by his side, ordered him to do the ZANU PF slogan and then severely assaulted him because he was unable to do so. He reportedly sustained some broken ribs. ES of Mbare (Harare) claims that she was beaten up by ZANU PF youths for not attending ZANU PF meetings in the area. JR of Chitungwiza also reported having been tortured by state agents for allegedly being an MDC supporter. OR asserts that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF supporters in Shamva (Mashonaland Central) because he was seen holding a copy of the *Daily News*, and that they were thus labelled MDC supporters. MDC supporters have reportedly been implicated in the threats against Sekesai Makwavarara (Acting Mayor for Harare). She claims that the perpetrators have accused her of blocking the return of Elias Mudzuri, the suspended MDC Mayor for Harare.

The Human Rights Forum underscores the need for tolerance amongst supporters of different political parties and urges them to desist from violent expression of disparities in opinion. We reiterate the obligation upon state agents to enforce law and order in an objective and impartial manner and in this light find discouraging reports of use of torture by state agents against victims on the basis of their real or perceived political affiliation. An MDC supporter from St. Mary's (Harare Province), now fears for his life after ZRP and ZNA forces allegedly tortured him and forced him to lie under a car while air was forced out of all the tyres at Makoni Police Station. MU of Dzivaresekwa claims that ZNA and ZRP officers beat him, destroyed some of his property, threatened him with death and ordered him to vacate his home because he supports the opposition MDC.

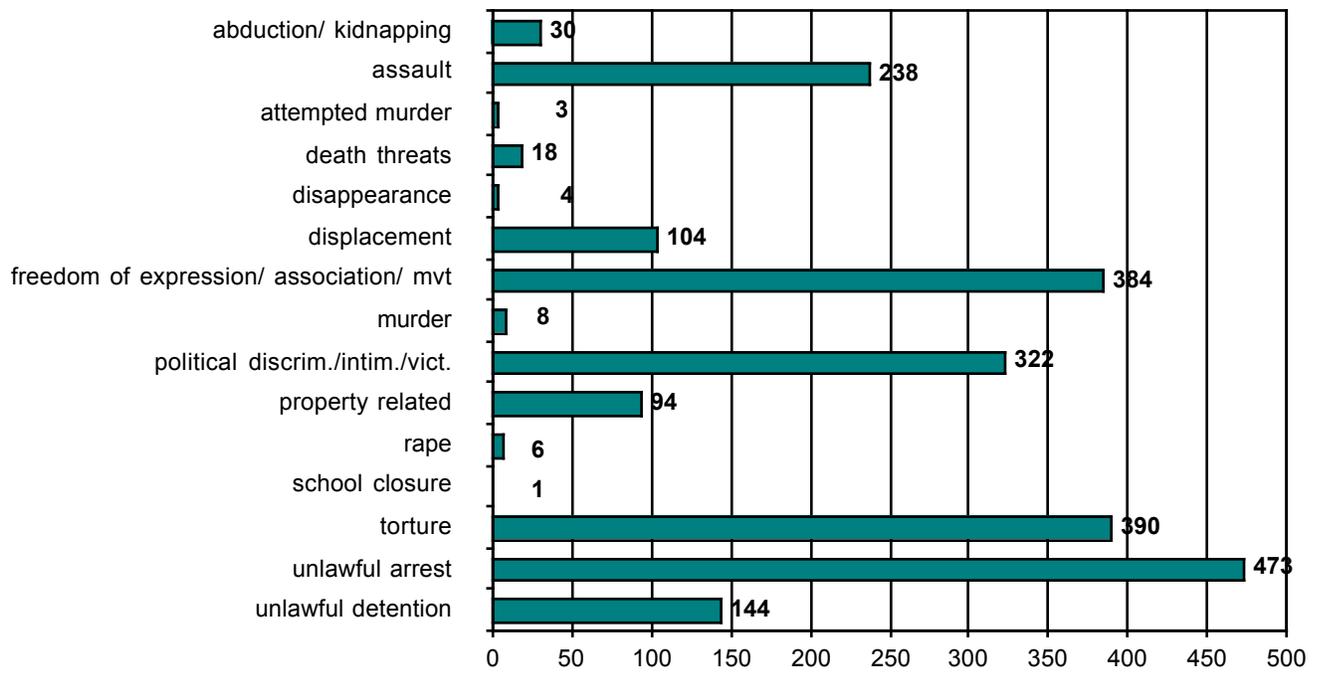
Another freedom that remains heavily restricted is freedom of expression, largely through seemingly gratuitous application of the Public Order and Security Act. In Bulawayo, forty-eight women were arrested and detained, while one of them was assaulted by the police because they had staged a demonstration against POSA. They were holding the demonstration outside the Magistrates Court at Tredgold Building, and their delegation delivered a letter to the Senior Prosecutor for Bulawayo, protesting against POSA. The women allege that access to food was limited during the period of

detention. All forty-eight were charged under POSA for participating in an ‘illegal gathering’, with Jenni Williams, the leader of Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA), having a second charge laid against her for organising the march. Williams denies the charges as she maintains that the march was not illegal.

**Totals: 1 July 2003 – 31 July 2003**



**Cumulative Totals 1 January 2003 To 31 July 2003**



**Sources:** The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Public Interest Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, statements taken by the member organisations of the Human Rights Forum. *(See last page for list of member organisations)*, newspaper reports, Justice for Agriculture (JAG), Combined Harare Residents Association (CHRA), Zimbabwe Community Development Trust (ZCDT).

**Notes to the tables:**

**Torture:**

All cases of torture fall under the definition of torture according to the general definition given in the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment.

The four elements of torture are:

- 1 **Severe** pain and suffering, whether physical or mental
- 2 **Intentionally** inflicted
- 3 With a **purpose**
- 4 By a state official or another individual acting with the **acquiescence of the State**.

Those individuals referred to in point # 4 include the ZRP, ZNA, ZPS and the ZNLWVA (as a reserve force of the ZNA) and by any other grouping when directly sanctioned by the state.

**Unlawful arrest and detention:**

Arrest by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) with no reasonable suspicion that an offence has been committed. Detention thereafter for a period exceeding 48 hours without access to redress through the courts or subsequent release without charge.

**Abduction/kidnapping:**

A kidnapping by a member(s) of an organised group that is not the ZRP, such as, ZNLWVA, ZNA, MDC, Zanu PF etc

**Disappearance:**

Kidnapped persons whose whereabouts remained unknown at the time of reporting. Their whereabouts have still to be ascertained through follow up reports or further investigation.

**Property related**

These are incidents in which property rights have been violated. This includes arson, property damage and destruction and theft.

**Key Abbreviations**

AIPPA – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	Zanu PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation	ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army
MDC – Movement for Democratic Change	ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association
MP – Member of Parliament	ZPS – Zimbabwe Prison Service
NAGG - National Alliance for Good Governance	ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police
NCA – National Constitutional Assembly	ZIMTA – Zimbabwe Teachers Association
OVT – Organised Violence and Torture	ZUPCO – Zimbabwe United Passenger Company
POSA – Public Order and Security Act	
PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe	
UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe	

## Cases of Political Violence

**Note: The identities of victims whose names have not been published in the press and are not public officials are protected by the use of initials.**

### BULAWAYO

#### *Bulawayo North - East/ South*

*24 July 2003*

- Forty-eight members of Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) were arrested and one of them assaulted by the police for participating in a demonstration to protest against the Public Order And Security Act (POSA) Chapter 11.17. The women gathered outside Tredgold Building, while their delegates handed over a letter protesting against POSA to the Senior Prosecutor for Bulawayo. The group proceeded to march through the streets of Bulawayo. As the group was about to disperse, riot police reportedly arrived and arrested protest organiser Jenni Williams. Forty-seven other women were allegedly arrested when they opted to be taken away with Williams. Four of the women had babies with them. The women allege that they were detained for two days and were interrogated during the period of their detention. They also claim that access to food was limited during this period. One of the women purports that she was blindfolded during interrogation and was hit on the head with an object. All forty-eight were charged under POSA for participating in an 'illegal gathering', with Jenni Williams having a second charge (under S17 – POSA) laid against her for allegedly organising the march. Section 17 provides for offences committed against public order<sup>1</sup>. Williams denies the charges as she maintains that the march was not illegal. The victims were released on free bail.

### HARARE

#### *Budiriro*

*1 July 2003*

- IC asserts that she was assaulted by soldiers on accusations of having shouted the MDC slogan and of having been incited by the MDC officials to do so. She was having a walk at night with her friends when the army officers attacked her. She denies the allegation.

*7 July 2003*

- Mike Mushipe, Francis Kambeva and other ZANU PF supporters reportedly went around RM's neighbourhood at about 2:00am, singing and chanting ZANU PF slogans. He alleges that he peeped outside and saw a group of ZANU PF youths surrounding his house, preparing to set it alight. They are then said to have destroyed RM's home and burnt everything. He is still receiving constant threats on his life and has reported the incident to the police. His grandchildren managed to escape first and RM hid within some bushes near his home. He later sought refuge at the neighbours', where he was offered shelter for the night. The assailants allegedly smashed all windows and burnt the house singing "mupanduki chera mwena" meaning (traitor dig a hole in the ground).

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<sup>1</sup> See Public Order And Security Act, Chapter 11.17 S17

**Chitungwiza**

3 July 2003

- BC alleges that she was tortured and detained by the police and army officials on accusations of being an MDC supporter. She claims that she was questioned about the activities of the opposition MDC. The assailants allegedly harassed and slapped her children and then detained her for 15 days at Chikurubi Female Prison. She was later asked to pay \$4 000 to be released from prison although she was not charged with any offence. She asserts that she lost her cell phone, R450, and other small things to the assailants.

9 July 2003

- SM passed through a crèche close to her home where the ZANU PF supporters were having a meeting. She claims that they grabbed her and beat her with a metal object and fists for no apparent reason. She managed to run away.

12 July 2003

- JR claims that 2 men in civilian clothing arrived at his home and forcibly took him to Makoni Shopping Centre, asking him questions about the opposition MDC. On denying knowing anything about the party, they reportedly confiscated his wallet and found an MDC party card and regalia on him. He claims that they then blindfolded him, assaulted him, laughed at him, and drove him to a house where there was a lot of MDC regalia on a table. He asserts that they ordered him to pick up his but he did not as none were his. They ordered him to remove all his clothes, asked him to lie on his tummy on the floor, and handcuffed his hands on the back as well as his legs. He was beaten on the chest with an iron object and was put in two sacks - one covered his head and the other his lower body. He alleges that they threatened him with death and to take him to some crocodile area so he could be meat for the crocodiles. On arrival at a secluded place, he purports that they tied his waist with a rope and then pulled him by the rope. They are said to have kept him there for three days, administering electric shocks to him. He alleges that they made him sit inside a coffin so that he could "feel the aura of death". He could no longer control his bowels and was soiling his pants. He was taken to Makoni Police Station on the third day and was arrested on allegations of violating POSA.

**Dzivaresekwa**

31 July 2003

- UM alleges that soldiers, police officers and ZANU PF supporters arrived at his home at around 3pm, beat him, took some of his clothing and then destroyed some of his property. He claims that he does not know why they attacked him and that they ordered him to not to stay in the area. He purports that the assailants are threatening him with death and that they are still coming to his home as he still resides in the area.

**Harare Central**

July 2003

- Members of staff at the *Daily News* offices claim that the Zimbabwe National Army sent them an anonymous letter warning them and the MDC party members against publishing abusive language and cartoons that undermine the dignity of the ZNA forces. The staff of the *Daily News* purport that the letter threatened that any report by them or the MDC, which attempted to subvert soldiers, would result in the soldiers visiting the premises. Any repeat attempts against the forces were reportedly threatened with an attack on the publisher. However, the ZNA officers have denied knowledge of the letter.

8 July 2003

- ZRP officers are said to have arrested two marchers and assaulted a large number of the 3 000 people who were gathered at the Africa Unity Square for a demonstration against South African President Thabo Mbeki's "quiet diplomacy" on the political and economic crisis in Zimbabwe.

*10 July 2003*

- Sekesai Makwavarara (MDC acting Mayor - Harare City Council) claims that she was attending a meeting called by MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirayi at the MDC offices at Harvest House when some MDC party supporters threatened to beat her on accusations of blocking the return to office of Elias Mudzuri, Executive Mayor for Harare. Mudzuri was suspended from his duties in February by the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, Ignatious Chombo, following allegations of misconduct and mismanagement. Makwavarara claims that she was saved from the rowdy mob when her husband drove her away in another vehicle. She now fears for her life.

### **Highfield**

*2 July 2003*

- At around 22:30hrs, nine people in army uniform are alleged to have forcibly opened KM's door and asked her questions about politics, of which she claims she has no knowledge. She asserts that she was assaulted on the back, buttocks, chest, shoulders, and head with objects she could not identify. The assailants then took the victim to the home of an MDC supporter, and reportedly further assaulted her demanding to know who kept the 'MDC monies' before ordering her to walk back home.

*17 July 2003*

- SM was walking at the shops wearing an MDC T-shirt when a truck full of ZANU PF youths reportedly stopped by his side and asked him to do the ZANU PF slogan. He asserts that he told them that he did not know it and that he was then severely assaulted. He sustained some broken ribs.

### **Kambuzuma**

*7 July 2003*

- ZRP officers are said to have assaulted AM together with her baby when she got caught up in a cross fire in which the police were dispersing a crowd of demonstrators in the area. She claims that the baby she was carrying on her back is now sickly because she was severely injured.

*8 July 2003*

- PM reportedly fell down and hurt her ankle while running away from the police officers who were beating her because she supports the opposition party, MDC. She is experiencing severe chest pains. This follows the abduction and torture of her husband by state agents in June 2003 under politically related circumstances.

### **Mabvuku**

*7 July 2003*

- MG and other MDC supporters claim that Constable Chigodora and other ZRP officers victimised them because they support the opposition MDC. They allege that the police raided them around 11:00pm, arrested MG's husband and put him in police custody under unclear charges. Investigations by the police are said to be underway.
- NH was reportedly assaulted and threatened with death by the police officers and ZANU PF supporters on accusations of having masterminded the MDC mass action held in June 2003. He asserts that the assailants also accused him of urging MDC youths to go for the march.

*22 July 2003*

- One CIO agent, four graduates from the Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre and two men in civilian clothing reportedly met up with TM on his way from the shops and kidnapped him. He claims that they took him away in their car and beat him with a rifle butt and booted feet. He asserts that he was slapped several times on the face with open palms, and that they demanded to know the MDC party structures and the MDC activities in Mabvuku. The victim purports that the assailants cooked him some meat and forced him to eat it. He claims that having eaten the food, he passed out and woke up the following morning at a drainage site in Tafara with severe abdominal pains.
- ZRP officers reportedly arrived at AK's lodgings at around 23:00hrs and called out to the landlord to open the gate. One of them is said to have jumped over the gate, grabbed the keys from her, and unlocked the gate. They reportedly proceeded to one room, found an MDC supporter, and assaulted him. AK claims that the assailants then accused the others renting rooms there of being MDC supporters like. The victims allege that they were all ordered to lie on the ground, were trampled upon, assaulted with a whip, asked to fight each other and then forced to jog for a while. The police officers reportedly went off and ordered the victims not to report to the Police Station or seek treatment.

### ***Mbare East***

*1 July 2003*

- Susan Munhundarima of Nenyere Flats, an MDC supporter, claims that at the beginning of the year, she was evicted from her lodgings by members of a ZANU PF group called Chipangano, forcing her to change accommodation. She alleges that the assailants have now followed her to her new home and evicted her again. The police reportedly advised her to find alternative accommodation because they could not help her. She has built a shack at Mbare Musika with her children because every time she finds lodgings the group displaces her.
- Enereta Jongwe, a resident of the Nenyere Flats, claims that members of the Chipangano group (ZANU PF supporters) threw her property out of her home, evicted her and then gave the flat to someone else. The victim alleges that she has been receiving huge bills for the flat from the City Council as the new tenant pays his rentals to Chipangano group and not the Council. She purports that she was brutally assaulted when she tried to return to her flat. The assailants reportedly stole \$44 000 in cash and a sewing machine valued at \$360 000 from her.

### ***Mbare East/ West***

*1 July 2003*

- ES was reportedly assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not attending their meetings in the area. He claims that they beat him on the chest and shoulders.

*11 July 2003*

- SC, an MDC supporter, claims that about 12 ZANU PF youths confiscated his clothes and then abducted him because he supports the opposition MDC. He purports that when they arrived, they demanded to see the victim, followed him to the garden where he was working, and then demanded his MDC party card, T- shirt, and other MDC material. He left the area and no longer has a place to stay.

### ***St. Mary's***

*3 July 2003*

- A group of soldiers and police officers reportedly approached KN while he was at home, assaulted him and then burnt his home because he supports the opposition. When he was on his way to

seek medical attention later that same day, he claims that the assailants attacked him once more, stole his money, watch and shoes. He purports that he was taken to Makoni Police Station and was forced to eat all the papers that he had on his person. He asserts that the police officers and soldiers poured cold water over him and forced him to lie face up under a car while they forced air out of all the tyres. He was made to pay a fine of \$5 000 and is afraid that the next time around the assailants might kill him.

## **MANICALAND**

### ***Chimanimani***

*July 2003*

- A vocational training school in Vumba was reportedly turned into an all girls Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre, displacing 500 students undergoing Secretarial Studies at the school. Minister of Youth Development, Gender and Employment Creation, Elliot Manyika, officially opened the Training Camp ordering the students to move to Magamba, another vocational college about 15 kms north of Mutare.

### ***Makoni East/ West***

*17 July 2003*

- Kidwell Gomana and David Mukunda (MDC candidates for Ward 2 and 6 respectively in the Urban Council Elections) claim that ruling party supporters assaulted them and threatened them with death if they contest in the elections. They purport that they are now living in fear as they are receiving door-to-door visits and constant threats from the ZANU PF supporters. Didymus Mutasa, ZANU PF MP for Makoni North, has been implicated in the attacks. Pishai Muchauraya, MDC spokesman for Manicaland, reported that the MDC fears for its candidates as reports are continuously coming in of their being barred from being registered as candidates in the nomination courts.

## **MASHONALAND CENTRAL**

### ***Bindura***

*1 July 2003*

- AM and other MDC supporters claim that graduates from the Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre chased them away from the nomination court alleging that 'you are MDC people". They purport that they were ordered not to come back to the area because they support the opposition. AM had attended the Nomination Court for the Council Elections scheduled for 30 and 31 August 2003. Some of the victims assert that they were forced to sleep in the bush as the assailants were after them.

*7 July 2003*

- WM, an MDC supporter and a former teacher from Centenary, fractured his hand when ZANU PF supporters assaulted him in February 2001. He asserts that on the day in question, the youths approached and interrogated him on who was treating his hand. He purports that they assaulted him again and he is on the run as the party supporters are still after him.
- MDC candidates in the Urban Council Elections have reportedly been prevented from presenting their registration papers to the Nomination Courts sitting in their areas, hence several ZANU PF candidates won the seats as uncontested. Martin Dinha of ZANU PF was reportedly declared Bindura Mayor after Fred Chinembiri of MDC failed to get to the Nomination Court as suspected ZANU PF supporters sealed off all roads leading to the court.

### **Mount Darwin North/ South**

1 July 2003

- DG, an MDC supporter, alleges that he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters because he did not attend a ZANU PF meeting which was held in the area. He claims that the assailants called him a traitor and burnt his blankets, clothes and property. He fled the area and was treated at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare.

### **Shamva**

9 July 2003

- OR went to Chipole Resettlement Area carrying a copy of the *Daily News* with him. On his way back to Harare, he claims that he was severely assaulted by a group of about 20 to 30 ZANU PF supporters, on accusations that he and his wife were seen reading the *Daily News* and that they were MDC supporters. OR alleges that they were ordered not to return to Chipole, where he recently bought a house.

## **MASHONALAND EAST**

### **Chikomba**

8 July 2003

- Policemen and 5 members of the CIO reportedly arrived at AD's home, broke in, grabbed him and handcuffed him while naked. They are said to have ordered his wife to dress him before they took him to Sadza Police Station. AD claims that the assailants asked him questions about the opposition MDC and beat him at the same time. He was detained for 2 days and alleges that he was released with no specific charge.

### **Goromonzi**

July 2003

- Settlers at Oribi Farm claim that ZANU PF supporters besieged the farm to facilitate occupation by ZANU PF Provincial Party Officials. One Nkatazo (ZANU PF member) and Oliver Juru (Goromonzi Rural District Chairman) are reportedly accused by the settlers of conniving with the District Land Distribution Committee and Senior Provincial Officials to take over the farm. Lawrence Meda, Goromonzi District Administrator, claims that the settlers will be relocated to other farms under the A1 scheme to pave way for farming activities at Oribi Farm under the A2 scheme. The farm was compulsorily acquired from Owen Patrick Conner in August 2002 under the Fast Track Land Reform Program.

### **Marondera East**

19 July 2003

- DM (MDC Provincial Elections Coordinator for Mashonaland East) and SN (candidate for Nyameni Ward 8) assert that they were barred from registering as MDC candidates for the Urban Council

Elections and that they were forced to leave Marondera by a group of about 15 ZANU PF youths. SN claims that the youths told them not to contest the Urban Council Elections, which are scheduled for 30 - 31 August 2003. DM has since fled to Harare, but is reportedly making arrangements to travel back to Marondera to register his candidature before registration closes.

### **Seke**

*1 July 2003*

- Tendai Gurira and three ZNLWVA members reportedly arrived at Roy Bennet's (MDC MP for Chimanimani) Bigtull Farm and threatened him with unspecified action if he did not vacate the premises. They are said to have made threatening calls to his mobile phone earlier that same day, ordering him to prepare for "more horrible" things if he resisted. Gurira reportedly admitted going to the farm and talking to the security guard but denied having seen the MP or making any threats. He represented ZANU PF in the 2002 Urban Council Elections in Harare's Hatfield suburb.

## **MASHONALAND WEST**

### **Chegutu**

*21 July 2003*

- Albert Ndlovhu (MDC candidate in the Urban Council Elections) claims that he was prevented from presenting his papers to the Nomination Courts sitting in the area. 10 ZANU PF candidates were reportedly declared winners in the Council Elections after the MDC candidates failed to get to Chegutu Town House to submit their nomination papers as alleged ZANU PF youths blocked the roads. Ndlovhu asserts that he suffered a broken neck after ZANU PF youths manning the gate at the Town House attacked him.
- Phineas Mariyapera (ZANU PF Deputy Mayor for Chegutu), Richard Murombedzi and Edson Mutowo, (ZANU PF supporters), as well as the police, purportedly assaulted and barred CNM from entering the Nomination Court for the August 2003 Council Elections. The victim had gone to Chegutu Town House to attend the Nomination Court. 200 others in MDC T-shirts were also reportedly barred from entering the Court on the pretext that it was a day for ZANU PF candidates only. One Edson (ZANU PF supporter) allegedly dragged Ndlovhu of the MDC and beat him up for attempting to hand in his registration forms. CNM claims that Mariyapera beat him on the face with a gun, before he was manhandled by the police and chased away on accusations of being one of the trouble causers at the Nomination Court. CNM reportedly bled excessively and collapsed. He reported the matter to the police at Chegutu Police Camp.

### **Hurungwe West**

*21 July 2003*

- 2 MDC candidates in the Karoi Urban Council Elections scheduled for 30 and 31 August 2003 were reportedly rushed to hospital after they were severely assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters.

*23 July 2003*

- ZANU PF youths allegedly arrived at Dunga School around 7:30pm and asked to see FM, a teacher at the school. When he came out, he claims that they asked him about some prominent MDC officials, and that one of the assailants came up from behind and struck him on the head with a wooden log. He asserts that they dragged him for a short while but he managed to jump on to a grass wall nearby and escaped.

## **MATEBELELAND NORTH**

### **Bubi- Umuza**

7 July 2003

- Ibbo Mandaza (Sunday Mirror Publisher) and Jabulani Ndlovhu (former worker) allege that they were assaulted and forced to flee by war veterans settled at one of Mandaza's farms in the area, after they had presented them with a High Court eviction order. Mandaza and Ndlovhu assert that the ZNLWVA members barred them from evicting them and then severely assaulted the farm workers, forcing them to flee and camp along the Bulawayo - Nkayi road. Mandaza alleges that he later phoned John Nkomo, ZANU PF National Chairman and Kembo Mohadi, Minister of Home Affairs, asking them to have the illegal settlers (war veterans) evicted from his farm. The police have reportedly done nothing about the situation.

### **Hwange East/ West**

15 July 2003

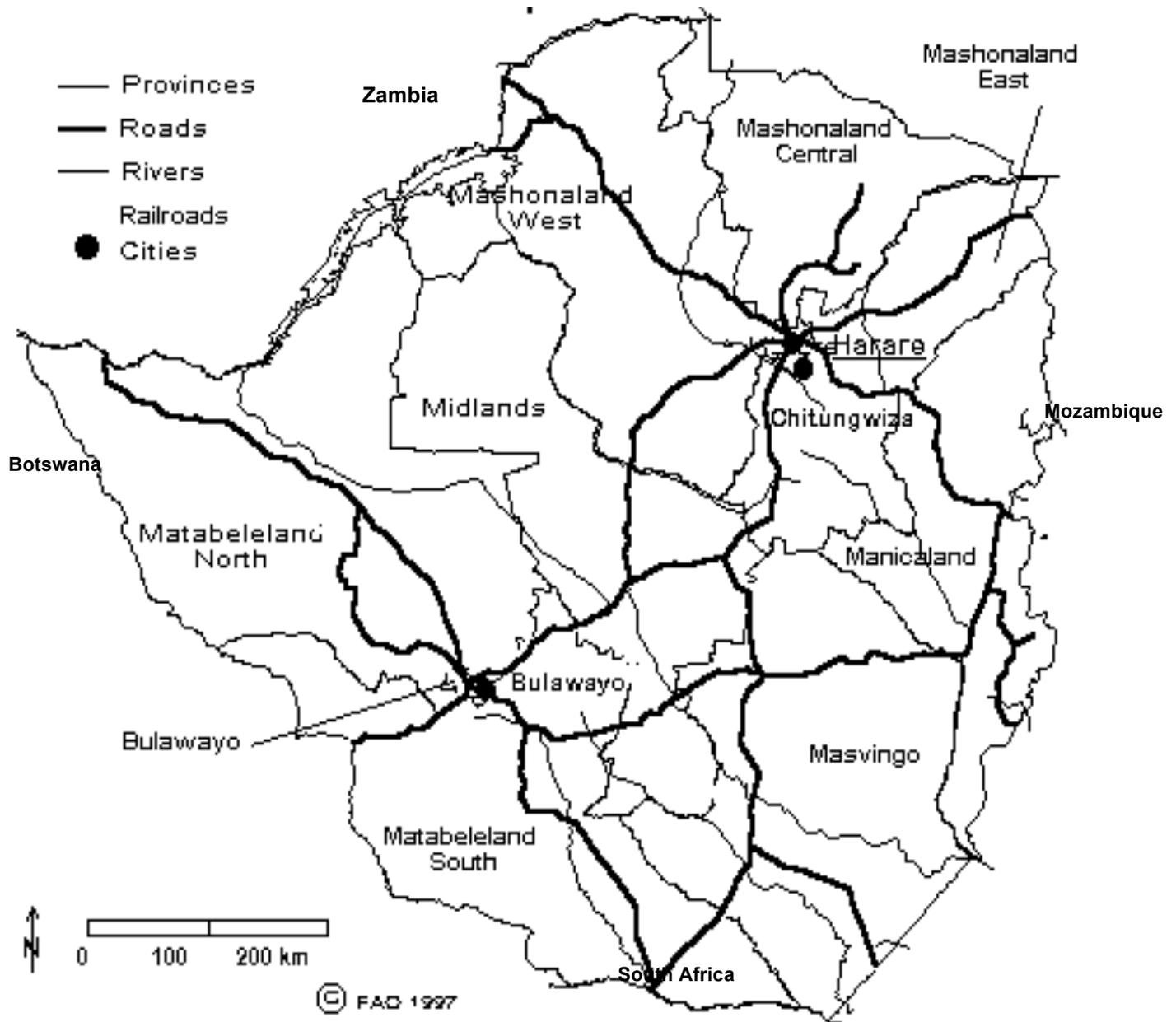
- Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre graduates are said to have assaulted SM while he was walking from Mr. Sansole's (MDC MP - Hwange West) cattle kraal, which he herds. He claims that they demanded to know who in the MDC had burnt their property, but he told them that he did not know.
- NAM reports that he was waiting for a bus to Hwange Town at a bus stop when graduates from the Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre attacked him under an alleged instruction from one Muguni (Dete Security Officer). They dragged him from the terminus to the ZANU PF tent nearby. He claims that all the way he was kicked all over the body with booted feet and the youths were shouting 'kill him!' 'kill him!' They are said to have stopped when the police arrived. He purports that he was arrested by the police and detained for two days. They released him on \$5 000 bail without any specific charges being preferred against him. He does not know why he was assaulted.
- Seventy MDC activists are alleged to have attacked youths at the Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre at around 23:00hrs, setting the property on fire and assaulting the youths at the camp with stones and knobkerries. Three of the victims were reportedly seriously injured, and one of them is reported as missing. The spokesperson for Matebeleland North confirmed that twelve MDC members were arrested in connection with the incident and are facing charges under POSA.

Full alphabetical list of reported deaths related to political violence 1 January to 31 July 2003 recorded indicating political affiliation, date of death, province and constituency.

**TOTAL - 8 : MDC - 5; ZANU PF – 2; UNKNOWN - 1**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME (S)</b>	<b>POLITICAL AFFILIATION</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>	<b>PROVINCE</b>
<b>1 ALFONSO</b>	<b>Plaxedes</b>	UNKNOWN	10/ 6/ 2003	Dzivaresekwa	Harare
<b>2 KAGURU</b>	<b>Tichaona</b>	MDC	2/ 6/ 2003	Mbare East/ West	Harare
<b>3 KOMBO</b>	<b>Samson, Shawano</b>	MDC	20/ 1/ 2003	Makoni East	Manicaland
<b>4 MACHIRIDZA</b>	<b>Richard, Tonderai</b>	MDC	18/4/2003	Kuwadzana	Harare
<b>5 MANGWIRO</b>	<b>Tonderai</b>	ZANU PF	20/ 1/ 2003	Kuwadzana	Harare
<b>6 MATINYARARE</b>	<b>David</b>	MDC	1/ 5/ 2003	Mufakose	Harare
<b>7 NYADONGO</b>	<b>Amon</b>	ZANU PF	2/ 6/ 2003	Mbare West	Harare
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The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (also known as the “Human Rights Forum”) is a coalition comprising 16 member organisations. It has been in existence since January 1998 when non-governmental organisations working in the field of human rights joined together to provide legal and psychosocial assistance to the victims of the Food Riots of January 1998.

The Human Rights Forum has now expanded its objectives to assist victims of organised violence, using the following definition:

**“Organised violence” means the inter-human infliction of significant avoidable pain and suffering by an organised group according to a declared or implied strategy and/or system of ideas and attitudes. It comprises any violent action, which is unacceptable by general human standards, and relates to the victims’ mental and physical well-being.”**

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- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)
- Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)
- Southern Africa Human Rights Trust (SAHRIT)
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
- Transparency International (Zimbabwe) (TI (Z))
- University of Zimbabwe Legal Aid and Advice Scheme (UZ (LAAS))
- Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO)
- Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR)
- Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET)
- Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights)
- Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR)
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