

ZIMBABWE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO FORUM

POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT: NOVEMBER 2002

10 December 2002

A report by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum

OVERVIEW

Violence in Insiza Constituency reportedly continued unabated in the post election period, as ZANU PF supporters and youth militia intensified their efforts to rid the area of MDC supporters. In what appears to have been a retributive exercise, ZANU PF militia in the constituency are purportedly harassing and forcing opposition supporters to denounce the MDC and join/ rejoin the ZANU PF. Political intimidation, political discrimination and death threats, are alleged to be among the weapons the ruling party supporters have taken up in a bid to punish the would be supporters of the opposition party.

There is increasing evidence that ZANU PF is manipulating the distribution of food along political lines in an effort to garner and retain political support. Reports recorded by the Human Rights Forum in September and October showed that food distribution had been politically manipulated to coerce votes from the electorate during the Rural District Council Elections and Insiza by-election respectively. In the month of October, the Human Rights Forum has documented incidents that suggest that ZANU PF, with apparent Government acquiescence, is controlling access to food aid, denying those perceived to be MDC supporters access. This is happening in the absence of a pending election.

A report by the Danish Human Rights Group - Physicians for Human Rights/ Denmark (entitled **Voting ZANU PF For Food: Rural District and Insiza Elections**) based on extensive interviews in Zimbabwe over the last three months, alleges that President Robert Mugabe has cut off food supplies to opponents who have challenged the power of his ruling party. It is the group's opinion that "if it is not possible to increase non-partisan food supplies into the country, starvation and eventually death, will occur along party political lines in Zimbabwe." (A complete copy of the report can be accessed on their website)¹.

In Hatfield, ZANU PF supporters were reportedly seen selling maize to Zanu PF cardholders only, while denying access to all suspected MDC supporters. LK and CM, both MC supporters from Bindura, claim that while standing in a queue to buy maize-meal, ZANU PF youths approached them and asked them why they intended to buy the mealie-meal, which only belongs to Zanu PF supporters. They claim that they were assaulted with sticks and planks. In Nkulumane, MDC National Information and Publicity Officer, J. L. Ncube, claims that ZANU PF supporters barred suspected MDC supporters from attending a meeting, where essential food commodities were being sold. In addition, a truckload of maize-meal, which was supposed to be delivered to the Nkulumane shops, was reportedly diverted by a group of war veterans to a spot where they were holding a meeting and only ZANU PF supporters were given access to the food.

Youths from the Border Gezi National Service Training Centre have reportedly been attacking MDC supporters. They allegedly descended on residents in Cashel Valley, and destroyed about ten hectares of maize crop worth thousands of dollars. The crop, which was ready for harvesting, reportedly belonged to MDC supporters. In another incident, hordes of ZANU PF youths clad in Border Gezi Training Service Centre uniforms reportedly went on a rampage assaulting members of the public and tearing up copies of the Daily News in the Masvingo.

¹ Website address: www.phrusa.org/healthrights/phr-denmark.html or e-mail omv@dadlnet.dk

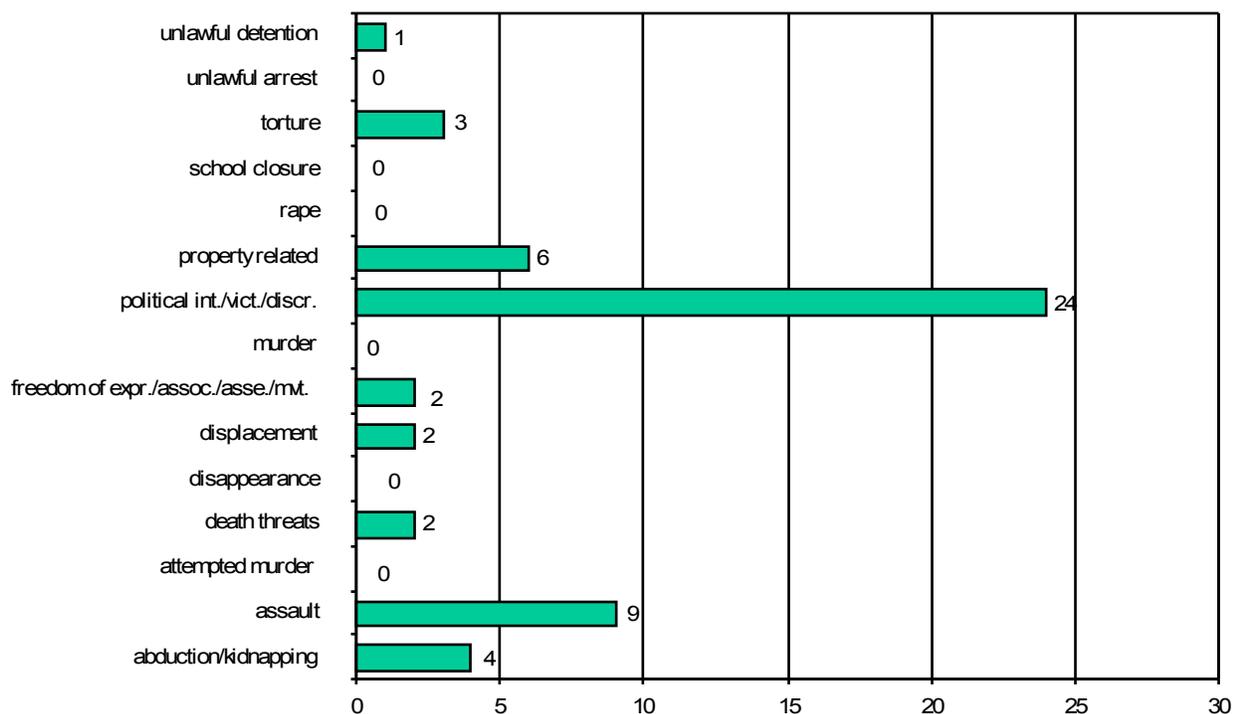
There are ongoing reports that soldiers are harassing villagers in some parts of the country. MDC National Spokesman, Paul Themba Nyathi, claims that his party has received numerous complaints from MDC supporters in Binga that off-duty soldiers are harassing and assaulting the villagers for supporting the opposition MDC². Jelous Sansole was one of the victims. Torture cases at the hands of the police and soldiers have slightly increased from 3.8% of all politically motivated violations recorded in the month of October, to 5.1% in November.

² Financial Gazette, 28 November 2002, page 4

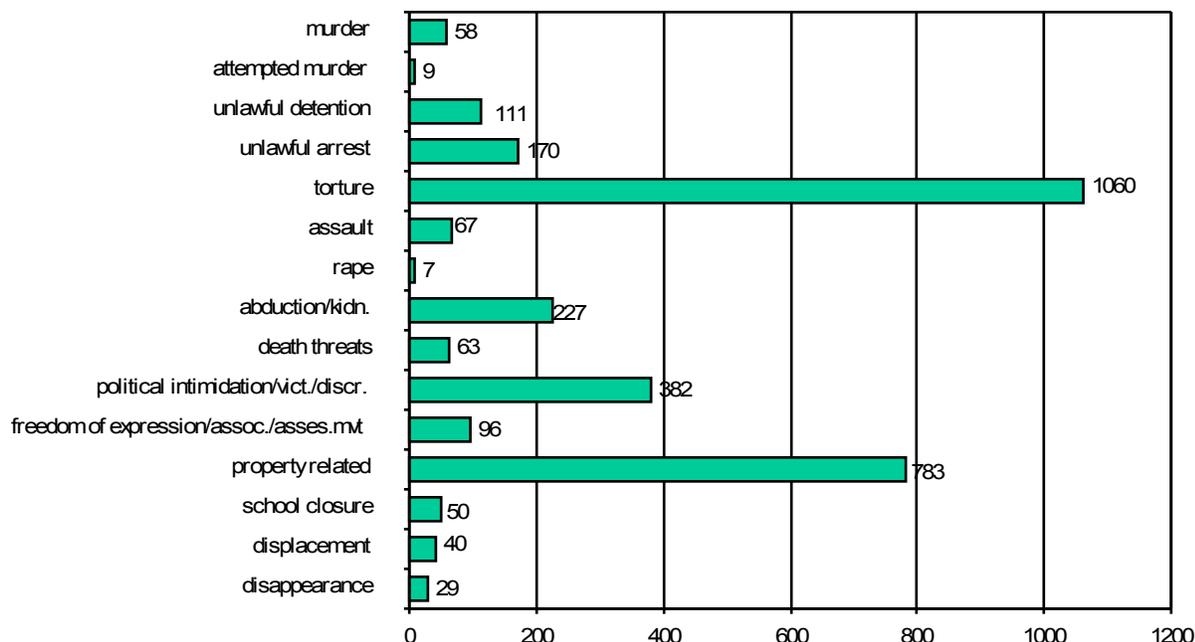
Victimisation of teachers is reportedly continuing, with cases being reported this month in Masvingo and Beitbridge. In Masvingo, teachers claim that they are being forced to renounce their Zimbabwean Teachers Association (ZIMTA) membership and join the Teachers Union of Zimbabwe, an affiliate of the ZANU PF -backed Zimbabwe Federation of Trade Union, whose Vice President is Joseph Chinotimba. Joseph Chinotimba is the 'self-acclaimed' leader of the ZNLWVA. GM, a teacher at Zezani Secondary School in Beitbridge, claims that she was assaulted by a group of people who chanted ZANU PF and anti MDC slogans, on allegations of failing to attend a ZANU PF meeting held in the area.

Both the MDC and ZANU PF supporters have reportedly been perpetrators of politically motivated violence. However, for the month of November, ZANU PF supporters were alleged to have been responsible for all the politically motivated violence. Politicisation of food aid was the major form of political violence recorded, with MDC supporters having to face starvation, as war veterans and ZANU PF militia reportedly took over food distribution in most of the constituencies.

Totals 1 to 30 November 2002



Cumulative Totals 1 January 2002 – 30 November 2002



Sources: The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Legal Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, CFU reports, newspaper reports, and statements taken by the member organisations of the Human Rights Forum. *(See last page for list of member organisations)*

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:

Severe **pain** and **suffering**, whether physical or mental

Intentionally inflicted

With a **purpose**

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 organisation. political party, 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

CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation

MDC – Movement for Democratic Change

MP – Member of Parliament

NCA – National Constitutional Assembly

PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe

UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe

ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association

ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army

ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police

Zanu PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front

Cases of Political Violence

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

BULAWAYO

1 November 2002

Innocent Moyo, PTUZ Organising Secretary for Matebeleland, claims that two policemen accosted him as he was about to board a taxi near the city's Parkade Centre. He claims that he was attacked as a result of his being the Organising Secretary for the PTUZ. They allegedly assaulted him and accused him of having shown no respect for the uniformed police officers. However, Moyo claims that he was not disrespecting them in any way as he was doing his personal business.

Matobo

5 November 2002

Victor Ndlovhu of the MDC claims that three men, suspected to be ZANU PF supporters, abducted him when he was coming from St. Joseph's School in the Kezi area. He claims that the men pulled over in their car and offered him a ride home. He alleges that as soon as he got into the vehicle, he was blindfolded, bundled up, and driven to a bush where they demanded to see his MDC party card. On denying having one, he was assaulted and taken to a house where he was occasionally fed with food and water. He was held for five days, during which he was beaten on the soles of his feet (falanga). He was unable to walk for a week .

Nkulumane

November 2002

The politicization of food aid has purportedly spread from the rural areas to the cities, with war veterans taking over the responsibilities of the distribution of maize meal and other basic commodities to shops. The Bulawayo United Residents Association (BURA) has complained that suspected MDC supporters cannot access these commodities. MDC National Information and Publicity Officer, J. L. Ncube, claimed that ZANU PF supporters barred suspected MDC supporters from attending a meeting where essential food commodities were being sold. He claims that a truckload of maize-meal, which was supposed to be delivered to the Nkulumane shops, was diverted by a group of war veterans to a spot where they were holding a meeting. There, only ZANU PF supporters got the food.

HARARE**Harare North**

10 November 2002

KC, a gardener, was in a queue to buy mealie - meal in Hatcliffe when four police officers and five army officers pulled up, controlling the crowd. They reportedly ordered the crowd to sit down while they called out names of ZANU PF supporters so that they alone would get a ration of the maize-meal while opposition supporters would not. The people became agitated and made noise. One of the army officers assaulted the people with a broomstick, among them KC, injuring him on the back. The case was not reported to the police.

Hatfield

16 November 2002

ZANU PF militia who were selling maize to ZANU PF cardholders reportedly barred the Executive Mayor of Harare, Elias Mudzuri, from entering Hatfield Hall. The youths were reportedly led by one Tendayi Gurira, ZANU PF's losing candidate for the Hatfield March 2002 Council Elections. Elias Mudzuri claims that the ZANU PF youths were using the Hall without the Council's permission. When approached and asked why they were using the Council's premises without permission, Tendayi Gurira became hostile towards Mudzuri. It appears Mudzuri had gone to the venue to see for himself how maize was being sold to members of the public, following rumours that maize meal was being sold along party lines. Mudzuri alleges that he has also received complaints that, before joining the queue for maize, one had to be vetted by ZANU PF supporters, who then demanded party cards and allocated numbers to people before allowing them to buy maize meal. Mudzuri claims that he went to Hatfield ZRP with the complaint of vending at the Council premises but the police were reluctant to help. The junior officers told him that they had received no instructions to assist him.

Kuwadzana

November 2002

War veterans and ZANU PF supporters are reportedly perpetrating political intimidation in Kuwadzana, ahead of a by- election following the death of MDC MP for Kuwadzana, Learnmore Jongwe in the month of October. The war veterans have laid claims that they will put to an end all the MDC support in the area.

Mbare West

2 November 2002

Obey, Johannes, Julius, Gift, George, Revai, Fadzanaï and other ZANU PF youths reportedly assaulted CM, an MDC supporter, for greeting the local MDC MP, T. Munyanyi. They assaulted him at Shawasha Flats with open hands, booted feet and fists. The victim claims that he was robbed of Z\$3 000 and 20 kilograms maize seed in the attack. Names of the assailants were submitted to the police at Mbare Police Station. No arrests have been made to date.

17 November 2002

ZANU PF youths are reportedly evicting suspected MDC supporters from the flats in the suburb. Tenants at the flats claim that it was around 11pm when about thirty ZANU PF youths arrived at Block 12 of Matapi flats in the company of one Oripah, armed with sjamboks and knobkerries. They forced their way into the rooms, took out property belonging to MDC supporters, and dumped it in the corridors. The victims were purportedly assaulted and threatened with death in the event that they cried out for help. Five families claim that they slept in the corridors. With the help of ZANU PF youths, Oripah was reportedly seen evicting one tenant from one of the flats and then moving in. A police report was made and the Police Reaction Group reacted swiftly. However, the ZRP were not active at all. Similar incidents were reported in the month of October.

MANICALAND

Buhera North/ South

18 November 2002

Chief Makumbe allegedly barred the distribution of food aid to villagers, claiming that it was coming from friends of the MDC President Morgan Tsvangirai. The chief reportedly ordered donors, who included Christian Care, to take back their food even though hundreds of people in the village were reported to be at the point of starvation. Some of the villagers had travelled for long distances to the business centre, with the hope of getting food handouts. Despite their pleas, the chief is purported to have ultimately denied the villagers any access to food aid, alleging that the donors were behind Tsvangirai's bid to oust President Mugabe.

Chimanimani

18 November 2002

Roy Bennet, MDC MP for Chimanimani and owner of Charleswood Farm, claims that war veterans who are camped at his farm have stolen and slaughtered at least 20 head of cattle worth about Z\$2m since June this year. He claims that the war veterans slaughtered his cattle, sold the meat to butchers in Chimanimani, and retained some of it for their own consumption. Bennet has persistently defied threats by the government, ZANU PF officials, war veterans, and the police to evict him from the farm, arguing that it falls under the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).

19 November 2002

Youths from the Border Gezi National Service Training Centre reportedly descended on residents in Cashel Valley, and destroyed about ten hectares of maize crop worth thousands of dollars. The crop, which was ready for harvesting, was said to belong to MDC supporters in the area. Pishai Muchauraya, MDC's provincial spokesperson, alleges that Peter Rusawo, ZANU PF councilor for Ward Four and the acting Chief in Cashel Valley, led the youths. The residents of the farm had acquired it through a co-operative.

23 November 2002

Inspector Masvongo of Chimanimani ZRP, together with ZANU PF supporters, allegedly displaced at least fifteen families in Cashel Valley, on allegations that they supported opposition politics. They reportedly proceeded to the house of George Mangezi's (the MDC Chairman in the area), broke down his door, and demanded that he leave the province. They are purported to have destroyed fruit in his orchard and cut down gum trees. Other families sought refuge in nearby mountains while others remained at the estate. Some of the displaced victims have been offered shelter at Charleswood Estate owned by Roy Bennet, the MDC MP for Chimanimani. The provincial police spokesperson reportedly could not be reached for comment.

Makoni East/ West

11 November 2002

John Muringanise, an MDC official, was reportedly shot in the leg by ZANU PF supporters while in the company of fifteen other MDC supporters. In addition, two senior MDC officials from Rusape were apparently abducted by the ZANU PF youths. This was after offices at Muller Building and houses belonging to ZANU PF officials were allegedly petrol bombed by MDC supporters. Property worth millions of dollars was damaged in the alleged MDC arson attack.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL***Bindura***

7 November 2002

ZANU PF supporters purportedly assaulted LK, an MDC supporter, while he was standing in a queue to buy mealie-meal at Nyava Growth Point. LK claims that the youths approached him and asked him why he intended to buy mealie-meal, which belongs to ZANU PF supporters. The assailants reportedly assaulted him with a stick, leaving him with pains in the left side of the face, his shoulders, forearm and fingers.

CM, an MDC supporter and his friends had gone to buy mealie-meal at a growth point in Musana when a group of ZANU PF youths assaulted them with planks. CM claims that he was hit on the back whilst someone held him down. Four of his teeth became loose.

MASHONALAND EAST***Seke***

21 November 2002

Four members of the United Nations staff were reportedly detained and assaulted by war veterans at Melfort Farm near Bromley, about 40km out of Harare. They were on a fact-finding mission, following a mandate by the government to identify commercial farm workers in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. The United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) resident representative in Zimbabwe, Victor Angelo, alleges that the team had been approached by the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare to assist the government in carrying out the survey. It appears that the war veterans who assaulted the victims were acting on allegations against the team, that they had stage managed a scramble for food by throwing foodstuffs out of a moving vehicle and then filming the displaced farm workers scrambling for the food. The UN team however denied the allegations.

MASHONALAND WEST***Hurungwe East***

9 November 2002

Isaac Mackenzie, ZANU PF MP for Kariba, together with ten unidentified men, reportedly approached Sapi Valley Farm, which belongs to Craig Werret and abducted two of his workers: Kideon Matope, the Head foreman, and Maxwell Maturiko, the driver and a fourteen-year old boy, Abel Karize. He then allegedly evicted two of Werret's workers from their houses and gave everyone on the farm an ultimatum to leave the farm by the end of that week. Sapi Valley, a 535h farm that grows tobacco and maize, is situated in Tengwe, Karoi. However, Mackenzie is allegedly denying the allegations and is claiming that Werret was trying to get one of his workers to shoot him when he appeared on the farm. Mackenzie was taken to court over the issue but the case was dismissed because Mackenzie did not attend any one of the hearings.

MASVINGO***Masvingo North/ South***

19 November 2002

Hordes of youths reportedly went on a rampage, assaulting members of the public and tearing up copies of the Daily News in the city. The youths were reportedly clad in the official green National Service Uniform, which is issued to graduates from the Border Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre. The youths reportedly visited most newspaper selling points, including newspaper agencies, and confiscated copies of the paper claiming that it was bent on tarnishing the government's image. Members of the public who had bought the paper were reportedly assaulted and forced to tear up the papers. Copies worth \$51 000 were destroyed during this campaign. The youths claimed that they were acting on the instructions of a senior ZANU PF official in Masvingo.

Masvingo North/ South/ Central

November 2002

ZANU PF Provincial Executive for Masvingo has allegedly written a memorandum to several schools in the province, forcing teachers to contribute money ranging from \$500 to \$1 000 each as 'conference fees'. The conference fee being imposed on the teachers is reportedly a means of forcibly raising funds for a meeting to be held in the constituency by ZANU PF supporters and war veterans. ZANU PF youths are said to be visiting schools in the district, forcing teachers to pay the fee. In Gutu and Mwenezi districts, the deadline for the payment of fees was set at 30 November 2002. Nobert Mushonga, a teacher in Zaka, claims that all those who have refused to pay are now on a 'targeted list' of perceived and real MDC sympathisers. Teachers in this area, reportedly the lowest paid, view this demand for payment as a heavy burden. The teachers have also claimed that they have been forced to renounce their Zimbabwean Teachers Association (ZIMTA) membership and join the Teachers Union of Zimbabwe, an affiliate of the ZANU PF -backed Zimbabwe Federation of Trade Union, whose vice President is Joseph Chinotimba, ZNLWVA leader. The ZIMTA officials confirmed having received the report and said they were looking into the matter.

MATEBELELAND NORTH***Binga***

26 November 2002

MDC National Spokesman, Paul Themba Nyathi, claims that his party has received numerous complaints from MDC supporters in Binga that off-duty soldiers are harassing and assaulting villagers for supporting the MDC. Jelous Sansole, MDC Member of Parliament for Hwange West, was in Dete on family business with eight accomplices, his brother and his eight-year old son, when two plainclothes men allegedly approached them and asked them where they were coming from. Sansole claims he informed them that he was free to go wherever he wished. The men then claimed that Zimbabwe was in a state of war and at that moment, three armed soldiers in military uniform emerged from the bushes, demanding that Sansole chant ZANU PF slogans, forcing him to join ZANU PF. He claims that the soldiers force marched the party to a rocky place, forced them to lie on their stomachs on hot rocks, and accused Sansole of getting his salary from a government that he does not support. Sansole claims that he was assaulted with gun butts and booted feet. They were detained for more than two hours. Police in Binga are aware of the assaults as the MDC legislator made a report at Siachilaba Police Station. Investigations are reportedly underway. Villagers in Binga voted in large numbers for the MDC in the 2000 Parliamentary Elections, the 2001 Presidential Elections and the 2002 Rural District and Council elections.

MATEBELELAND SOUTH**Beitbridge***25 November 2002*

GM, a teacher at Zezani Secondary School, claims that on that night, a group of six people entered her home while another group of about 25 remained outside, chanting ZANU PF and anti MDC slogans. She alleges that she was asked why she had not attended a ZANU PF rally held earlier that afternoon at Lutumba. She told them that she did not attend because she had not known that a rally was to be held in the area that afternoon. One of the assailants, Jabulani Dube, allegedly punched her on the mouth. She lost two teeth. The victim has since sought medical treatment in Harare.

Insiza*November 2002*

Violence in the constituency reportedly continued unabated in the post election period as ZANU PF supporters and youth militia intensified a witch-hunt to sniff out MDC supporters from the area. It was reported that ZANU PF militia embarked on a retributive exercise to harass and force opposition supporters to denounce the MDC, surrender all MDC material and rejoin/ join ZANU PF. The ZANU PF party won the seat in the Insiza by election held in the month of October 2002. However the opposition supporters have laid claims that the seat was stolen from them rather than won by the ruling party. The villagers claim that ZANU PF militia had warned them prior to the elections, that death would befall them if they did not vote for their candidate in the elections.

Gwanda North / South*8 November 2002*

ZANU PF youths who were traveling in a ZUPCO Company owned bus stopped at a Caltex Service Station and ordered the driver to skip all the people who were queuing up for fuel, claiming that they should be given first preference, as they were members of a special arm of the state. When the police intervened, the youths are said to have assaulted them, claiming that the law was now in their hands. Constable Rali and Assistant Inspector Moyo were assaulted in the attack. Despite a report being filed with the police, the youths were not arrested. When asked why, the police officers alleged that the current law does not allow them to do so.

List of deaths reported as having resulted from political violence: 1 January 2002 – 30 November 2002.

NB: This list is subject to update and correction as and when new/additional information becomes available.

Name, Political Affiliation if known, Date of Death, Province, Constituency

BHEBHE, Newman (MDC), February 2002, Matabeleland North, Nkayi
CHATUNGA, Richard, (MDC), 20 January 2002, Masvingo, Bikita East
CHIDARI Micah, (Zanu PF), 2 April 2002, Mashonaland West, Mhondoro
CHITEHWE, Mr. (ZNLWVA), January 2002, Harare, Hatfield
CHIBVAMUDEVE, Nikoniari, (MDC), 21 September 2002, Mashonaland West, Hurungwe West
DUBE, Nqobizita, (MDC), 1 March 2002, Bulawayo, Nkulumane
FORD, Terry, (commercial farmer), 18 March 2002, Mashonland West, Mhondoro
GATSI, Ernest, (MDC) 19 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve North
GWAZE, Tafirenyika, (MDC polling agent Rukwenjere), 12 March 2002, Mashonaland East, Mutoko South
GWIDZIMA, Noah, (Zanu PF), 4 April 2002, Manicaland, Makoni North
JEFTHA, Peter, 3 March 2002, Harare, Harare South
JEKA, Petros, (MDC polling agent), 4 April 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo North
JERANYAMA, Donald, (MDC polling agent), 25 March 2002, Manicaland, Mutasa
KATSAMUDANGA, Tichaona (MDC), 5 February 2002, Harare, Harare North
KUMALO, Khape, (MDC), 6 February 2002, Mashonaland West, Mhondoro
KUVHEYA, Lawrence, (MDC), March 2002, Mashonaland East, Chikomba
MADHOBHA, Tipason, (MDC polling agent), 2 May 2002, Midlands, Gokwe Central
MAHUNI, Funny, 13 March 2002, Midlands, Kwekwe
MANJENGWA, Khan Ali, (Zanu PF), 22 August 2002, Harare, Mbare West
MANYARA, Owen, (MDC), 17 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Mount Darwin
MAPHOSA, Richard, (MDC), 20 January 2002, Masvingo, Bikita East
MAPHOSA, Stephen, (Zanu PF), 2 February 2002, Harare, Budiriro
MAPINGURE, Atnos, , 9 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka
MASARIRA, Gibson, (Zanu PF), 9 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka
MASEVA, Amos Misheck, (ZNLWVA), 8 March 2002, Masvingo, Gutu North
MATOPE, Kenneth, (MDC), 13 January 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve

MIJONI, Simwanja, 15 January 2002, Midlands, Kwekwe

MOYO, Henry, (MDC), 7 February 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo Central

MPOFU, Muchenje, (MDC), 19 January 2002, Midlands, Mberengwa East

MTETWA, Davis (MDC), 27 April 2002, Harare, Zengeza

MUDZIMUIREMA Cosamu, (MDC), 16 July 2002, Manicaland, Buhera South

MUKAKAREI, Tabudamo, (MDC), 14 February 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo North

Munyaradzi (no surname given) (farm worker), 14 February 2002, Mashonaland East, Marondera East

MUNIKWA, Isaac, (Zanu PF), 17 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka

MUPAWAENDA, Takatukwa Mamhova, 16 February 2002, Mashonaland West, Zvimba South

MUTEMARINGA, Fungisai, (MDC), 27 January 2002, Mashonaland East, Murehwa

NCUBE, Richard , (MDC), 18 July 2002, Midlands, Zhombe

NCUBE, Sambani (MDC), 17 March 2002, Matabeleland North, Hwange East

NCUBE, Mthokozisi, (MDC), 26 January 2002, Bulawayo, Pelandaba

NEMAIRE, Solomon, (MDC), 23 January 2002, Manicaland, Makoni

NGAMIRA, Genus, (MDC), 5 May 2002, Mashonaland Central, Bindura

NGUNDU, Shepherd, (MDC), 5 February 2002, Mashonaland Central, Mount Darwin South

NHITSA, Takesure, (MDC), 20 February 2002, Mashonaland Central, Rushinga

NYANZIRA, Tariro, (Zanu PF), 8 February 2002, Manicaland, Buhera North

PILOSI, Simon, (MDC), 26 March 2002, Mashonaland West, Zvimba South

ROMIO, Edwin, (MDC polling agent), March 2002, Mashonaland East, Mutoko

SANYAMAHWE, Kuziva, (MDC), 18 January 2002, Mashonaland East, Murehwa South

SHELTON, Lloyd, (Zanu PF) 27 February 2002, Mashonaland East, Chikomba

SIBANDA, Charles, (MDC), 2 March 2002, Midlands, Zhombe

SIBANDA, James, (MDC), February 2002, Matabeleland North, Nkayi

SIBINDI, Halaza, (MDC), 30 January 2002, Matabeleland North, Tsholotsho

SIBINDI, Joseph, (MDC) January 2002, Bulawayo

SICWE, Jameson, (MDC), 29 January 2002, Matabeleland North, Lupane

Unnamed, (2), (farm guards), 23 January 2002, Masvingo, Mwenezi

Unnamed, 26 February 2002, Bulawayo, Makokoba

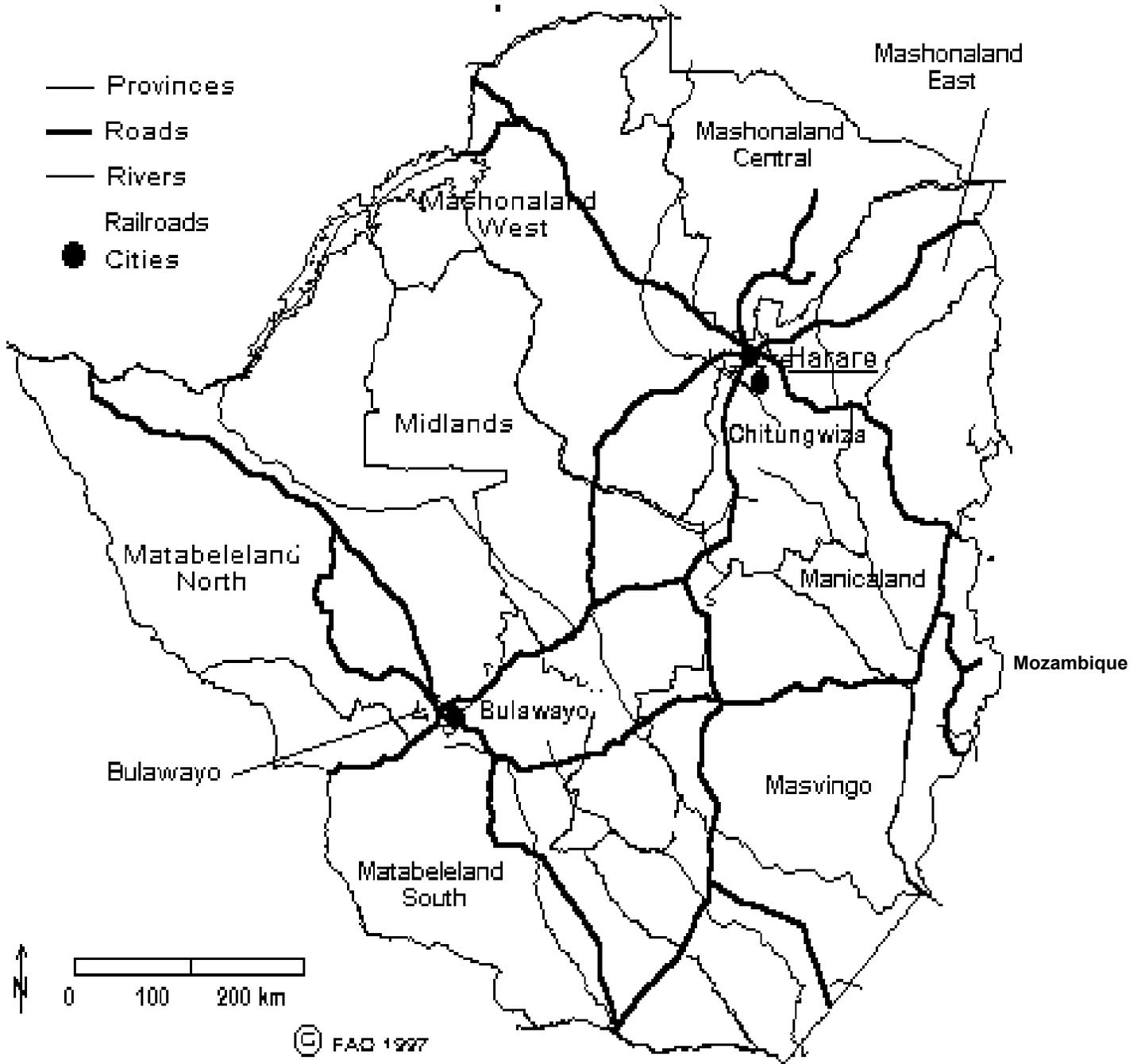
VIKAVEKA, Darlington, (MDC), 15 March 2002, Mashonaland East, Marondera East

WHITE, Fanuel, (MDC polling agent), 29 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve North

Total of 58 deaths

(Political affiliation: MDC- 38; Zanu PF- 8, ZNLWVA- 2, Unknown/none- 10)

Administrative Map of ZIMBABWE



South Africa

The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (also known as the “Human Rights Forum”) has been in existence since January 1998. Nine 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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Transparency International (Zimbabwe) (TI (Z))

University of Zimbabwe Legal Aid and Advice Scheme

Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO)

Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET)

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