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ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

The Executive Summary

The problem of political intolerance continues to be a major problem in the nation as portrayed by reports for the period under review, December 2003.

As reflected in Figure 1, many assault and intimidation/harassment cases involving suspected members of the ruling and opposition parties were reported during this period. Most of the reports show that cases of harassment/ intimidation and assault occurred at events like feedback meetings of parliamentarians in their constituencies, political party functions like Christmas parties and campaign meetings as the two main

political parties in Zimbabwe have, in some areas, began visible campaigns for the 2005 parliamentary elections. Preparations for by-elections in other constituencies like Gutu North and Zengeza, also contributed to increases in reported cases of assault and harassment.

The persistence of political clashes in Zimbabwe goes a long way to exhibit that political bigotry is still a major problem confronting the country.

The reports implicate both members of the opposition and ruling political parties as perpetrators of violence.

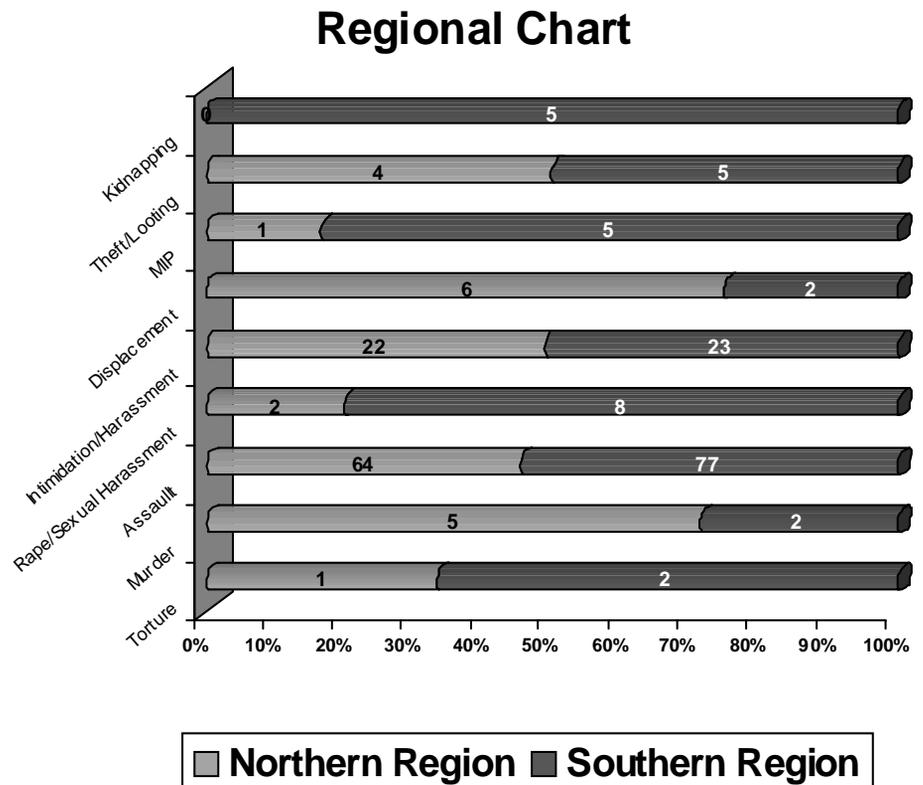
Reports also show that youth are the main perpetrators of politically-motivated violence. Vigilante or militia groups like “Chipangano” in Mbare and “Taliban” in Gwanda were implicated to be unleashing different forms of human rights violations.

Several reports from Midlands, Harare and Mashonaland East province reveal that members of the police force are taking political sides and are perpetrating acts of violence and torture on perceived opposition members. A trend of partisanship in dealing with criminals and perpetrators was also noted with the police in some provinces being

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Figure 1: Regional comparison chart



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allegedly lenient or dragging their feet when criminal acts are committed by suspected ZANU P.F members and ruthless and swift when dealing with perpetrators suspected to be members of MDC.

Members of the army were reportedly implicated in the perpetration of violence and torture in Matebeleland North. Soldiers from 1.2 Battalion were reportedly harassing residents of Hwange West. What is more disturbing is that they attack unarmed and defenseless civilians including women.

Uniformed forces should refrain from conducting themselves in a partisan manner as this destroys citizens' trust in them. They have been constituted to serve the very citizen

regardless of political affiliation. Political fathers should also refrain from using their political power to influence security forces to take political sides for this is not healthy for the society.

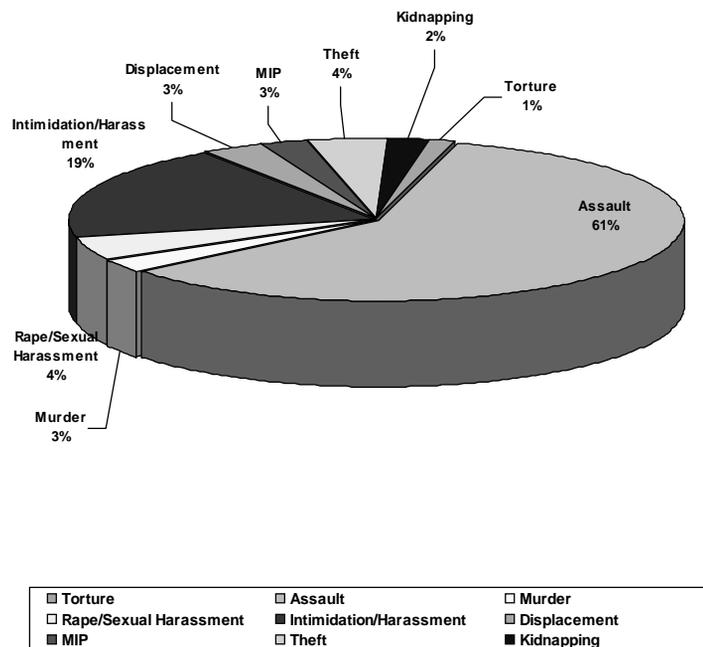
Though reports show that most of the perpetrators and victims of different forms of violence and torture are men, women and young children tend to bear the brunt of the implications of violence and torture.

Of the different cases of human rights violations reported in the period under consideration cases of intimidation/ harassment and torture were high with 48% and 36 % respectively according Figure 2,

which is a cumulative chart of cases of human rights violations recorded in the period under review. Cases of murder, rape/sexual harassment, kidnapping and torture were low and constitute 4% of the total cases recorded.

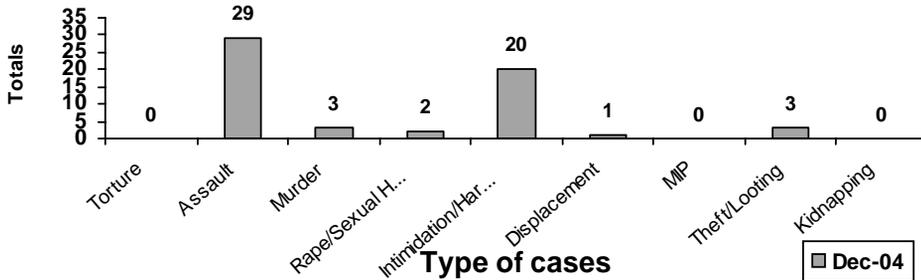
The cumulative chart also show that people are still being displaced from their areas as cases of displacement constitute 2% of the total number of cases recorded. The cases of displacement are also attributable to new cases of farm invasions that are taking place in Mazowe East constituency.

Figure 2: Cumulative chart showing the human rights violation cases received nationwide during the December 2003



MASHONALAND EAST

Figure 3: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Mashonaland East



Mashonaland East continued to experience many cases of politically-motivated human rights violations. In the period under review 29 cases of assault were reported while 20 cases of intimidation/harassment were also reported. Three cases of murder and two of rape were also recorded in the month of December. Figure 3 is a graphic depiction of cases of human rights violations reported for Mashonaland East in December.

Chikomba

Three MDC youths, TG, MC and K assaulted EM, a ZANU P.F youth allegedly in retaliation for beatings and harassment they suffered during the Presidential elections of March 2002.

Two ruling party youths IP and GP assaulted MM of the MDC in Samashure village because of his political affiliation.

KS, a ZANU P.F councilor assaulted T who works for World Vision over food distribution at Nharira.

An MDC supporter, TD of Chimowa village was beaten by two ZANU P.F youths, NG and DJ who forced him to surrender MDC cards.

At Mazvaremhaka Township, FM was beaten by two ZANU P.F supporters JP and WM on accusations of being an MDC supporter.

EM and SM of Chipwanya village were beaten by MM and LM, both ZANU P.F supporters. They were accused of being MDC supporters because they had come from Harare. Anyone who comes from Harare into the community is suspected of being an MDC supporter.

SS of Willthire farm was beaten by MC, GC, J, R, and ED, all war veterans, and was denied access to maize seed and fertilizer from GMB on allegations that he was an MDC supporter.

Goromonzi

In Machingauta Village WC was beaten by EG, a ZANU P.F supporter on allegations that he was an MDC supporter.

In Mavhudzi village KR, an MDC supporter was beaten by MM and SM, both ZANU P.F supporters for denouncing President Mugabe's decision to quit the Commonwealth.

CM of Munyauri village was beaten by other ZANU P.F members for misusing the money contributed to buy fertilizers by villagers.

VT was given death threats by three ZANU P.F youths, AM, SR and GR of Zvomuya village when he was seen selling MDC membership cards.

MM aged 7 of Chonyera village was raped by his uncle MM. The accused is believed to have allegedly asked the young girl to go and look for brown-berries in the nearby mountain where he raped the girl. The victim was taken to the Clinic where the rape was confirmed.

K, a ZANU P.F supporter of Matukuku village was beaten by Z, an MDC supporter because of political affiliation differences.

TK of Gondo village was harassed and forced to leave a church service by LM, PM and PM who are ruling party supporters on allegations that he was an MDC supporter.

Hwedza

LM and MG were harassed at Chisaira Township by four ZANU P.F supporters, DD, SM, MC and PM. They were forced to make an about turn with their commuter omnibus because they were discussing about economic hardships the country was experiencing and were accused of supporting the MDC.

MM, GM and other residents were forced to attend a ZANU P.F Unity Day rally at Goto Township.

TM and LS were harassed by war veterans and ZANU P.F supporters at Makarara Township who were forcing urban dwellers to buy ZANU P.F membership cards.

AG, an MDC member was harassed by JN and two other ZANU P.F supporters for supporting MDC at Chitida Township.

Marondera East

MG was harassed by five ZANU P.F supporters, AS, SC, BM, RC and JM over distribution of food from Christian Care at Nyameni Clinic.

AS, a ZANU P.F member was harassed by FM, a provincial leader of ZANU P.F who forced him to sell goods from his tuckshop on credit to a teacher who was marking 'O' level exams.

MM was intimidated and harassed by CM, TG, and AA of ZANU P.F for talking to a known member of the MDC at Mukovo Township.

Marondera West

RE and MS were harassed by SM, a ZANU P.F supporter and were denied access to maize grains from GMB.

MF and SJ, MDC members were beaten at Mujerimani Township by Z, AM and FM, all ZANU P.F supporters for being MDC members.

Three MDC members MM, SM and KC were beaten by three ZANU P.F members, TM, EM and AS for playing Thomas Mapfumo's song, "Disaster" at a party in Mukumba Village.

Mudzi

FK and MF were assaulted by ZANU P.F members at Chimango village for being MDC supporters.

NORTHERN REGION

KF had his kitchen set on fire by RK, a ZANU P.F member because of political differences.

JL, ruling party member was beaten by another ruling party member, TD at Nyakuchena village over a domestic dispute.

AN aged 25 was killed by her brother AN at Suswe over a domestic dispute.

Murewa North

NH was beaten by EM and other villagers for stealing fertilizer and vandalizing EM's granary at Kambarami village.

MC, an MDC supporter was beaten by PC and TC of ZANU P.F for refusing to share his beer with the perpetrators at Gucha Township.

JM had his money forcibly taken from him and was beaten by ZANU P.F youths at Matenha Township.

AM, a ZANU P.F supporter was beaten by FM and EZ of ZANU P.F over disagreements on GMB maize seed distribution.

At Gweshe, NC, a ZANU P.F supporter was allegedly beaten by three ZANU P.F youths after he failed to account for money given to her by the three as joining fees for the party and was accused of being an MDC supporter.

Five MDC youths, including three girls were assaulted and the three girls had their breasts fondled by a ZANU P.F man, GT in front of a police officer who did not take any action.

Murewa South

M was harassed at Kondo village by ZANU P.F supporters for not attending ZANU P.F meetings.

TG was threatened by ZANU P.F youths DM, WM, MM, RM and SM for allegedly being MDC members.

TG who lives in Chitate village was assaulted by MC, a ZANU P.F member on allegations that he was an MDC supporter.

Mutoko South

CG and DC were harassed by M and other five ZANU P.F supporters at Cornerstore for dealing in foreign currency.

JM was shot dead by eight police officers from Mutoko. The police suspected that he was stealing ZESA cables.

TK, a suspected MDC supporter was beaten by D, R, and KK on accusations that he was an MDC member.

Uzumba-Maramba-Pfungwe

TR, a suspected MDC member was harassed and TN was intimidated by three ZANU P.F supporters NC, TN and NR for putting on an NCA t-shirt at Chitsungo village.

GP who is a suspected MDC member was harassed and displaced by ZANU P.F supporters FN, TR, FM and eight others. He was accused of having deserted the army in order to join the MDC.

FM was denied access to fertilizers from GMB by PM, TC and SM of ZANU P.F because he was an MDC supporter.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL

Seventeen cases of mainly politically-motivated assaults were reported in Mashonaland Central province while 5 displacement and 2 murder cases were reported. In most of the cases reported ruling party sympathisers were the perpetrators while suspected members of the opposition were the victims. The graph below shows the different types of human rights abuses that were perpetrated and their levels.

Mt Darwin

M who is a depot controller at GMB was beaten by BC and FC, both ZANU P.F youths on allegations of nepotism.

OM was beaten by ZANU P.F members for failing to attend a ZANU P.F meeting to form a district structure.

In Mbereko Village an alleged cattle rustler LC was left for dead after being beaten for allegedly stealing cattle.

IG was beaten at Nyamazizi by ZANU P.F members for suggesting that Zimbabwe should not have pulled out of the Commonwealth.

EC and PC were beaten by war veterans in Tabex where they were buying gold. They were accused of selling gold to "enemies of the state".

In Nyamhembwe, IG was beaten for associating with TD, an MDC official in the constituency.

CM was beaten by suspected ZANU P.F members for accusing the government of not taking care of its people because of the skyrocketing prices of goods in the shops.

PN was beaten for questioning the headman's wife on why she keeps putting on ZANU P.F clothes as if she had no other clothes.

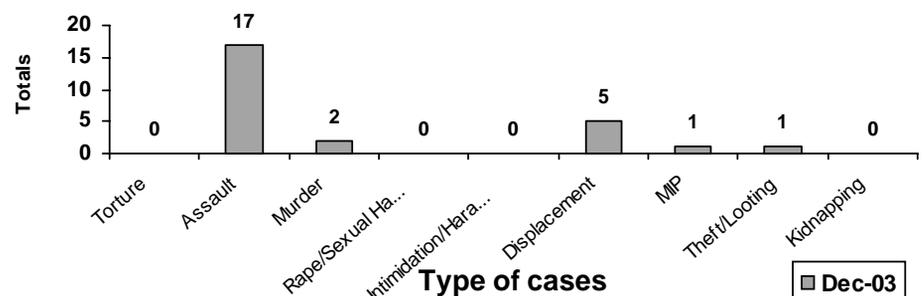
At Mudzengere Centre, WM was beaten up for celebrating the "victory" of the *Daily News* in the Administrative Courts.

In Chimhuri Village an alleged NCA member MM was beaten up and chased away from the area.

OM was assaulted by ZANU P.F youths for associating with the MDC Secretary.

In Bveke, HM who was alleged to have stolen from a local shop was severely beaten by ZANU P.F neighbourhood watch members. He later died of injuries sustained from the beatings.

Figure 4: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Mashonaland Central



Guruve

OK, who masqueraded as a ZANU P.F youth was assaulted by some ZANU P.F members for showing off his MDC cards whilst drunk.

At Chiwanzamarara shopping centre RN was assaulted by ZANU P.F youths led by K after he had denounced his ruling party membership.

N was assaulted by ZANU P.F youths led by K for selling maize seed he had received from the GMB inputs scheme. There is a general understanding that inputs received from GMB must not be sold but be used for the specified purpose.

Mazowe East

ZANU P.F provincial committee member, M invaded Heyshot farm and displacing JS in the process.

A ZANU P.F member C invaded an already designated Verona farm leaving many people displaced.

The farmer, DS was accused of working together with the MDC. A ZANU P.F member, Mr. N called on the youths to evict him from the farm.

An alleged MDC supporter, MP had his maize crops slashed down by settlers who accused him of being an opposition member.

The Chief Executive Officer of Mazowe Council, Mr. M led a group of ZANU P.F youths to evict a farmer from his designated piece of land who in the process lost 4 tractors and his crops.

At Wooler Farm A, an MDC supporter was found dead. It is alleged that he had refused to work for the new farm settlers.

HARARE / CHITUNGWIZA

Figure 5: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Harare and Chitungwiza



Dzivaresekwa

Warren Park police launched a man hunt for Mr. I in connection with fraud allegations. In the process they arrested Mr. M whom they tortured during detention because he knew the whereabouts of Mr. I. He was later released when the police managed to arrest Mr. I.

Warren Park police allegedly arrested, assaulted and tortured MM whom they suspected of stealing a pair of shoes and jeans in Warren Park D. The police assaulted the suspect on their way to the Police Station while he was handcuffed and again assaulted him at the station. The suspect was later released without being charged.

An argument arose over the use of a piece of land in Tynwald between Mr. K and another woman who resides in the area. The feud resulted in Mr. K being assaulted by the woman's two sons after the woman reported the issue to her sons.

A man was injured and his cell-phone and money stolen by an infamous gang of thieves known as "Zero Boys" after disembarking from a commuter omnibus in Warren Park D. It is alleged that although a report was made to the police no arrests were made in spite of the fact that some members of this group are known to be notorious for house-breakings and muggings in the area.

Mufakose

A group of suspected MDC youths attacked a group of ZANU P.F women who were having their Women's League meeting at one of the victim's home.

A rowdy group of ZANU P.F youths went on a rampage allegedly beating up and forcing people at Huruyadzo Shopping Centre to board buses to the International Airport where they were to welcome the President who was expected to arrive from one of his tours. Two men were seriously injured as a result of the beatings.

ZANU P.F youths were assaulted at ZANU P.F District Office in Mufakose by suspected MDC youths. It is alleged that the ZANU P.F youths made some statements that provoked the opposition party youths who were passing by resulting in the assaults.

Budiriro

An MDC youth had to run for his life at Budiriro 5 Shopping Centre after a group of war veterans descended on him when he told them to leave ZANU P.F and join MDC instead.

An unknown youth was beaten up by MDC youths at an MDC Christmas party in Budiriro 4. The assault resulted after the youth declared that he had nothing to do with the MDC. This irked the MDC youths who took turns to assault him.

TM, LT, WT and MW ran for their lives after a marauding group of youths in National Service uniforms descended on Budiriro's "Channel O Night Club" and started beating anyone suspected to be an MDC supporter.

Harare Central

A group of MDC youths went on a rampage assaulting everyone suspected to be sympathetic to the ZANU P.F. The campaign was done in retaliation to the assault of the MDC chairperson Mr. M who had been assaulted in the area the previous day.

VM was seriously assaulted by suspected NAGG supporters at Kamfinsa Shopping Centre after he had criticised their party.

A New Year's Eve party by a Mabelreign family turned chaotic after 2 suspected ZANU P.F supporters besieged their house and started beating them and accusing them of holding a secret meeting of the MDC. The two ruling party supporters proceeded to break into the house and went away with a TV and radio set.

Harare North

A group of suspected ZANU P.F supporters raided and attacked MDC members at a Christmas party in Alexandra Park. The police did not arrest the suspects, instead they picked up a victim who was assaulted and detained him.

Mbare East

CG was assaulted by 4 suspected MDC youths for wearing a ZANU P.F t-shirt.

TC, a Mbare vendor was assaulted and had his goods confiscated by Harare Municipal Police and members of the ZANU P.F 'Chipangano' youths.

Highfield

Mr. C of Jerusalem, Highfield was assaulted at Machipisa Shopping Centre by 4 Special Constabulary Police officers whose request for a \$10 000 bribe for public drinking was turned down. Angered by the refusal they assaulted the victim.

CHITUNGWIZA

VM of Zengeza 1 was allegedly arrested by police and taken to Chitungwiza Police Station where he was assaulted for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

JG had his house surrounded by police the whole day after he ran away from the

police who had confiscated his identity card with the intention of arresting him because he was distributing leaflets from "Zvakwana".

EM incurred a dislocated right arm after suspected ZANU P.F vigilantes attacked him for wearing a matching red cap, t-shirt and a pair of trousers, which the assailants said were MDC regalia. He was briefly admitted at Chitungwiza hospital.

MANICALAND

Mutare Central

NA (39) together with about 480 workers of ES Meikles Farm in Penhalonga were forced off portions of land allocated to them by their employer. The affected had planted their 2003/4 crop when war veterans took over the land.

Peter Farm in Penhalonga was invaded by MB (40) in the company of about 10 war veterans and an equal number of ZANU P.F supporters aged between 25 and 49. The victim and his wife were evicted from their farm house, allegedly because MB was under instruction of the ZANU P.F provincial committee who she alleges promised to appoint her the party candidate in the 2005 parliamentary elections.

PM (25) of Sakubva was assaulted by EC (30) a known ZANU P.F activist after it was discovered that the victim had sold some maize to EC weighing 5kg instead of 10 kg.

A 5 year old girl, EC was allegedly raped by an unknown assailant in Sakubva. The child whose parents are divorced is said to have been left in the custody of some relatives on

the day whilst her mother was away on business in Mozambique.

A man aged twenty, TG of Sakubva is reported to have been assaulted by a group of vendors led by A and C. The victim is alleged to have impersonated a ZRP officer and attempted to confiscate the vendors' wares. The plan failed leading to the assault.

Mutare South

At St Werburgh's School, LN and BJ were abducted and beaten by war veterans. They were accused of being MDC supporters. HM and JC had false charges laid against them by the state agents who accused them of pursuing a political vendetta.

Mutasa

At Machekamhuru Restaurant war veterans prevented a WIPSU organized workshop from taking place.

AM was victimized for allegedly being related to JM who works for a non-governmental organization called NANGO. She was threatened with death by a war veteran called Tandii.

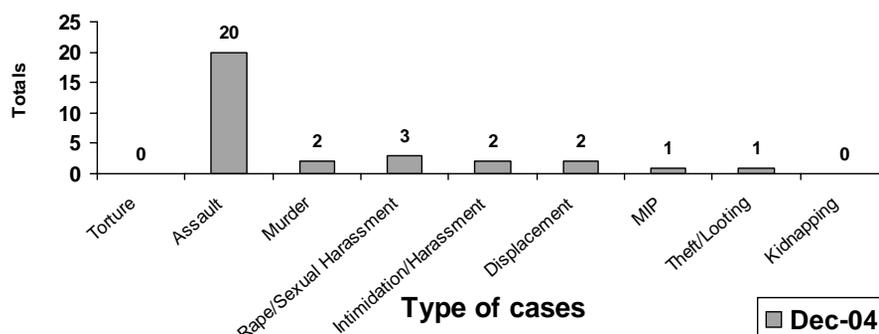
MASVINGO PROVINCE

Chivi North

Mhandamabwe

A ZANUPF supporter, D mocked some people who had been apprehended by police in

Figure 6: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Masvingo



connection with illegal fuel deals. This led to a row in which D eventually mobilized ZANUPF youths and attacked his adversaries calling them MDC youths.

At Maramba Primary School a CARE food distributor, M denied a rivalry food because they had supported different people at ZANU PF primary elections for councillors.

Kilmanock Chalets

CB was found dead at his Chalets. His murder is suspected to be politically motivated.

In Bikita East at Makuwe Village, AM was assaulted by SM when she met her mobilizing Women Action Group members.

Vuranda Village

PN was accused by his headman, Vuranada as being an MDC spy and told to move away from his village.

David Chimoto was assaulted by ZANUPF youths who wanted to know his source of maize for resale.

Chivi North Growth Point

JN was denied GMB food by GMB officials after he was accused of being an MDC Supporter.

BC, a ZANU PF women's league member was in Bikita, Marima Village, when she was beaten up by youths sent by a ZANU PF councillor Jabana because she was in Jabana's area.

Masvingo Central

Chesvingo Business District Centre

LZ and GM were beaten up by the police and Border Gezi Camp recruits as walked at night. They were accused of being MDC activists.

Chikato

Mrs. SM's house was attacked by suspected MDC youths. The aggressors are alleged to have said that Mrs. M was supposed to leave the ward since it now belonged to MDC.

T.M Supermarket

Two soldiers, D M and P N were caught stealing in a supermarket and a mob of people

instituted some instant justice by beating them. The two suspects were not handed over to the police.

Majange Shopping Centre

M struck a driver who had given him a lift with a brick a disagreement over fares. The driver died on spot.

Majange Shopping Centre

MM and his friends were beaten up by police on New Year's Day allegedly for trying to overthrow the government.

Masvingo North

Rusenya Village

Mr. M is alleged to have raped his son's wife and then ran away.

Gutu North

Gwiranenzara

Some fights erupted at a food-for work programme as some beneficiaries accused others of only having come for payments without having been involved in the work.

Serima

An alleged MDC supporter was found dead with a bottle of beer on his side. His murderers were not identified.

Ndawhi Township

People who were suspected of backing M at the Gutu ZANU PF primary elections were beaten by war veterans led by GA and J N.

Bikita East

Chegwiti Resettlement Area

OC was beaten by TM after the former had refused to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

Chegwiti Resettlement Area

T M is again cited in the beating of P K who had also refused to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

Chibvuure

A M is accused of assaulting D K his cousin brother after an argument after the latter denounced the ZANU PF conference thereby earning a label of being an MDC member from the former.

Chigumisirwa

A headman and a ZANU PF supporter C C stole a fence from an MDC supporter P S. The police are alleged to have been reluctant to arrest the headman owing to his political status.

Fumhai Village

More than five ZANU PF women are said to have beaten up I M on allegations that she was giving out their names to the youths so that they can be targeted for assault.

Checheni Township

D M called for a meeting of ZANU PF youths where he intended to impart to the youths what he had learnt at the party's conference held in December 2003. K M did not attend the meeting and was beaten thoroughly by D M.

Chivi South

Guti Village

A ZPP monitor was chased away from his village by the head-man after he was accused to be a supporter of the MDC.

Gwenhere Village

A war veteran, MD refused the registration of suspected MDC supporters for food - for-work programmes alleging that their party's "government" should introduce similar programmes for its supporters.

Guti Village

DM is alleged to have raped a 6-year old girl but he was released by the police without any charge preferred against him.

Ngundu Business District

Ngundu district police details allegedly collected food from R and TD alleging that the two were MDC supporters sabotaging the economy.

Zihove village

ZANU P.F supporters, RA and MJ beat up PT who had made remarks about some contributions from delegates at the ZANU P.F congress.

Makamure Village

M R and other Boarder Gezi youths beat up T M and T K accusing them of influencing people to support MDC.

Gutu South

Chavarove

EM and T were allegedly assaulted and forced to attend a ZANU P.F gathering to plan for by-elections campaign strategies.

Chivinga Resettlement

Mr. H was assaulted by ZANU P.F youths and war veterans for campaigning for MDC for the forthcoming by-elections.

Chavarove Township

M, an MDC candidate for the forthcoming by-elections escaped death when ZANU P.F youths threw stones at him as he tried to buy some refreshments from a shop.

Chiredzi North

Nyahanga Area

P M was approached by F K and three others who accused him of supporting the MDC and promised to take over his fields. Also, a village head M was approached by T M and other ZANU P.F supporters who accused him of being MDC and threatened him and his villagers with assault.

Zaka East

Mushungwe Business Centre

Jacob was beaten up by unknown three men after he was heard singing an MDC song.

Jerera Village

Police beat up three women at the market who had metered out instant justice to a fellow woman who was charging different prices from theirs at a vegetable market.

Gundu

On the same day police went on the rampage in the Gundu area assaulting all people who were patronizing beer halls. The reason for their action was not specified. W was assaulted by ZANU P.F supporters for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

Bukururu Village

GM who was drunk beat up G with a broken bottle on the chest alleging that he did not want to see his beer being drunk by MDC supporters.

Madondo Village

MN was beaten up by the brothers of his girlfriend who charged that they did not want their sister to fall in love with an MDC members.

MATEBELELEND SOUTH

Umzingwane

Mr. N and his wife (ZANU P.F Vice Chairperson) asked for the assistance of a neighbour's child in their new resettlement area of Nyankuni and murdered the child for ritual purposes. The case has been on-going since August and the body of the child was found in December. The matter was reported to the police who started investigations and are on-going. Mr. N is in police custody but the boys he hired to do the actual killing are still at large.

Gwanda North

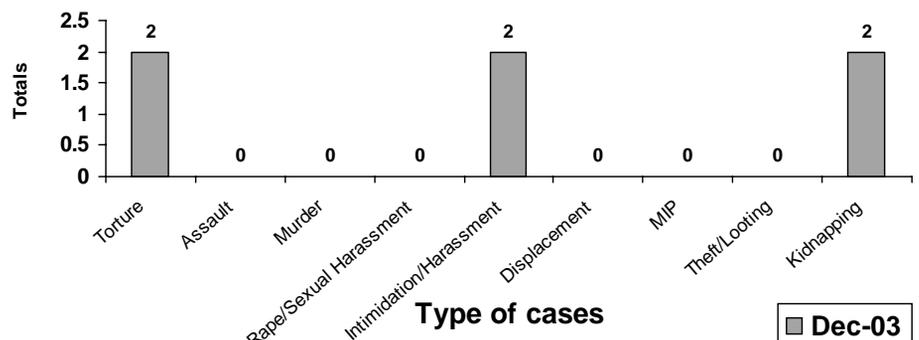
MS an MDC supporter was confronted by ZANU P.F provincial members and war veterans was detained for six hours and was threatened with death should he continue supporting the MDC.

ZANU P.F members called a meeting which resolved to chase one MM from his farm under the pretext that it was on grazing lands yet other ZANU P.F members have farms on the same land. One Evans was also ordered to vacate his home because of being an MDC member.

A "disciplinary" meeting was called by ZANU P.F members to discipline MDC members TS, L and N. The three were seriously hurt.

A meeting meant to mark the start of ZANU P.F campaigns for 2005 parliamentary elections ended up in violent clashes between the MDC and ZANU P.F members resulting in the injury of 6 people and hospitalization of three men.

Figure 7: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Matebeleland South



MATEBELELAND NORTH

Figure 9: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Matebeleland North



The province witnessed a slight decrease in politically motivated cases as most of the political groupings had “disbanded” for the Christmas holidays. Cases of police brutality however increased during the same period.

Hwange West

It is alleged that TN was captured by five soldiers who force-marched her into a bush. It is reported that she was detained and assaulted the whole night. She was only rescued by the police the following day.

Soldiers from 1& 2 battalion were reportedly harassing and terrorizing civilians at Lwenglulu, Empumalanga and Thulani. During this process DM was slapped by one of the six soldiers she met at a club.

It is alleged that the local board chief executive NS was suspended from work by the MDC dominated council since he got the job when the council was dominated by ZANU P.F councillors. It is also reported that the former ZANU P.F dominated council had fired sixteen suspected MDC employees who were reinstated by the new councillors.

Binga

It is alleged that BM a suspect in a theft case was brutally tortured during interrogation by members of the CID. It is reported that her feet were left blistered and had to be hospitalized.

BULAWAYO PROVINCE

Nkulumane Constituency

V.SM assaulted his 19 year old son B.M after accusing him of being an MDC member because he had refused to join the National Youth Service. The victim has since fled to South Africa.

Lobengula Constituency

About 12 women of (WOZA) Women of Zimbabwe Arise were arrested after taking part in a protest against high prices of basic commodities. At the City Centre Lobengula Street Mall some members of the public were also assaulted at the same time the WOZA group was arrested.

Pumula/Luveve Constituency

ZANU P.F youths attacked J M following his remarks that the National Youth Service was a waste of resources. The perpetrators used sticks and booted feet to beat the victim.

O.N was threatened with assault and disappearance by two unknown assailants who knocked at his house and demanded that he (the victim) renounces his links with the MDC. The victim has since fled to his rural home for fear of further threats.

It is reported that P.N was allegedly assaulted by ZANU P.F supporter after he was accused of being an MDC member and informer.

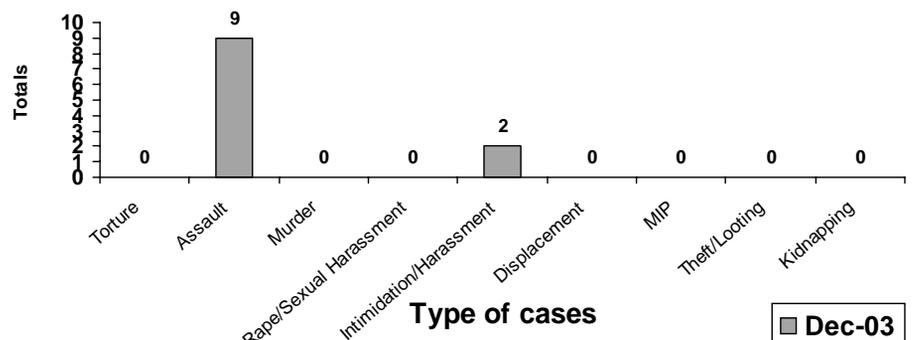
At Pumula South Shopping Centre, F.N was allegedly assaulted by four assailants suspected to be ZANU P.F militias for wearing an NCA T/shirt inscribed “We are ready to die for a new Constitution” The victim was accused of not respecting the President and government. The victim however managed to escape.

It is reported that R.M was attacked by ZANU P.F youths on allegations that he was a sell-out. He sustained injuries during the attack.

Bulawayo North-East

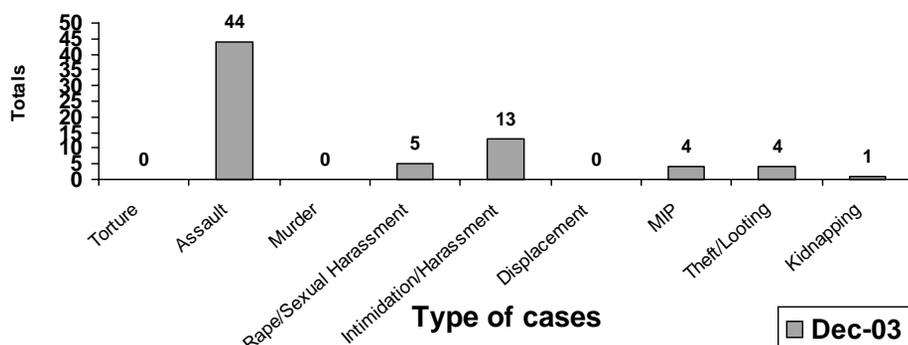
It is alleged that H.M was assaulted by suspected war veterans for suggesting that War veterans were to vote for A. M for the position of National Chairman. The victim was labelled and accused of being an MDC supporter whose agenda was to destroy the War Veterans Association and ZANU P.F.

Figure 10: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Bulawayo



MIDLANDS PROVINCE

Figure 11: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Midlands



Gweru Urban

M. an MDC driver was allegedly arrested by suspected members of the CID for ferrying MDC youths to perpetrate violence in Kadoma during the Kadoma by-elections. He was however released without any charge.

It is alleged that the police denied the newly-elected MDC councillors permission to hold ward meetings.

Z J and MDC Gweru Urban District Chairperson was reportedly arrested and detained at Mtapu Police camp when he was found addressing an MDC ward meeting. He was later released without any charge preferred against him.

A.N an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by ZANU P.F youths who accused her of sourcing maize for MDC members from GMB. Although the case was reported to the police no action was taken.

ZANU P.F youths stormed at an MDC Christmas party and threw a hand grenade at the party organiser's car. The car was extensively damaged.

Mkoba

On 8 December 3 MDC youths were assaulted for wearing MDC T/shirts.

In a different case recorded on 13 December 2003, a ZANU P.F youth was picked up among other youths by a Mrs M. and was heavily assaulted.

Gokwe West

Mr. N was threatened by suspected ZANU P.F supporters for allegedly assisting MDC members to acquire cotton seed.

Gokwe East

A suspected MDC member was denied access to food relief and payment from the food-for-work programme because he was suspected of supporting the MDC.

It is reported that three youth from the Border Gezi Training Centre went around harassing and threatening people and V.C fell victim to their harassment on allegations that he supported the opposition MDC party

An MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by Border Gezi militia for supporting the MDC.

A B.M was attacked by the MDC youths for allegedly supporting the ruling party.

Gokwe South

O was allegedly assaulted by his neighbour after his cattle encroached into his neighbour's field for grazing. He was accused of being an MDC supporter.

Gokwe North

N C was severely assaulted by suspected ZANU P.F supporters on allegations that he was an MDC activist.

ZANU P.F activists beat up a woman for being an MDC branch secretary and threatened her to leave her post.

A school child S M was raped by M who was later arrested and he is now awaiting trial.

Silobela

Members of Border Gezi youth deployed to man the GMB depot harassed and chased away people whom they suspected to be MDC supporters. M.N, G.N of Makamba Kraal were chased from GMB premises on allegations that they supported MDC

A group of suspected ZANU P.F youths are causing havoc and tension in the area. These youths are also on record of threatening and harassing people who gather for food relief. On the day in question employees of a food relief organisation were stopped from distributing food.

NN of Dhimbamhiwa Primary School was assaulted by two youths suspected to be national youth services members for supporting and recruiting people to join the MDC.

JM of the MDC was intercepted from a beer hall by some youths who accused him of being an MDC member. He was assaulted and lost three front teeth in the process.

Mr M, ZANU P.F chairperson visited Comet mine and ordered the owner of the mine to close shop. They chased all the mine workers beating everyone who dared to resist.

Mberengwa West

ED of the MDC was bitterly assaulted by Mr. Z a ZANU P.F councillor for allegedly leaving out ZANU P.F members on the beneficiary list for relief food.

Kwekwe

PM of Tiger Reef was shot and injured by NG a ZANU P.F youth for not opening his car boot at an illegal road block mounted by the ZANU P.F youths. He was accused of carrying gold to bankroll MDC campaign.

Eight ZANU P.F youths stopped and stormed into a ZUPCO bus carrying workers of Sable Chemicals and started beating everyone accusing them of being sympathisers of the MDC.

G and C were beaten up and force-marched to a ZANU P.F. unity celebration party by ZANU P.F youths.

MDC youths V M, C H and L M were force-marched to a weekly ZANU P.F campaign rally.

SOUTHERN REGION

Gweru Rural

VN a Mkoba Primary School pupil in Lower Gweru was beaten up by riot police and sustained a swollen leg after he was sported drinking beer from a local bottle store.

TM was travelling from Masvingo to Mvuma when he was stopped and assaulted by

war veteran, Chinotimba's body-guards allegedly for blocking their way when they wanted to overtake him.

Mr N was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters before being handed to the police where he was made to pay an admission of guilty fine for passing a remark about the land reform

jingles that irked the ZANU PF supporters.

A ZANU PF member Mr S was assaulted by his fellow party members for denouncing their party's violent campaign strategies.

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Vision

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To promote a culture of peace, non-violent resolution of conflict, reconciliation and the respect of rights, freedoms and dignity of all human beings.

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