

# **ZIMBABWE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO FORUM**

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## **POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT**

**JULY 2004**

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22 September 2004

A report by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum

## OVERVIEW

Zimbabwean citizens' rights to assemble and associate freely with other persons and in particular to form or belong to political parties of their choice continues to be violated. Throughout July, victimisation of leaders and members of the opposition party persisted with politically motivated human rights violations during the month mainly related to campaigns being undertaken in preparation for the 2005 General Election. Events that occurred in Mvurwi (MAZOWE WEST constituency) and incidents reported in other parts of the country demonstrated the absence of a level electoral playing-field within the country 8 months ahead of the March 2005 election.

Movement for Democratic Change President, Morgan Tsvangirai; MDC National Chairperson, Isaac Matongo; MDC Deputy Secretary General, Gift Chimankire; MDC National Women's Organising Secretary, Emma Chimankire; MP for Chitungwiza, Fidelis Mhashu; MP Mhashu's driver, Samuel Mapingure and MDC Vice Chairperson for Mashonaland Central, Henry Chimbiri claim that about 200 ZANU PF youths wielding sticks, iron bars, stones, bricks, knobkerries and guns attacked and indiscriminately assaulted them and other party members at an MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly Meeting. In Mvurwi on 2 July 2004, Mhashu's driver, Samuel Mapingure was allegedly seriously hurt in the incident. After the MDC executive from Harare had left the ZANU PF youths are alleged to have severely beaten up Biggie Chigonera, MDC Chairperson for Mashonaland Central province, before burning down his house and two vehicles - a Kombi and a Landcruiser.

Persons were also victimised in various ways for belonging to or supporting the MDC. GC attended the MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly meeting at Mvurwi Centre on 2 July 2004 and returned home to Guruve after the meeting. He claims that he was chased away from his home in Guruve by ZANU PF youths for having attended the meeting and has since fled to Harare. MM was allegedly assaulted by 3 ZANU PF youths in Hwedza (MASHONALAND EAST province) because she did not have a ZANU PF membership card. She was reportedly abducted and taken to a ZANU PF base in the area where she was further assaulted on allegations of supporting the MDC. In Guruve North (MASHONALAND CENTRAL province) ME purports that two truckloads of ZANU PF youths arrived at an undisclosed venue where she and other MDC members were having a meeting in preparation for the 2005 Parliamentary elections. The ZANU PF youths started chanting slogans singing revolutionary songs and threw stones at the victim and other MDC members attending the meeting. Two teargas canisters were allegedly fired into their midst. The victim reportedly fell trying to escape and sprained her right ankle.

Theresa Makone, the aspiring MDC candidate for Hwedza constituency (MASHONALAND EAST province) for the 2005 Parliamentary elections, was arrested and charged under POSA together with Francis Chikadaya, and Ewet Mukova, the NCA's former regional deputy chairperson for Mashonaland East. It is alleged that the three organised and went on to hold a public meeting at Sangana Business Centre in Hwedza without notifying the police as required under S24 (1) of POSA. The state alleges that Makoni promised the gathering of over 100 people that she and not the ZANU PF government was going to source food for them if there was any need to do so. Makoni reportedly denied the allegations,

stating that she only attended the meeting because she had been invited by the NCA leadership. She also denied ever campaigning or delivering any speech at the meeting.

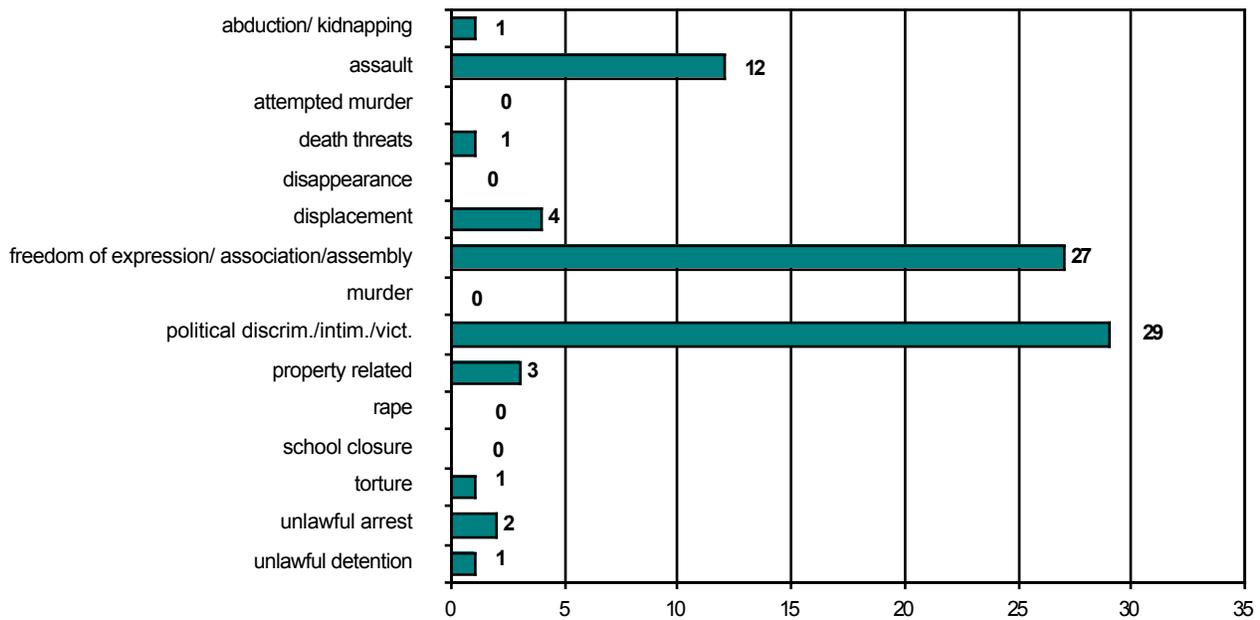
AGM, a teacher at Nyambiri School, Seke Constituency (MASHONALAND EAST province) was reportedly assaulted by ZANU PF supporters led by the ZANU PF District Chairman. He was also allegedly threatened with death and accused of supporting the MDC. The ZANU PF District Chairman reportedly assaulted AGM in the stomach and told him that he was no longer welcome in the area. The beatings allegedly lasted for approximately 30 minutes during which time the victim lost consciousness. AGM has since fled the area out of fear.

The Human Rights Forum condemns violence perpetrated against teachers in rural communities, particularly ahead of the March 2005 Parliamentary Election. Such incidents have been documented in isolation and with increasingly frequency in association with election campaigns.<sup>1</sup> Teachers have subsequently fled from their schools seeking refuge in urban centres.

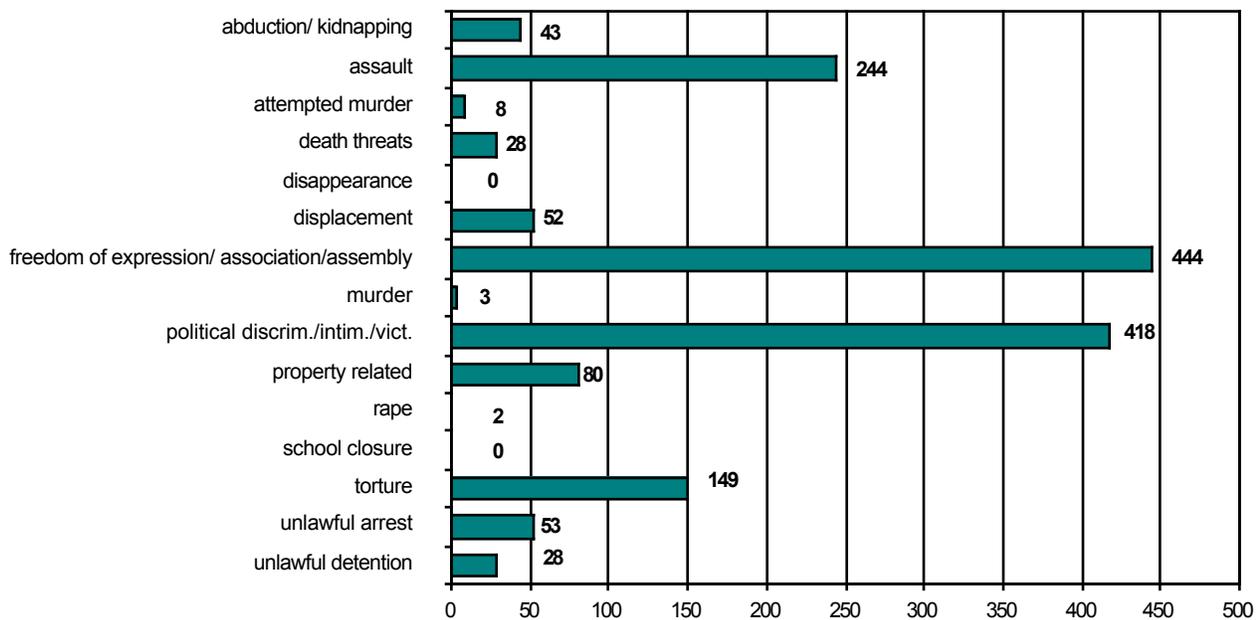
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<sup>1</sup> For detailed documented violence against and victimisation of teachers see *Teaching Them a Lesson: A report on the attack on Zimbabwean Teachers, 20 September 2002* and *Are They Accountable? Examining alleged violators and their violations pre and post the Presidential Election March 2002* by the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum

### Totals: 1 July 2004 – 31 July 2004



### Cumulative Totals: 1 January 2004 – 31 July 2004



**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 Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum. *(See last page for list of member organisations)*, newspaper reports, **Justice for Agriculture (JAG)**, **Combined Harare Residents Association (CHRA)**, **National Constitutional Assembly (NCA)**, **Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA)**, **Zimbabwe Community Development Trust (ZCDT)**, **Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU)** and **Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN)**.

#### 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, 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

AIPPA – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe
CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation	
MDC – Movement for Democratic Change	
MP – Member of Parliament	
NAGG - National Alliance for Good Governance	
NCA – National Constitutional Assembly	
OVT – Organised Violence and Torture	
POSA – Public Order and Security Act	

UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe

Zanu PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front

ZCTU – Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions

ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army

ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association

ZPS – Zimbabwe Prison Service

ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police

ZIMTA – Zimbabwe Teachers Association

ZUPCO – Zimbabwe United Passenger Company

## 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. This is done in order to protect the victim from further violence, intimidation and possible recriminatory attacks.*

*The purpose of this report is to record the nature of the politically motivated violence and intimidation that continues to prevail in the country. The Monthly Political Violence Reports are primarily based on victims' accounts, accompanied by medical evidence where possible, obtained from member organisations of the Human Rights Forum and other partner organisations. Use is also made of press reports on politically motivated violence. The Monthly Political Violence Report cannot therefore be considered as the exhaustive record of all incidents of politically-motivated violence in Zimbabwe in the period under review. Nevertheless, every incident reported to the Human Rights Forum directly or through its members is meticulously documented and included in the reports.*

*The situation prevailing in the country is such that it has not been possible to verify all of these accounts. The Human Rights Forum has done what it can to verify the reports, and is satisfied that the vast majority of them are substantially true. It is also not possible to rule out whether a victim's account is exaggerated or contains inaccuracies.*

**All reports derived from the press are denoted with the symbol Σ.**

## HARARE

### **Chitungwiza**

27 July 2004

- LZ claims that he was assaulted by a group of 4 Zanu PF youths on his way home from attending the funeral of the late MDC MP for Seke, Bennie Tumbare-Mutasa. He claims the youths approached him at the bus stop where he was waiting for transport to go to Sunningdale and accused him of having campaigned for the MDC during the Zengeza by-election in March 2004. They reportedly kicked and assaulted him all over his body and only stopped beating him when two policemen approached them. The ZANU PF youths reportedly told the policemen that the victim was a thief that they had apprehended. LZ was subsequently arrested and taken to Makoni Police Station where he was detained for 6 days during which he was allegedly denied food. LZ claims that he only ate on the fifth day after a cellmate offered him some food. He was reportedly only released after 6 days in custody without any charges being preferred against him.

### **Glen Norah**

18 July 2004

- IC claims that he was assaulted on his way home from work by four unidentified youths who accused him of being an MDC supporter. He alleges that one youth picked up a log and hit him on the left shoulder because he had denied the allegations linking him to the MDC. IC reportedly tripped and fell while attempting to run away from the youths. The assailants caught up with the victim and further assaulted him whilst he lay on the ground. One of the assailants stabbed the victim on the thigh. IC sustained a 5 cm deep cut on his right thigh. The assailants only left him when people started approaching the scene of the incident.

23 July 2004

- SC, an MDC supporter, purports that he was approached by two uniformed police officers and others police officers in civilian clothing at around 19:00 hours when he was on his way home. The officers were in a ZRP Mazda B2200 truck. Two of the officers reportedly attempted to force SC into the truck upon which SC attempted to run away. The police officers went after SC and allegedly beat him with open palms when they caught him. They also reportedly stepped on his chest when he fell down. SC was then forced into the truck and taken to Glen Norah Police Station

where he was released upon arrival without any charges having been preferred against him. SC alleges that two of the officers that beat him are ZANU PF supporters.

*30 July 2004*

- SM alleges that she was assaulted on her way to the shops by 4 ZANU PF supporters at around 18:00 hours because she was wearing an MDC T-shirt. The four assailants allegedly asked her where she got the T-Shirt and who had given her permission to wear it. She was reportedly slapped in the face and the assailants twisted her arm and dislocated it. The four men reportedly tore the shirt and only left her when she started screaming for help from passers-by.

### **Harare Central**

*31 July 2004*

- ΣAccording to William Bango, Spokesperson for the MDC, police officers from the ZRP Law and Order Maintenance Section, reportedly raided the home of Morgan Tsvangirai, MDC President, in search for arms of war. The officers accused Tsvangirai of hiding guns that had been used in previous clashes between MDC and ZANU PF supporters. The search did not yield any weapons.

### **Zengeza**

*July 2004*

- NK alleges that she was evicted by her landlord on suspicion that she supports the MDC. She alleges that her landlord refused to accept her rent at the beginning of the month and that since the beginning of July she has been sleeping in the open.

## **MASHONALAND CENTRAL**

### **Guruve North**

*7 July 2004*

- EM alleges that two truckloads of ZANU PF youths arrived at the venue where she and other MDC members were having a planning meeting for the March 2005 Parliamentary Elections. The ZANU PF youths, who were chanting slogans and singing revolutionary songs, reportedly threw stones at the victim and her colleagues. Two teargas canisters were also reportedly fired into their midst. The victim fell while trying to escape and sprained her right ankle.

### **Guruve North/ South**

*2 July 2004*

- GC attended the MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly meeting at Mvurwi Centre. He returned home to Guruve after the meeting. He claims that he was chased away from his home in Guruve by ZANU PF youths for having attended the meeting. He has since fled to Harare out of fear.

### **Mazowe West**

*2 July 2004*

- ΣMovement for Democratic Change President, Morgan Tsvangirai; MDC National Chairperson, Isaac Matongo; MDC Deputy Secretary General, Gift Chimanihire; MDC National Women's Organising Secretary, Emma Chimanihire; MDC MP for Chitungwiza, Fidelis Mhashu; MP Mhashu's driver, Samuel Mapingure and MDC Vice Chairperson for Mashonaland Central, Henry Chimbiri claim that approximately 200 ZANU PF youths in a convoy of six vehicles arrived at the venue of their Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly meeting and disrupted the meeting. The youths, wielding sticks, iron bars, stones, bricks, knobkerries and guns, allegedly attacked and indiscriminately assaulted them and other MDC party officials and supporters at Mvurwi Centre who were attending the MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly meeting. Mhashu's driver, Samuel Mapingure, reportedly sustained serious injuries in the attack.

- Following the departure of the MDC executive delegation from Harare from Mvurwi Centre, the group of ZANU PF youths, that had attacked persons attending the MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly earlier allegedly regrouped and severely assaulted Biggie Chigonera, MDC Chairperson for Mashonaland Central province. They also reportedly burnt down his house and two vehicles - a Kombi and a Landcruiser.
- AC attended an MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly meeting at Mvurwi Centre at around 12:00 hours. She claims that they had been given police clearance and were surprised when they heard ZANU PF youths singing revolutionary songs and chanting slogans outside their venue. The youths reportedly threw stones and teargas at the victim and her colleagues. She claims that everyone in the meeting started to run away but the youths managed to catch the victim and some of her colleagues. She was allegedly hit on the buttocks with a stick and fell down.
- BM attended the MDC Mashonaland Central Provincial Assembly at Mvurwi Centre. He claims that ZANU PF supporters arrived at the venue of the meeting in T-35 trucks singing and proceeded to throw stones at the MDC supporters. BM alleges that the MDC supporters fought back by throwing stones and the ZANU PF supporters fled. BM claims that he was hit with a stone on his right knee as he tried to escape.

## **MASHONALAND EAST**

### ***Hwedza***

*21 July 2004*

- MM alleges that 3 ZANU PF youths came to her house in the evening and ordered her to show them her ZANU PF membership card. The victim told them she did not have a membership card. The ZANU PF youths reportedly accused her of supporting the MDC and proceeded to search her house for MDC regalia but found none. The youths then allegedly took MM to their base where they handed her over to their colleagues. At the base MM was reportedly assaulted all over the body with baton sticks and kicked with booted feet on her back and chest until a certain Mabika told the youths that it was enough and that they should stop.
- Σ Theresa Makone, the aspiring MDC candidate for Hwedza constituency, is being charged under POSA together with Francis Chikadaya and former NCA Regional Deputy Chairperson for Mashonaland East, Ewet Mukova for holding an illegal meeting. It is alleged that the 3 organised and went on to hold a public meeting at Sanganai Business Centre in Hwedza without notifying the police as required under S 24(1) of POSA. The state alleges that Makoni promised the gathering of over 100 people that she was going to source food for them and not the ZANU PF government. Makoni denies the allegation of having organised the meeting and claims that she only attended the meeting after an invitation from the Chikadya and Mukowa. She further denies campaigning or delivering any speech at the meeting.

*July 2004*

- Σ The MDC alleges that ZANU PF members have been blocking their attempts to hold rallies in rural constituencies. MDC President, Morgan Tsvangirai alleges that when they attempted to hold a meeting in Hwedza they were informed that ZANU PF had booked the entire shopping centre where they wanted to hold their meeting and that consequently they could not hold their meeting anywhere in the area.

### ***Marondera East***

*July 2004*

- DZ alleges that she washed her MDC t-shirt and hung it on the clothes line. When some ZANU PF supporters that were passing by saw the t-shirt they reportedly approached her and interrogated

her with about it. They are also alleged to have threatened her with assault. DZ has since fled the area and relocated to Harare out of fear.

### **Seke**

*27 July 2004*

- AGM, a teacher at Nyambiri School, claims that he heard a knock on his door at around 10:00pm and when he attended to it one Kudzai Mhukayesango reportedly identified himself and ordered the victim to come outside. Mhukayesango reportedly told AGM that the District Chairman for ZANU PF wanted to see him, however, AGM refused to open the door. Heavy knocking reportedly persisted upon which AGM told Mhukayesango that he would open the door only if the headmaster or one of the other teachers at Nyambiri School, where he resides and works, was there to witness the event. The assailants went to fetch the headmaster and reportedly returned after about 20 minutes with the headmaster and a police officer. The victim opened the door and was grabbed by the neck, threatened with death and accused of supporting the MDC. The ZANU PF District Chairman reportedly punched and kicked AGM in the stomach and told him that he was no longer welcome in the area. The victim was reportedly told to choose between the MDC and Enias Chigwedere, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and ZANU PF MP for Hwedza. The beatings allegedly lasted for approximately 30 minutes during which time the victim lost consciousness. When the victim regained consciousness he was in his living room and there were three men guarding his house. They reportedly advised the victim to escape and AGM followed their advise. He, however returned later but was denied entry into his house by the police who advised him to escape and denied him entry into his home. The victim reported the matter to police officers at Beatrice Police Station who escorted him to his home where he managed to recover his clothes. He has since fled the area out of fear.

## **MASHONALAND WEST**

### ***Kadoma West***

*25 July 2004*

- $\Sigma$ ZANU PF youths reportedly visited several farms in the Patchway Mine area (Midlands Province) including Odowf, Bineth, Dixie, Tinashe and Grandon farms, forcing farm workers to join ZANU PF or risk losing their right to vote in the March 2005 Parliamentary Elections. It is also alleged that only gold panners who show allegiance to ZANU PF are allowed to go about their business following a visit by the ZANU PF youths to KwaJames, a small-scale mining area where illegal gold panners live. Residents in the area have also reportedly been forced to attend ZANU PF meetings, particularly on Sundays.

## **MASVINGO**

### ***Bikita East and West***

*July 2004*

- $\Sigma$ The MDC alleges that the ZRP have been blocking their attempts to hold rallies in rural constituencies. Morgan Tsvangirai, MDC President, alleges that the party was unable to hold meetings in Bikita East and West. When the MDC applied for permission to hold meetings in these two constituencies they were reportedly informed that there was no police officer to authorise any of their meetings.

### ***Chiredzi North***

*1 July 2004*

- $\Sigma$ EH, owner of Mkwesine Farm, alleges that on 30 June 2004 three persons purporting to be "new A2 farmers" arrived at his farm in a blue Nissan truck - registration number 692-572-S accompanied by ZRP Constables Simba Chipanga and Rubwaya to tell him to move off the farm.

EH identified one of the A2 farmers as Phinias Mutiziri. The farmers reportedly produced what looked like Offer Letters, but refused to show them to EH so that he could see the details or who had signed them. The A2 farmers hung around his farm house and then after about 30 minutes departed and stole the chain and lock off the main two gates to the shed, as well as the one leading to the main orange orchard, in the process. EH reported the matter to Constable Sibanda at ZRP Mkwasi - RB No. 0305565. At 15:30 hours, Mutiziri and his colleagues all armed with iron bars, chased all the workers away from the packing shed, effectively bringing the packing shed to a halt. This was reportedly done in front of the two policemen Constables Chipanga and Rubwaya who did nothing to stop the invaders intimidating the farm workers or EH. EH reported the case to ZRP Chiredzi - RB No. 0305566.

On 1 July 2004 EH alleges that he was called to Chiredzi ZRP station at about 10:00 hours to make a statement on the previous day's proceedings. Whilst there, EH laid a charge (recorded by Constable Goriyati - RRB 0305569) on the invaders for turning away the trucks that had come to fetch his oranges meant for export. (Pioneer transport 792-900X, Bindura transport 589-406X and Biltrans 743-255K).

On 2 July 2004 EH's lawyer obtained a Prohibitory Interdict as well as a Mandatory Interdict to be served on the ZRP both in Chiredzi and Mkwasi from the Chiredzi Magistrates Court. At around 18:00 hours on 3 July 2004, about 20 youths who were with the A2 farmers, reportedly arrived at EH's farm singing and shouting. The lights suddenly went out as the invaders had turned off the power at the main electricity switchboard. The invaders allegedly banged doors whilst holding BI (EH's farmer supervisor) as a hostage. EH radioed the police who arrived at about 20:00 hours led by Inspector Munapo, to defuse the situation. During the heated conversation that took place, Mutiriza once again openly threatened EH that if he moved into the citrus shed, it would have serious consequences for him. Munapo allegedly did nothing to reprimand Mutiriza. The invaders then departed from the house singing and headed towards the packing shed. They reportedly loaded an unknown quantity of orange pockets into the back of the Nissan truck in which the A2 farmers arrived (Reg. No. 696-572S), and drove off to EH's farm house. Shortly afterwards, the bulk of the invaders reportedly returned to the packing shed and held a loud party, shouting and singing party songs amidst much banging of something in the packing shed.

EH alleges that on 4 July 2004 the invaders sang, shouted and banged on doors and windows at his farm house. Someone threw a rock through the office roof causing damage, which was only discovered the next day when it started raining. This started at about 07:30 hours and ended around 09:00 hours. Another truck arrived to load the export oranges and was turned away by the mob. EH's lawyer reportedly explained to Inspector Munapo that even if an individual has got an Offer Letter, he still needs an Eviction Order from the High Court. EH notes that he called Deputy Commissioner Mataga at Chiredzi Police Headquarters who advised him to contact the Lands Officer to find out the names and other details of the new A2 farmers who had invaded his farm.

On 6 July 2004 Superintendent Mandisha from Chiredzi arrived at EH's farm around 09:00 hours and ordered the youths off the farm. He reportedly told EH to go ahead with farming until further notice. However on 7 July 2004 around 17:30 hours, the ZANU PF youths reportedly threw out EH's farm workers from their compound. The ordeal finally ended on 8 July 2004 when EH reportedly called Constable Rubwaya and Superintendent Inspector Dondo of ZRP Chiredzi who managed to send off the invaders. The police reportedly warned the youths that it was against the law and that they would be punished if they went back to the farm.

### ***Masvingo Central***

*3 July 2004*

- $\Sigma$  Acton Farm, belonging to Chief Fortune Charumbira, the Deputy Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, was reportedly invaded by 50 villagers. The 50 Villagers

allegedly invaded Acton Farm near Bhuka Business Centre in a bid to allocate themselves stands. Seven people, identified as having led the invasion, were reportedly arrested and were to be charged under POSA for *'the unlawful seizure of the farm and the disturbances caused there'*. The prosecutor, Mr Dan Ndebele, reportedly declined to prosecute the seven until the prosecutors received clarification from the Chief Lands Officer, Mr Aube Musanhu, on the ownership of the property. The invaders claim that they invaded the farm because it had no owner.

## **MANICALAND**

### ***Chipinge***

*3 July 2004*

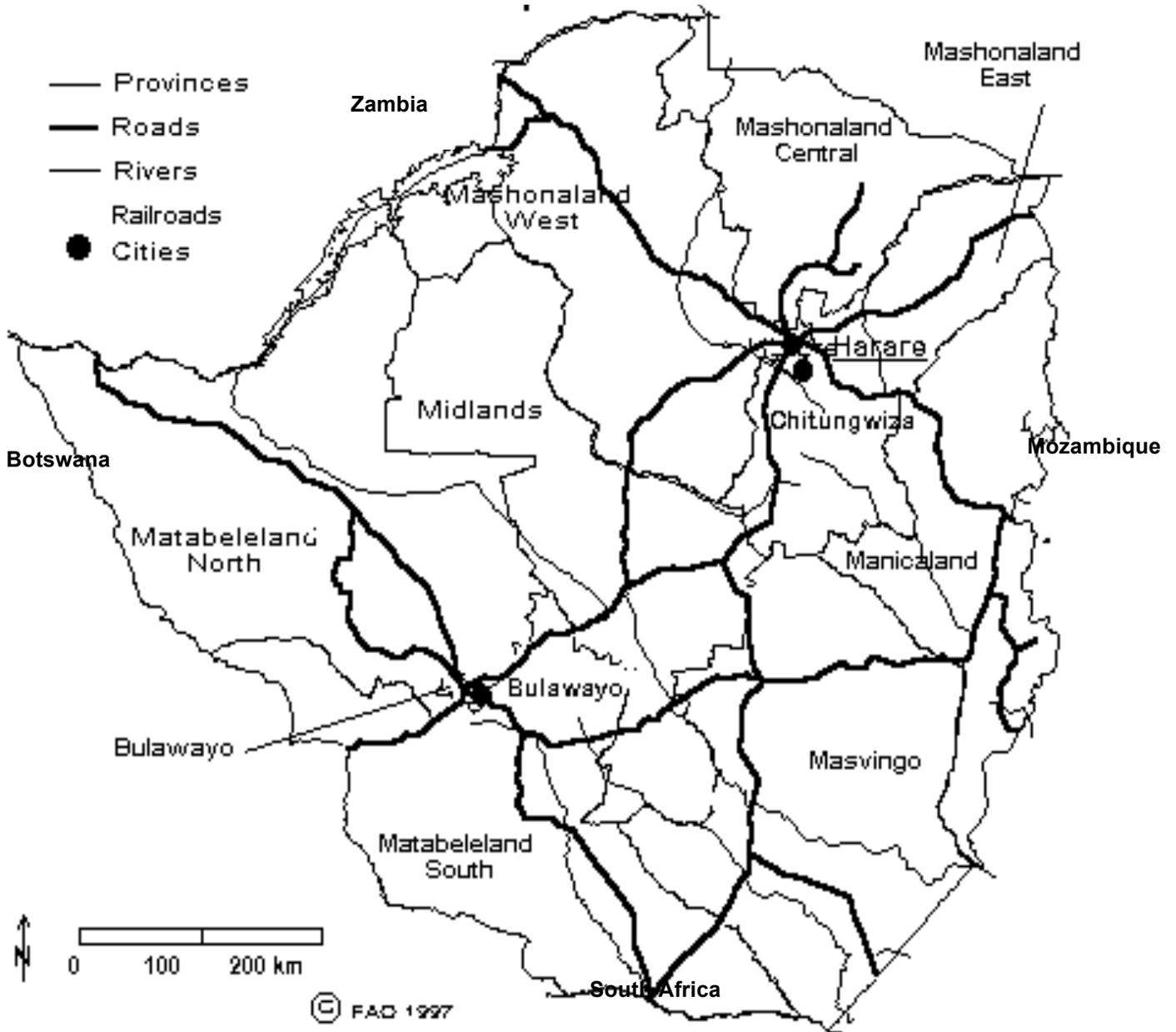
- TM, who is 6 months pregnant, was reportedly assaulted by 3 ZANU PF supporters, who had come looking for her husband. The assailants allegedly assaulted her with open hands and kicked her with booted feet all over her body after they failed to find her husband.

- Full alphabetical list of reported deaths related to political violence 1 January to 31 July 2004 recorded indicating name, political affiliation, date of death, constituency and province.

**TOTAL: 3      MDC – 2; UNKNOWN - 1**

SURNAME	FIRST NAME (S)	POLITICAL AFFILIATION	DATE OF DEATH	CONSTITUENCY	PROVINCE
1 CHAMBARARA	SHEMI	UNKNOWN	8 FEBRUARY 2004	CHIMANIMANI	MANICALAND
2 CHIGEGA	ALEXANDER	MDC	4 JANUARY 2004	SHAMVA	MASHONALAND CENTRAL
3 CHINOZVINA	FRANCIS	MDC	28 MARCH 2004	ZENGEZA	HARARE

# ADMINISTRATIVE MAP OF ZIMBABWE



The **Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum** (also known as the “Human Rights Forum”) is a coalition comprising 17 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.”**

The Human Rights Forum operates a Research and Documentation Unit and offers legal services through the Public Interest Unit of the Legal Resources Foundation (formerly the Legal Unit of the ZHRF.)

Member organisations of the Human Rights Forum are:

- Amani Trust
- Amnesty International (Zimbabwe) (AI (Z))
- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)
- Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)
- Human Rights Trust of Southern Africa (SAHRIT)
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
- Media Monitoring Project of Zimbabwe (MMPZ)
- Nonviolent Action and Strategies for Social Change (NOVASC)
- 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)
- Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP)
- Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association (ZWLA)

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