

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The month of December 2005 saw fewer cases of human rights abuses reported as compared to November 2005. There was a drastic drop in cases of political harassment, intimidation and assault which had peaked during November as a result of senatorial elections.

The in-fighting within the main opposition MDC party occasioned by differences over the party's participation in the senatorial elections attracted more attention than the traditional inter party clashes. Of significance during December was the numerous reports related to the politicisation of food handouts and agricultural inputs. MDC members and

those perceived to be opposition supporters bore the brunt of selective distribution of these commodities. Those responsible for distribution include pro-Zanu PF traditional leaders, Zanu PF leaders and war veterans who want to stop the spread of opposition politics in rural areas.

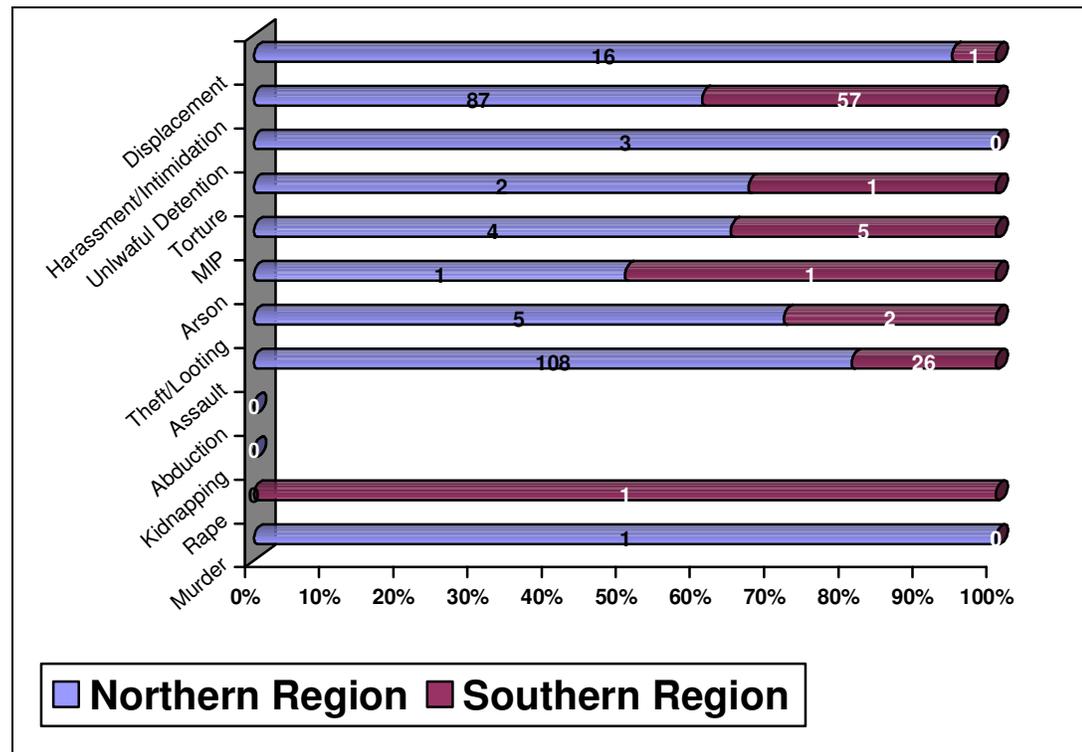
In Mashonaland East province, members of the CIO were reported to have kidnapped and tortured an opposition MDC member who they accused of actively participating in MDC politics in the town of Marondera. War veterans and three Zanu PF youths were reported to be going around the town's residential areas sniffing out opposition MDC members and

victimising them.

In Harare police were reported to be confiscating vendors' goods in the guise of enforcing operation 'Clean-up' requirements. In St. Mary's township supporters of MDC MP for St. Mary's JS were alleged to have fought running battles with those from anti-senate faction of his party.

In the Southern region, there was a significant decrease in cases of political violence. However of note was that the majority of reported cases involved intra MDC party skirmishes between the two feuding factions. This was mainly

**Figure 1: Comparison chart showing the human rights violation cases received from the Northern and Southern regions during the month of December 2005.**



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attributed to the fact that the Southern region is an opposition MDC party stronghold and the bulk of MDC supporters there are from the pro-senate faction. Although largely negligible, acts of intimidation and harassment carried out by the ruling party supporters who continue to intimidate 'MDC' supporters wearing party t-shirts or regalia were reported.

In Manicaland human rights violations soared during the month of December. This was mainly due to retributive attacks against opposition MDC who had not contested in the senatorial elections.

One case of murder was recorded in Chipinge North and it still remains unclear whether there was a political motive behind it or it was a criminal act. An unacceptably high 247 cases of politically motivated victimization were recorded. Cases of politicization of relief food and government funded programmes like the inputs programme that are meant to help all Zimbabweans regardless of political opinion continued to be recorded.

Unfortunately members of the ruling Zanu PF and pro- Zanu PF war veterans regard the food/agricultural inputs assistance schemes as meant for Zanu PF supporters only. In a bizarre case, one chief M of Mukunguta village in Nyanga has taken it upon himself to fire any civil servant whom he suspects to be dabbling in opposition politics. One school headmaster CC has since been fired from a local school by the chief and local education authorities appear to have turned a blind eye to this incident.

Other village heads and Zanu PF officials such as N from Sachiwo village are choosing who can attend school and who cannot attend school in the area. One PN of the MDC who was told to transfer his children from the school purely on political grounds.

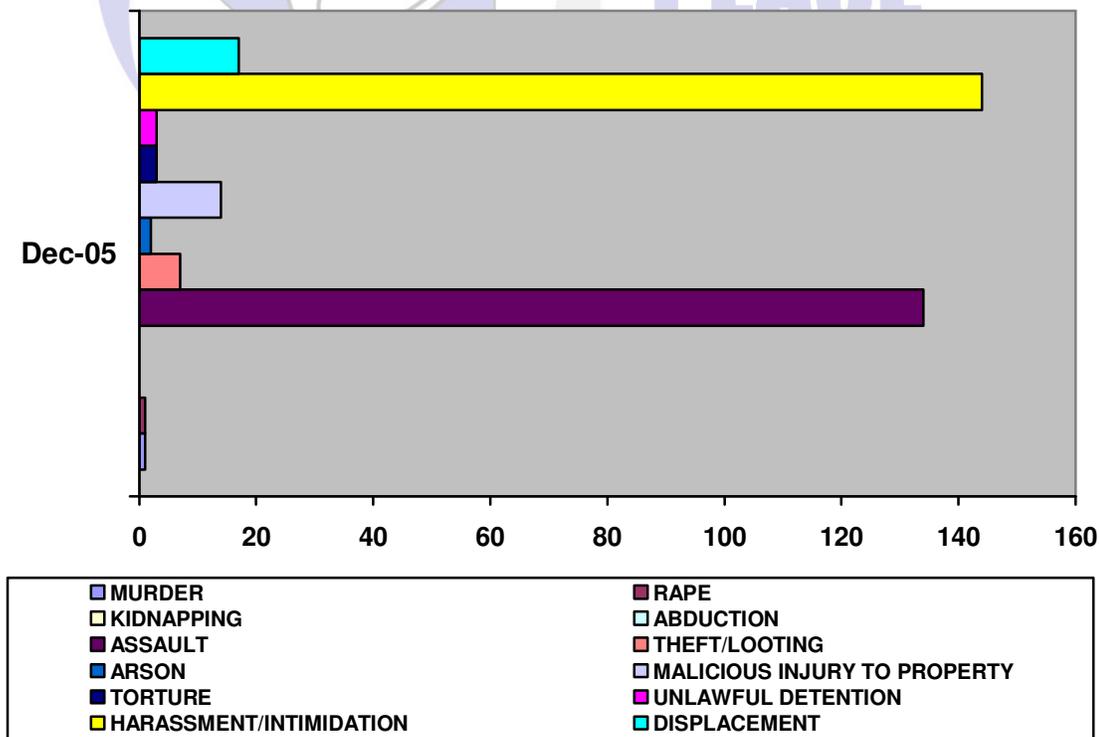
Family disputes over political differences were recorded. In a case of political intolerance, JR of Zanu PF who chased away her daughter from home for supporting the MDC. In a related case, brother BN who beat up his elder brother SN and vowed to divorce his wife over political differences. This shows Zimbabweans still have a long

way to go in as far as accepting political divergence is concerned.

The army and police have also been embroiled in partisan and unprofessional conduct as revealed by the torture and subsequent dismissal from the army of AM at Nyangombe camp while at Ruwangwe a police constabulary was reportedly fired also for doing his job of apprehending criminals who turned out to be members of the ruling party. At Headlands the police were reported to have been taking instruction from members of the Zanu PF youth militia.

The formation of a new party in Masvingo's Chiredzi North constituency Peace Action For All (PAFA) has seen a rise in the cases of assault and harassment. The assaults were being perpetrated mainly by the ruling party.

**Figure 2: Graph showing numbers of different incidents of human rights violations recorded for the month of December 2005.**



This report is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based primary peace monitors who observe, monitor and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 240 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each 120

electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). These community-based monitors reside in the constituencies they monitor. They compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who man the different ZPP offices in the ten administrative provinces of

Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verifications of the reports from the monitors, the provincial coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at national office into the ZPP monthly monitoring reports.

## NORTHERN REGION

### Harare Metropolitan

#### Glen Norah

2 December 2005

BC (MDC) reports that he was assaulted for wearing an MDC T/shirt by an unknown man suspected to be a Zanu PF youth.

In Lusaka lines TC MDC youth was allegedly harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF members, led by S (female) for wearing an MDC T/shirt.

10 December 2005

Mrs. S (MDC) wearing her party T/shirt and a vendor was supposedly harassed, assaulted and goods confiscated by two police officers, she was the only vendor harassed leaving others.

At Lusaka shops an MDC activist IA was purportedly harassed and intimidated by rogue Zanu PF member L and six others.

25 December 2005

In Jerusalem it is alleged that about eighteen MDC youths, led by N who were having a Christmas party were harassed, intimidated and their party called to an end by police officers from Machipisa police station.

27 December 2005

In Glen Norah C, a Zanu PF youth who was wearing his party T/shirt

was ostensibly assaulted by more than six MDC members.

#### Harare North

3 December 2005

It is reported that E an MDC activist was assaulted by E a Zanu PF activist over political differences.

Again on the same day, C a Zanu PF youth was ostensibly assaulted by A MDC youth over differences on senate elections.

8 December 2005

At Hatcliffe shops T, an MDC activist was presumably assaulted by S of the ruling party for complaining over economic hardships.

19 December 2005

It is alleged that P an MDC youth was assaulted by Zanu PF youth, B for complaining over economic hardships.

25 December 2005

At Borrowdale shops C (MDC) youth was ostensibly assaulted by Zanu PF youth S for denouncing the ruling party President.

#### Highfield

4 December 2005

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It is believed, VG an MDC activist was assaulted by two Zanu PF youths, Z and T for attending an MDC meeting at Zimbabwe grounds.

9 December 2005

At Karigamombe housing co-operative, AM was allegedly assaulted by four Zanu PF youths being forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

11 December 2005

At Machipisa it is reported that about eight Kuedza banking club members led by OG were harassed and unlawfully detained by police for two hours accused of holding an MDC meeting.

17 December 2005

At Cape flats bottle store it is purported that DN was assaulted by two police officers and two Zanu PF youths being accused of supporting the MDC.

19 December 2005

At friendly shop Machipisa a vendor BM was allegedly assaulted and goods confiscated by two police officers and three Zanu PF youths accused of being an MDC supporter who promotes anti-clean up campaign by government.

Two municipal police officers and

two Zanu PF youths are alleged to have harassed, assaulted and confiscated goods of a vendor which they shared accusing him of being an MDC member.

24 December 2005

Mrs. B was reportedly harassed and displaced from the market by Mrs. M for refusing to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

26 December 2005

It is said that Mr. C an MDC activist was assaulted by three Zanu PF youths, who told him to stop supporting opposition party.

28 December 2005

At Karigamombe co-operative, AC was ostensibly assaulted for refusing to attend a Zanu PF meeting by three Zanu PF militias.

**Mufakose**

13 December 2005

BM an MDC activist was said to have been assaulted for selling MDC membership cards by TM a Zanu PF activist.

At OK Mufakose, EK (MDC) activist was allegedly assaulted by PN Zanu PF youth for denouncing the ruling party.

17 December 2005

An MDC District chairperson was supposedly assaulted by JK a Zanu PF activist being forced to resign from his party.

21 December 2005

At Rukudzobara bar JK Zanu PF activist was allegedly assaulted by two MDC activists being forced to renounce his party.

At Samuriwo shops EK Zanu PF activist was supposedly assaulted by

two MDC activists, KC and MM being forced not to attend the Unity Day Celebrations.

24 December 2005

JK (MDC) activist was purportedly assaulted by two Zanu PF activists, JM and OS for wearing MDC T/shirt at Shungu Bottle Store.

**Zengeza**

2 December 2005

At Zengeza 2 shops it is alleged that a group of Zanu PF supporters who were demonstrating against Chitungwiza mayor later assaulted MDC supporters which include Mr. M.

3 December 2005

It is reported that near the Zengeza Telephone Exchange the Chitungwiza Mayor Mr. S was harassed and intimidated by two Zanu PF youths, led by a soldier accused of misusing council property.

6 December 2005

It is alleged that a woman Mrs. M wearing Zanu PF attire was harassed and intimidated by five MDC activists who threatened to undress the woman.

8 December 2005

MDC pro-senate member, P was presumably assaulted by the other faction, anti-senate MDC members, led by P at Zengeza 4.

9 December 2005

CM (MDC) pro-senate supporter was allegedly harassed, assaulted and chased away from the bar by eight anti-senate MDC youths.

11 December 2005

M an MDC pro senate member was

purportedly harassed and assaulted by MDC anti-senate group led by M.  
16 December 2005

At Nyamutamba Hotel it is alleged that twenty-five MDC pro-senate supporters who were having their meeting were harassed, assaulted and displaced from the place by five Zanu PF youths.

It is said that one woman an MDC pro senate supporter was harassed and assaulted by other fifteen MDC pro-senate faction accused of also attending anti-senate faction meetings.

18 December 2005

A soldier was ostensibly harassed and assaulted by about fifteen MDC supporters after he had tried to force people to chant Zanu PF slogans.

22 December 2005

St. Mary's MP JS was supposedly harassed and nearly got assaulted by MDC anti-senate supporters after he had deliberately destroyed their goods, he was made to pay for the damages.

25 December 2005

At Nyatsime bar Mr. M and elderly was said to have been harassed and intimidated by a war veteran for denouncing the president R.G. Mugabe.

**Mashonaland East**

**Goromonzi**

2 December 2005

In Savanhu village, NM an MDC supporter was allegedly harassed and intimidated by three Zanu PF supporters, AG, OM and FR for supporting anti-

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senate faction of MDC.  
5 December 2005

In Njerere village, FN (MDC) was allegedly assaulted by two Zanu PF youths, JB and CM for denouncing Zanu PF.

19 December 2005

In Nyamayaro village, DR an MDC supporter was purportedly harassed by two Zanu PF members, SM and CM. who ordered the removal of her name from a list of people to be given maize from G.M.B.

20 December 2005

At Juru Growth Point, NM who is an MDC youth was ostensibly assaulted by two Zanu PF supporters, BJ and CN on allegations of denouncing the president Cde. R.G. Mugabe.

### **Marondera East.**

1 December 2005

It is reported that at Marondera Rural Council Mr. M and family were displaced by war veteran BM and five Zanu PF youths being accused of supporting MDC since one of his sons is in London.

6 December 2005

At Wattlendale School Mr. M, a school teacher was supposedly harassed and assaulted by war veteran MM and three Zanu PF youths on allegations of being an MDC sympathiser.

10 December 2005

Mrs. D a widow was allegedly harassed and intimidated and denied to buy maize-meal by CIO member, M and five Zanu PF youths at Gombo shops

because her son is being trained as a catholic priest whom they perceive as MDC members.

At Marondera Rural Council MM and family were allegedly harassed and displaced by war veteran BM and B being accused of supporting the MDC.

13 December 2005

In yellow city, JM and family were reportedly harassed and displaced by Zanu PF councilor Z and five youths for supporting MDC.

Again in yellow city it is alleged that CIO member M, Zanu PF councilor Z and four youths tortured an MDC activist, OM.

18 December 2005

DN an MDC activist purports that he was assaulted and displaced from place of resident by Zanu PF councilor G and five youths at Chitanda shops.

It is believed that at Cater farm Mr. M and family had their hut burnt and chased away from the area by two war veterans, S and K and three youths accused of being a sellout.

### **Murewa North.**

3 December 2005

In Chitowa 1, IK (MDC) was allegedly assaulted by three Zanu PF youths for being an MDC activist.

8 December 2005

It is alleged that at Dandara shops, CM who is an MDC activist was assaulted by MM Zanu PF activist over political differences.

12 December 2005

At Magaya Secondary School, PS an MDC activist was ostensibly assaulted by Zanu PF activist WM.

17 December 2005

At Kambarami Primary School TT and MD, MDC youths were allegedly assaulted by two Zanu PF youths, IT and AZ who were accusing them of being MDC activists and were denied access to buy G.M.B. maize-meal.

25 December 2005

For supporting the opposition MDC EC and JK were supposedly assaulted by three Zanu PF youths, CM. AD and TM at Guzha shops.

### **Seke**

11 December 2005

At Ruwa car park SB a Zanu PF activist was purportedly harassed and property worth one and half million destroyed by MDC activist, WM over political differences.

12 December 2005

It is reported that in Ruwa the police were harassing and issuing tickets to motorists without Zanu PF membership cards, one such victim is KE.

18 December 2005

At Ruwa Council hall it is alleged that MDC supporters led by MM were harassed, intimidated and their meeting disrupted by Zanu PF youths, led by MC.

At Dunstan farm CM (MDC) was presumably harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF activists led by KK over DDF tillage unit.

19 December 2005

In Choto village villagers were allegedly harassed and threatened by war veteran UB not to attend a funeral of a late MDC activist HG.

20 December 2005

At Gombe shops PR MDC activist was allegedly harassed and intimidated by two war veterans, PV and GF for denouncing the ruling party over economic hardship being faced by people.

22 December 2005

At Gombe shops CC MDC activist and GM Zanu PF activist are purported to have fought over political differences.

In Madiro village TK MDC activist and other villagers are believed to have been forced to attend Unity Day celebrations by JM Zanu PF councilor for the ward.

23 December 2005

At Gombe shops PG MDC activist was allegedly harassed and forced to remove MDC t-shirt he was wearing by war veterans, MH and CN.

24 December 2005

At Chirasavana shops MJ MDC activist was reportedly harassed and barred from buying sugar by shop-owner and Zanu PF activist, AM.

25 December 2005

At Michael farm MDC activist, WT and others were ostensibly harassed and denied access to agricultural inputs by Zanu PF activists, NN and JM.

It is alleged that at Chirasavana shops a Zanu PF activist was harassed and made to roll in the mud by MDC youths, led by PM.

### Mashonaland West

#### Mhondoro

1 December 2005

In Jemwa, GM (270 of Zanu PF was allegedly harassed by MDC's DZ in his effort to settle old political score.

13 December 2005  
it is reported that DK of the ruling party harassed MC of Chakwana village accusing him of erasing DK's name from the list of beneficiaries for mealie-meal.

18 December 2005

Zanu PF's Chief C is purported to have harassed TC of the opposition in Makono village accusing him of coming to the village to take land because MDC had sent people away from towns.

23 December 2005

WZ allegedly harassed JT of the opposition MDC on allegations of receiving money from the opposition MDC.

#### Manyame

5 December 2005

LS of the ruling party allegedly evicted MDC's AD accusing him of benefiting a from a stall market for Zanu PF supporters only.

10 December 2005

NS of the opposition MDC allegedly harassed AK of the ruling party as he accused him of not attending MDC meetings in the area.

15 December 2005

PN (MDC) allegedly harassed TN for aspiring to be a ward chairman yet he belonged to the ruling party.

#### Kariba

3 December 2005

MN of Lake Harvest was allegedly assaulted by EP (24) during a Christmas party when M was being labelled opposition.

#### Makonde

14 December 2005

Councillor M of Zanu PF purportedly harassed MK and Mrs C for failing to produce Zanu PF membership cards when they wanted to buy maize meal at the GMB.

26 December 2005

MM and VM of the ruling party allegedly assaulted NCA member PJ accusing him of wearing an NCA T/shirt in a Zanu PF constituency. The police did not act to the matter but advised the victim not to provoke Zanu Pf supporters.

#### Chinhoyi

13 December 2005

RK (Zanu PF ) and HM allegedly assaulted MM at Chinhoyi Hotel accusing him of exposing the corruption taking place within the council as they benefited from it. Despite reporting the matter to the police the victim also of Zanu PF was brought before the Zanu PF provincial executive and asked to withdraw his charges against the perpetrators.

31 December 2005

Zanu PF Alderman FM allegedly harassed SN of Zanu PF AL of MADC and AD of Zanu PF accusing them of not appreciating the allocation of vending stalls said to have been provided by the ruling party.

### Mashonaland Central

#### Guruve North

6 December 2005

in Chikwidibe village, ward 16, DT of Zanu PF allegedly harassed and assaulted SG of the same party accusing him of wearing an NCA T/shirt.

9 December 2005

FC of Zanu PF allegedly harassed villagers of Mutami village of not supporting his party by not paying council levies.

11 December 2005

S and TS purportedly harassed MDC's EA for refusing to join in their senatorial celebrations.

16 December 2005

TD of Zanu PF and other unidentified ruling party supporters allegedly labelled TS of MDC and also assaulting him accusing him of talking ill about the price increases of basic commodities.

### Manicaland

#### Buhera South

14 December 2006

Zanu PF activists led by M a war veteran allegedly assaulted RM a teacher at Chapanduka school and threatened to expel him from the school because they suspected victim to a member of the MDC.

18 December 2005

At Muchuwa village, H a policeman reportedly kidnapped and assaulted BM of the MDC whom (perpetrator) accused of mobilizing and recruiting youths into the MDC. Victim sustained a broken arm and a swollen face as a result of the assault.

24 December 2005

At Birchenough Bridge, SM member of Zanu PF and Police constabulary unit was allegedly assaulted by JS of the MDC in revenge for previous violence that victim inflicted on perpetrator and other members of the MDC in the area. Victim was threatened with further assault if he did not renounce his Zanu PF membership.

28 December 2005

ZM of Zanu PF reportedly assaulted and prevented an MDC member SM from enjoying the services of EM a commercial sex worker who is a member of the ruling party at Muzokomba.

#### Chimanimani

5 December 2005

At Nemapa village, village head NK and SM (Zanu PF) allegedly barred JM from paying his resettlement levy because he is a member of the MDC. Perpetrators reportedly took victim's money which they shared among themselves, claiming that victim and other MDC members faced eviction from the area.

6 December 2005

Zanu PF activists in Bvumbura ward who include DK, IM, NK, PS, and Mrs N the coordinator reportedly harassed VC and other suspected MDC members whom they threatened with assault and expulsion from the area. They claimed that this decision to expel or attack MDC members in the constituency had the blessings of MM the Minister of infrastructure development.

12 December 2005

In order to get a land permit in Nemapa village, village head SK and his brother NK allegedly forced JM and his wife, CD to publicly renounce their membership to the MDC and denounce the Party. They were also slapped with a fine of \$1 million.

15 December 2005

At a meeting held at Cashel Primary School, the Zanu PF councilor MB allegedly threatened to flush out all MDC members from the area by instituting re-registration and vetting of all settlers. M of the MDC

a villager in the area is already contemplating leaving the area in fear of the impending tsunami, since the vetting exercise has already started.

#### Chipinge South

1 December 2005

At Holland farm, suspected war veterans allegedly assaulted AM and five other MDC activists who were coming from a meeting in Chipinge. Victims were accused of singing anti government songs and disrespecting President Mugabe by refusing to take part in the senatorial elections.

2 December 2005

Zanu PF activists led by LS, the councilor for ward 7 with aid from KG, DM and B allegedly expelled an MDC member SK from his plot at Davora division and told victim to go and be allocated land in Britain by Tony Blair.

7 December 2005

The Zanu PF DCC chairman, one Cde M allegedly invaded and took over Magodo farm owned by MacDonald. RM, a farm worker was subsequently displaced from the farm. The perpetrator is living in the farm house despite the fact that the farm owner had not yet returned from holiday.

18 December 2005

After being surprised by the rate of price increases, JM of the MDC remarked that "*Mugabe ati uraya vakomana*" and was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF activists RT, EM and JM at Makwambeni shop.

#### Chipinge North

20 December 2005

A Zanu PF activist Z allegedly invaded Esperance farm despite

the farm not having been gazetted for acquisition. Z allegedly went on harass G the farm manager by destroying about two hectares of maize and cutting off electricity to victim's house and vandalizing the security fence.

23 December 2005

Two Zanu PF youths Y and P allegedly murdered VS of the MDC in a suspected case of a body organs trafficking since some body organs were reportedly missing.

28 December 2005

In an effort to corruptly resettle his cousins EP of Zanu PF who is also the sitting MP of the area reportedly tried to forcibly evict M and M who were occupying the farm house at farm 21, Middle Sabi. Perpetrator also forced M to seize operating a filling station at the farm and vandalized property at the farm.

29 December 2005

At Esperance farm, VS and a group of farm workers ganged up and assaulted TS, the son of Z who invaded the farm in an effort drive the invader out of the farm.

### Makoni East

5 December 2005

Suspected Zanu PF members driving in a party vehicle reportedly harassed C of the CCJP for wearing a T shirt emblazoned "end poverty" at star service station in Rusape where victim had stopped to inquire about fuel availability.

9 December 2005

Members of the ZIMAHEAD health club who include Mrs. M,

TB, SK and AM had their graduation fees worth \$10 000 000.00 converted by F a Zanu PF activist to his own use. The perpetrator reportedly labelled the women MDC members and further more he claimed that he would not refund the money since they had been sponsored by the MDC.

13 December 2005

At Chingono school, IN of Zanu PF reportedly removed VM, BM and eleven other villagers from the government agricultural inputs programme list because victims never attended Zanu PF meetings in the area.

16 December 2005

At Nyamande village, PK of Zanu PF, reportedly plotted and tried to have VK, a female acting village head dethroned by spreading malicious information that she had stolen grain bags from the village distribution centre. He also labelled victim an MDC member.

16 December 2005

Ward 18 councilor AM of Zanu PF allegedly accused close to 150 people from Ngorima and Gonakudzwingwa villages of being members of the MDC and subsequently barred them all from receiving seed maize under the government agricultural inputs programme.

19 December 2005

For failing to attend Zanu PF meetings, IM, RC, AM and BM were labelled as MDC members and barred from receiving seed maize under the government agricultural inputs programme by councilor for ward 18, GM at Changadzo market.

23 December 2005

A Zanu PF organizing secretary

PM allegedly asked DM a fellow Zanu PF and ward 22 chairman to resign from his post in the party because victim was associating with local development NGOs like Linkage and ZIMAHEAD.

### Makoni North

1 December 2005

A soldier, AM who was based at Nyangombe camp was allegedly tortured, court marshalled and finally dismissed from the army by a brigadier P for reportedly remarking that he was sick and tired of Mugabe's misrule.

2 December 2005

DM a trainee Environmental health technician attached at Rusape general hospital was reportedly ordered by the his supervisor to chose between pursuing his government sponsored training programme or having the sponsorship withdrawn by marrying his girl friend who is a well known MDC activist in the area. Victim was told that government does not sponsor MDC supporters.

6 December 2005

An unnamed Makoni District education officer reportedly refused to employ KM as a relief teacher because victim's mother is a member of the MDC.

10 December 2005

At Arnoldine Mission farm, PN was allegedly assaulted by fellow MDC activists led by KG after suspecting him to belong to the pro senate faction led by Welshman Ncube since victim shares the same surname with Welshman.

10 December 2005

At Inyati mine, a group of MDC activists led by PS allegedly

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destroyed maize crop belonging to PS a member of Zanu PF as punishment for barring them from benefiting from the government inputs programme.

10 December 2005

BN, a Zanu PF activist allegedly assaulted his brother SN for inviting his wife VN to attend an MDC meeting. Perpetrator threatened to divorce his wife for associating with members of the MDC.

16 December 2005

EM of the MDC narrowly escaped death after he was allegedly poisoned by two Zanu PF activists JS and TP. Perpetrators were reportedly heard saying "one down" after the victim fell seriously ill.

26 December 2005

The incumbent MP, DM allegedly deployed a gang of Zanu PF youths who assaulted NM of the MDC for refusing to salute DM at Headlands business centre after being ordered to do so by DM'S aids. Victim sustained serious injury to the head and back.

18 December 2005

Twenty three members of the God Cares church including their pastor DM, who were having a church meeting were allegedly pounced upon and beaten by a group of Zanu PF youths Zanu PF youths who mistook the church meeting for an MDC meeting. The church meeting was aborted .

22 December 2005

At Sachikonye farm, three families MS, MT and JM who are members of the MDC were allegedly expelled from their

plots by Mrs. S who was heard saying that "*hakuna munda unorimwa neMDC*" meaning that no MDC person should cultivate the land.

22 December 2005

At Ramsdale farm, JB was allegedly seriously assaulted by a group of Zanu PF supporters led by a war veteran, N for not raising his fist when responding to a Zanu PF slogan and for refusing to say "pasi neMDC"

25 December 2005

AV who is a member of the MDC reportedly ran away from home to an unknown destination after being harassed by a group of Zanu PF youths led by one GS who were singing chimurenga songs.

25 December 2005

After a clash between MDC activists and Zanu PF activists at Headlands village, police reportedly were very partisan as they arrested MDC members only like HP leaving out Zanu PF members like FG. It is reported that a member of the youth militia was telling the police who to arrest and who not to arrest.

### Makoni West

4 December 2005

Suspected Zanu PF activists allegedly stole some house hold property belonging to JG of the MDC. The perpetrator(s) left a Zanu PF card with details of victim nicely filled in. Incident happened at Chinyudze school.

7 December 2005

At Matsika periodic market maize distribution point, Zanu PF activist SM and NM

reportedly assaulted TZ and DM of the MDC as a lesson to all MDC members never to set foot at such events again.

11 December 2005

TN and ST of Zanu PF allegedly labelled GM of the MDC an enemy of the people of Dzvairo village and then seriously assaulted her. Victim was treated at St Theresa Hospital.

15 December 2005

RD and PK of Zanu PF went to BS and KS's house in Tsanzaguru and vandalized property worth more than \$25 000000 after victims who are members of the MDC ran away from the impending attack.

18 December 2005

MK and LU of the MDC were allegedly harassed and threatened with serious consequences for supporting the MDC by SZ and CR of Zanu PF. Victims were labelled as traitors who are selling the country to Britain.

21 December 2005

For claiming that on Unity Day, people celebrate the fooling of Zanu PF into being swallowed by Zanu PF, resulted in the abduction and illegal detention of two MDC activists DC and CG by FM and a war veteran DZ who locked them up for two days in a disused barn at Mutungagore.

### Mutare Central

3 December 2005

MC of Zanu PF allegedly beat up DK of MDC for saying that the senatorial elections were a total waste of resources since the senators will serve no value

to hungry Zimbabweans.

5 December 2005

Two Zanu PF ladies, Mrs. K and Mrs. G were reportedly labelled as MDC members by fellow party members Mrs. R and C because victims associate with MDC members. Victims were then denied the chance to participate in party restructuring process taking place then.

16 December 2005

NM of the MDC was reportedly attacked by a Zanu PF activist on his way home from Chigomba Bottle Store after victim was overheard complaining of the skyrocketing price increases and the low salaries earned by civil servants.

18 December 2005

Councilor for ward 8, BM of the MDC was allegedly attacked by a group of Zanu PF youths led by N, T and one Dread in the N section of Dangamvura. Victim was accused of selling out the country and refusing to follow Chombo's orders on council issues.

23 December 2005

At TNT Beta supermarket, WM of no known political affiliation was barred by SB the owner of the shop to buy maize meal after failing to answer some questions meant to test her membership to and knowledge of Zanu PF issues.

### Mutare North

13 December 2005

MM, the Minister of Infrastructural development allegedly threatened R of farm 22, Odzi with unspecified action if victim refused to give perpetrator free use of his farm equipment and

personnel to use on his farm. He (MM) claimed that the equipment belonged to Kondozi and not victim.

15 December 2005

Members of the dreaded Zanu PF youth militia allegedly disrupted an NCA meeting in Dangamvura area 3 and assaulted MM, GB, CM, and SM of the NCA. Victims were accused of holding an unsanctioned meeting in the area. Perpetrators also claimed that the NCA is banned in the area.

18 December 2005

CG of Zanu PF reportedly barred FT from buying maize meal at TM Sakubva supermarket because victim was wearing an MDC T Shirt underneath his shirt in full view of ZRP details who were manning the queue.

28 December 2005

CG, an infamous Zanu PF female foot soldier with a group of youths in tow allegedly evicted RB and family from his council rented accommodation at 118 McGregors section in Sakubva for failing to produce a Zanu PF card. The house was allocated to CG's Zanu PF friend.

### Mutare South

12 December 2005

For refusing to donate towards the Zanu PF conference, MM, RM and 35 families in Ziyera village were threatened by JJM of Zanu PF. He (JJM) claimed that since he failed to attend the conference all food relief programmes to the village would stop since no one contributed towards his cause.

17 December 2005

At Madziwana village, Mrs. M the acting kraal head and a Zanu PF

Coordinator allegedly removed AC's name from the GMB list so that victim could not buy maize because victim supports the MDC.

17 December 2005

At Gutukunhwa village, MT of the MDC and other villagers refused to render assistance to a fellow villager Mrs. G, wife of the village head after her house was destroyed by a rain storm because she and her husband are members of Zanu PF. MT had the cheek to tell victim that he could not render assistance since all his he had had been diminished by Zanu PF when it held senatorial elections.

21 December 2005

Mrs. M of Zanu PF and acting kraal head of Madziwana village reportedly assaulted Mrs. M of the MDC after victim queried why perpetrator had removed her name from the WFP food relief list of beneficiaries.

22 December 2005

At Madziwana village, acting kraal head Mrs. M reportedly told CM that as long as he remains a member of the MDC, she will make sure victim and others like him will never buy maize under the GMB scheme because she believes GMB belongs to Zanu PF.

### Mutare West

5 December 2005

War veterans, headman M and headmaster of Mukwada school reportedly dismissed the SDA for disrespecting Senator HC Marange by not telling school children to inform their

parents of a proposed rally at Berzely bridge that was to be addressed by the senator.

20 December 2005

At Gwindingwi school, M, a Zanu PF councilor together with the School development Committee fired EZ from her community job as a crèche teacher because she is a member of the MDC.

**Nyanga**

4 December 2005

ES, a church minister with the Elim Mission in Ruwangwe was reportedly forced to retire by RM a church elder and Zanu PF activist for allowing MDC members to hold a meeting within one of the halls at the school.

6 December 2005

An unnamed school headmaster of Sachiwo school and a Zanu PF Chairman called N allegedly told PM a member of the MDC to remove or transfer his children from the school since perpetrators fear that victim's children would influence other children into following the MDC.

6 December 2005

Chief M (Zanu PF) of Mukunza village reportedly chased CC, a school headmaster at Mukunza school after suspecting that he supports the MDC. It is further reported that the chief together with his aides hold kangaroo courts against civil servants in the area whom they suspect of supporting the MDC.

11 December 2005

At Munondo village, ER (25) was allegedly chased away from home by her mother JR, a staunch Zanu PF member when she (JR) realized that her daughter was a member of the MDC and she frequently attended party meetings in the area. The

victim attempted suicide by taking rat kill, but luckily survived.

12 December 2005

AC of the MDC allegedly poisoned and killed four goats belonging to TC, Zanu PF chairman in Kambudzi village. He also set on fire Zanu PF T shirts belonging to victim that were on the line in a revenge mission for victim's sustained efforts of denying perpetrator to receive seeds under the government agriculture support scheme.

18 December 2005

Councilor B of Zanu PF allegedly denied MK (65) a widow from Gande village with seven dependants to buy maize meal at Ruwangwe growth point admonishing her to go and get maize meal from Tsvangirai (MDC).

25 December 2005

The Member in charge of Ruwangwe Police station reportedly fired GN, a member of the police constabulary unit for arresting Zanu PF perpetrators of violence instead of MDC victims who had been assaulted as directed by the Member in Charge. The Zanu PF activists were immediately released by the Member in Charge and then dismissed victim from the service.

25 December 2005

Suspected Zanu PF activist allegedly damaged a car belonging to PN of the MDC when he visited his parents on Christmas day.

**Masvingo**

**Chiredzi North**

5 December 2005

At Zava Business Centre, a PAFA

supporter was allegedly attacked by Zanu PF youths led by war veteran M. The victim was wearing his party T/shirt which was torn and the goods he was carrying were confiscated by the same Zanu PF members.

12 December 2005

At Masekesa Business Centre it is reported that a PAFA member ZS was harassed and chased away by Zanu PF members led by war veterans F.

15 December 2005

It is purported that at Gudo Business Centre, MDC supporters VS and LN who were coming from a meeting were beaten up by Zanu PF youths led by F.

17 December 2005

MDC supporters at Gudo Business Centre who included MD and VC were ostensibly assaulted by some suspected Zanu PF supporters who were in a Mazda pick-up truck. It is alleged that after being beaten they were told to lie in muddy soil.

**Chiredzi South**

15 December 2005

A PAFA supporter, AG was supposedly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters led by M for allegedly not attending Zanu PF meetings.

17 December 2005

For having once beaten a Zanu PF supporter, TM was allegedly waylaid by suspected Zanu PF youths who beat him up and told him to relocate.

24 December 2005

At an MDC meeting at Old Boli, some supporters who included TC and ZD were beaten up by Zanu PF members led by M. Their

crime was that they had allegedly pretended to be Zanu PF supporters.

### Chivi North

20 December 2005

An MDC supporter, PM was allegedly assaulted at Chivi Growth Point by two police details PS and TV after he was heard commenting on government's queer priorities.

22 December 2005

For wearing an MDC bandana on Unity Day, NE was assaulted by Zanu PF supporters MF and others for allegedly failing to respect the day.

25 December 2005

At Rungai Township, TN for offering an opinion on why the MDC lost the senatorial elections was purportedly beaten up by a Zanu PF supporters DS.

### Chivi South

16 December 2005

MR and MT were allegedly denied food at Marozva by Zanu PF supporters led by OM who accused the victims of being MDC supporters.

20 December 2005

At SESE Township, villagers including TT and GM were supposedly harassed by Zanu PF supporters led by veteran J for having accepted Care International's fertilizer which they said should be a preserve of Zanu PF supporters only.

### Masvingo North

28 December 2005

In ward one, the councilor Mr. C was allegedly threatened by the people with dire consequences if he continued with his lack of performance.

### Zaka West

27 December 2005

At Chigakava homestead, for having voted for a PAFA candidate in the senatorial elections, MDC NT and AC were harassed by a Zanu PF supporter MM who also told them to leave the village.

## Bulawayo

### Pumula\Luveve

1 December 2005

ND of Old Luveve was harassed by suspected 'ZANU PF' supporters after they accused him of being a 'MDC supporter in Luveve Suburb.

Suspected 'MDC' supporters accused TS of mobilizing residents to support MDC leader in the battle for supremacy in the party at the expense of his rivals who are based in Bulawayo. Perpetrators warned victim of possible physical harm.

At Makoni Shopping Centre, MK an 'MDC' supporter was waylaid by suspected 'ZANU PF' supporters as he was coming from the shops and they accused him of having been celebrating 'MDC' candidate's victory by buying patrons beer at the shops. They further allegedly that he was the campaign manager for the 'MDC' candidate and threatened to him with severe reprisals if he remained loyal to the party.

2 December 2005

MB of Methodist villager was threatened suspected 'MDC' supporters for allegedly belonging to the 'MDC' President and of trying to mobilise villagers to form new 'MDC' structures to counter rival faction, however victim was ordered to switch allegiance.

Suspected 'MDC' supporters passed by Reggie Moyo's place also a 'MDC' supporter and left a note

accusing him of setting up 'MDC' structures parallel to dislodge pro-senate faction. The note accused the victim of working with outsiders at the expense of locals.

27 December 2005

Suspected 'ZANU PF' supporters harassed JM at New Luveve Shops after he was seen wearing a 'MDC' t-shirt.

## Midlands

### Gokwe Nembudziya

1 December 2005

SM was reportedly assaulted by Zanu PF youths because he was an MDC supporter. The victim was told to renounce his political party and then join the ruling party. The youths are alleged to have promised to come back and kill the victim.

20 December 2005

It is reported that CC of Wachekwa village was hit with a stone on the head for being an opposition MDC supporter. The perpetrator who is a former soldier AJ is said to have promised the victim that they did not want to see anyone in that area who is an opposition MDC supporter.

21 December 2005

JJ of Koju Village was denied to buy some maize. It is alleged that J was told by Mr. C that he was supposed to buy his maize from MDC and not from the ruling party. Choga who is an ex-soldier is well known for his arrogance against all opposition members.

### Gokwe

3 December 2005

Mr. MK an opposition supporter of Njeje whilst at the Red-Star intending to buy some sugar was spotted by members of the ruling

party lead by a well known youth N who then asked him why he wanted to buy Zimbabwean sugar. N was soon joined by some war veterans who then assisted in assaulting Kondo. Kondo was told to fly to Britain and buy some sugar in that country.

6 December 2005

JS of Njelele who had bought a bag of some maize seed at the GMB was stopped when he was trying to carry it home by Mr. PC. Mr. S's maize seed was taken away from him and was told that he [Mr. C] had not voted for a Zanu PF Senatorial candidate, he was not legible to be supported by Zanu PF .

8 December 2005

Mr. D M of Kana Secondary School was beaten . It is alleged that D was renting at Mr. M 's house who is a soldier, had gone to visit some friends. When D came back he found his property outside and some one was already in his lodgings .When he tried to inquire about what had taken place he was assaulted by his land lord ,Mr. M saying he did not know that he was staying with a sale-out , a member of the opposition.

11 December 2005

The Zanu PF Member Of Parliament for Gokwe Mr. L M harassed some Gokwe residents. It is alleged that the MP had asked for all names of those who had been affected by the operation *Murambatsvina* in the pretext that the MP was going to providing some help for them. After the names had been compiled he then called them and told them all that they were all MDC members and they were not going to get any help from the government.

12 December 2005

An opposition member of its youth wing NG of Rumhuma village George and UM a married couple was jealous of N. It is alleged that the couple hatched some plan to fix

N so that she would not get any relieve given to other villagers. It is alleged that they told the Kraal – head that N was a member of thee opposition who was causing members not to like the ruling party and also she was the one making it difficult for the villagers to get the relief in time as other areas.

13 December 2005

FR a well known Zanu Pf activist found an MDC card in her wife MK's handbag. Felix went and told his police officer friend who then accompanied him to his wife. Without suspecting anything Memory had received her husband 's friend cordially, instead the two friends started beating Memory together whilst the police officer was telling Memory that she wanted to damage the property of his friend. Memory was wounded and taken to police custody instead of being taken to the hospital.

### **Gokwe Sengwa**

9 December 2005

It is alleged that VC of Kasuwe Primary School who was the District Chairperson was suspended for attending an MDC meeting with his fellow opposition supporters.

MM who is a suspected opposition MDC supporter is purported to have had his field taken away by suspected ruling party supporters.

The victim is now living in fear.

15 December 2005

CM and TK of Boyi Primary School were supposedly denied the right to buy some maize from the GMB. The two were accused of being members of the opposition MDC.

### **Zhombe**

1 December 2005

Mr. TC an MDC supporter of Bee

Mine Primary School who was wearing an MDC T/shirt was ostensibly assaulted by TZ, a ruling party supporter.

4 December 2005

An MDC youth EN (female) was taken to a Zanu PF base camp by EM (Female). Upon arriving at the base camp the victim alleges that she was interrogated as to why she did not vote during the senatorial elections. The victim was released after six hours.

6 December 2005

It is reported that after the senatorial elections Zanu PF supporters went around harassing people by checking the names of those who voted and those who did not vote. VD, AT and JM all of Totororo Primary School who had not voted were allegedly harassed for not voting.

10 December 2005

Three locals from Mgandani Primary School JD, MN and NN were purportedly threatened with eviction if they were not going to vote for the ruling party.

11 December 2005

Mr. PD a member of the ruling party was allegedly assaulted by members of the opposition MDC party, MV and JN all of Navata Primary School. The victim was accused of supporting the ruling party.

20 December 2005

KN, ON and NM from Mugandani Primary School were purportedly threatened by members of the ruling party by eviction if they were not going to vote for the ruling party during the Senatorial elections.

### **Silobela**

3 December 2005

Mr. C of Cross Roads was allegedly denied to buy some maize from the local GMB. It is alleged that names of all those who are supporters of the opposition were forwarded to the Zanu PF high rank.

15 December 2005

It is alleged that two youths were beaten, EM and JM were beaten by three Zanu PF activists MC, EN and JM all of Ncwadine kraal were elected at a Zanu PF meeting where they were told to work tirelessly to return the constituency to Zanu PF from MDC.

24 December 2005

Supporters of the opposition MDC TM and JM were ostensibly assaulted. It is alleged that the two were assaulted by supporters of the ruling party after they told them that all people who were supporting Zanu PF were being manipulated and used for nothing.

29 December 2005

JN a school girl was supposedly harassed and intimidated after she had delayed to come to the Zanu PF meeting. It is reported that the meeting was meant to teach women about the spirit of politics.

### **Gweru Rural**

3 December 2005

It is purported that KN (MDC) of Hadebe kraal in Lower Gweru was harassed. The victim was harassed by JS and PC all suspected Zanu PF supporters being accused of being a member of the opposition.

17 December 2005

TM a member of the NCA at Matongo Compound had failed to attend a Zanu PF meeting when he was met by two Zanu PF activists BM and TM. The two perpetrators accused TM of helping the interests of MDC.

22 December 2005

Two suspected sympathisers of the opposition MDC were ostensibly beaten harassed by Zanu PF supporters CB and JM. The two victims were assaulted for commenting that the Unity agreement which was signed between Zanu PF and ZAPU was nothing that really matters.

### **Mkoba**

2 December 2005

PM of Mkoba 14 was allegedly assaulted by two Zanu PF youths JM and his friend. The victim was accused of putting on an MDC T/Shirt when she was intercepted by the two thugs who wanted her to take off her clothes in front of people.

6 December 2005

An opposition supporter TG was reportedly assaulted for wearing an MDC T/Shirt whilst he was drinking beer at Gwanura Township.

10 December 2005

It is reported that a couple that was walking past Vashandiri Training Centre where Zanu PF youths were holding their meeting were harassed. Mr. and Mrs M were told chose either joining the meeting or proceed and be beaten.

14 December 2005

KM of Mkoba 11 was allegedly told to take off her MDC T/shirt which she was wearing when she met Zanu PF youths.

18 December 2005

A Zanu PF youth SF of Mkoba 16 was purportedly harassed by Zanu PF youths who were forcing people to attend their meeting for not attending one of the meetings.

### **Chirumanzu**

14 December 2005

Mrs. M, Mrs. A and Mrs. C of village 9 Mavise Resettlement were supposedly denied some maize seed which were being given to newly resettled farmers. The women were accused by the Zanu PF ward chairman Mr. M of not attending Zanu PF meetings so they were not eligible to get maize seed.

22 December 2005

A Zanu PF supporter Mr. M was ostensibly assaulted by P for commenting that the Unity Accord signed between Zanu PF and ZAPU was meaningless.

24 December 2005

It is reported that Mr. GM of Mesa village and a supporters of the ruling party was told by an MDC supporter MS that he was a "British puppet" because he supports the MDC.

### **Shurugwi**

10 December 2005

Mr. TG an opposition party supporter alleges that he was assaulted by the ruling party youths after they had accused him of having stolen their property.

24 December 2005  
A ruling party supporter CM was purportedly beaten by a member of the opposition MDC JN for refusing to attend an MDC party gathering.

### **Zvishavane**

5 December 2005

A suspected member of the opposition MDC Mr. MM is reported to have had his house burnt with property worth over two hundred thousand destroyed. The victim is suspecting ruling party youths for having committed the crime. Among the suspects is BM who had always promised to fix him.

## SOUTHERN REGION

18 December 2005

MM a suspected MDC supporter was supposedly beaten by IM for failing to produce a Zanu PF membership card.

### Mberengwa West

13 December 2005

TM of Mudavanhu was allegedly tortured for over four hours by members of the ruling party TC and MZ. It is alleged that an argument ensued between the three about the high cost of living in the country. After being bored the Zanu PG supports then took TM to a secretive place at the river where they continuously dipped TM in the water several times for over four hours.

17 December 2005

Mrs. PT of Chegato area was suspected to be an MDC supporter. It is alleged that two Zanu PF sympathisers MT and RC who were distributing maize refused to give the victim because of her affiliation.

### Matabeleland North

#### Hwange

27 December 2005

SN was allegedly verbally abused by AN for supporting the MDC pro-senate.

30 December 2005

At the MDC offices, MP of the anti senate MDC faction was assaulted by SN of the MDC pro senate faction over the control of the offices. The matter was reported to the police.

#### Lupane

30 December 2005

At 1700hrs NS had just come from a Bulawayo Agenda Annual General Meeting and the Lupane Criminal Investigation Officers got a wind of that and approached N and accused

him of organizing to topple the government. They threatened him with unspecified actions.

### Bubi-Umguza

28 December 2005

LM and LN of Dimpamiwa Nkalakata village in Bhango area attended a meeting at the village head's homestead. The subject for discussion was the food distribution issue. K D, MK and MM's names did not appear in the food register and got angry and started accusing LM and LN of being members of the opposition MDC. They threatened to deal with them accordingly.

### Nkayi

26 December 2005,

NM, AD and RD of Nesigwe village were at Dumela bottle store when the riot police approached them and asked for the name of a civilian who had allegedly assaulted a police officer earlier that day. Before people could respond the officers started assaulting the revellers and N sustained a fractured hand and was taken into custody by the police.

27 December 2005

Mr DB, PD and JN were at D's homestead when the riot police arrived. They demanded to see T, D's son but unfortunately he was not home and this irked the officers who started assaulting the three severely injuring Mr D. This took place at 2200hrs at Amazwimabili, at Ngomambi South.

29 December 2005

CB, AB and BN of Mazenkane village, were at home at Seshanke when the riot police came and asked when the last MDC

meeting was held in that area. The three told them the meeting had taken place some three months ago but their response did not satisfy the officers who assaulted them and accused them of telling lies. Though injured they did not report to the police for fear of further victimization.

### Matabeleland South

#### Gwanda North

11 December 2006

It is reported that in Lumene-Enyandeni, NN newly settled farmer was given 48hrs to move out of the plot he was living in. On allegations that he had failed to develop the plot and that he was supporting to wrong party. Witnesses have revealed that the victim was targeted to make way for a ruling party official.

26 December 2005

Gonkwe Village, the MDC candidate for the senatorial election DM and 10 others were reportedly denied food brought in by G.M.B. They were told that they would not receive any food, and were insulted and harassed. The victims have since taken the matter to the District Administrator's Office

31 December 2005

PN was ostensibly stabbed by the assailants because he was wearing an N.C.A T-shirt. The eye witnesses' said that the perpetrators were ruling party supporters. The victim is still in hospital.

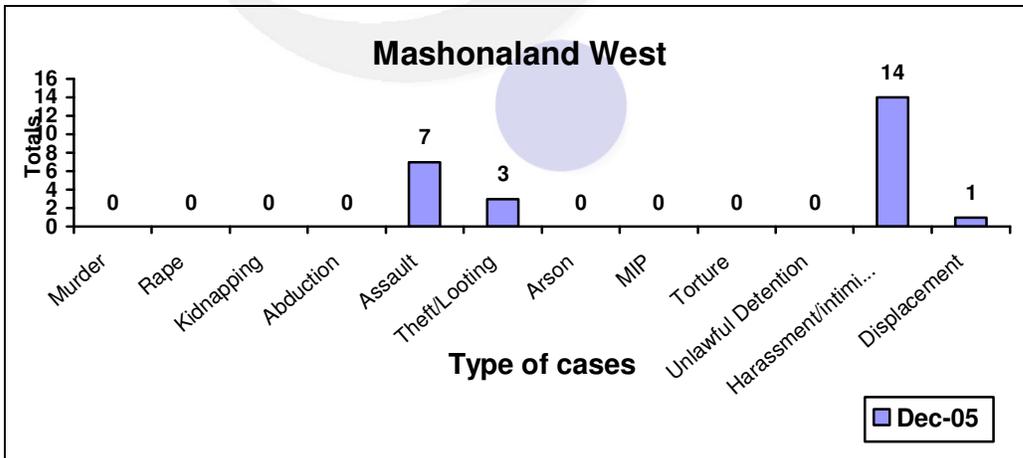
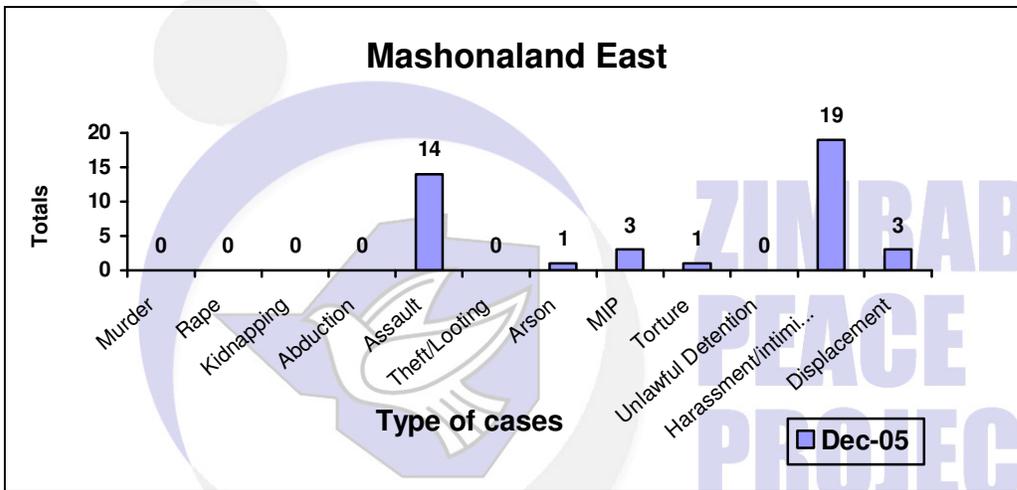
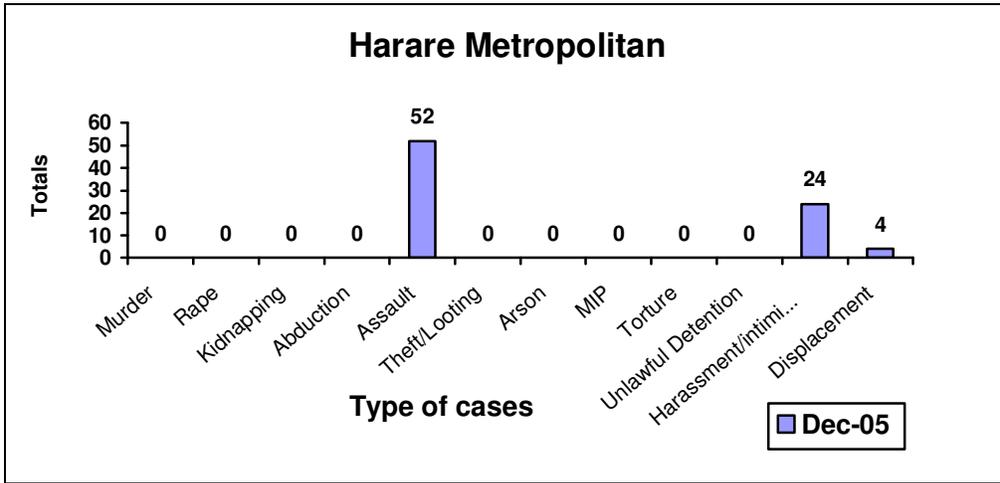
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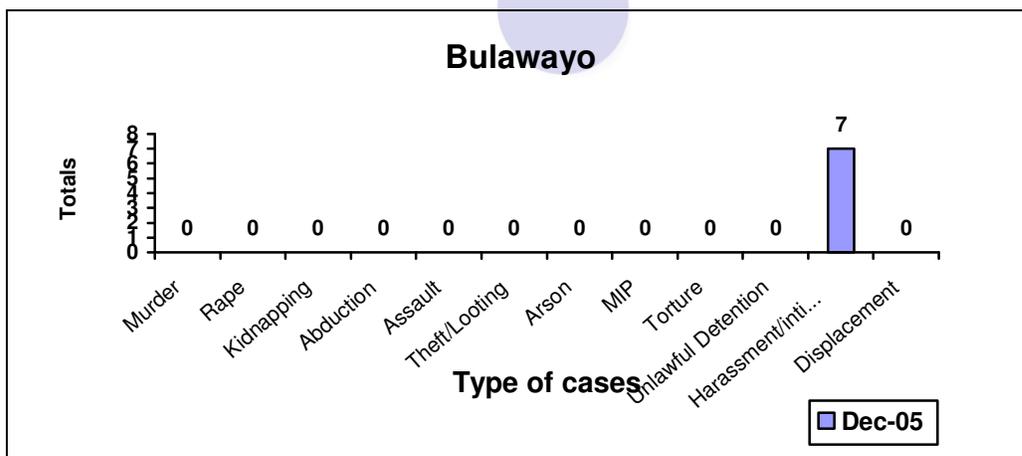
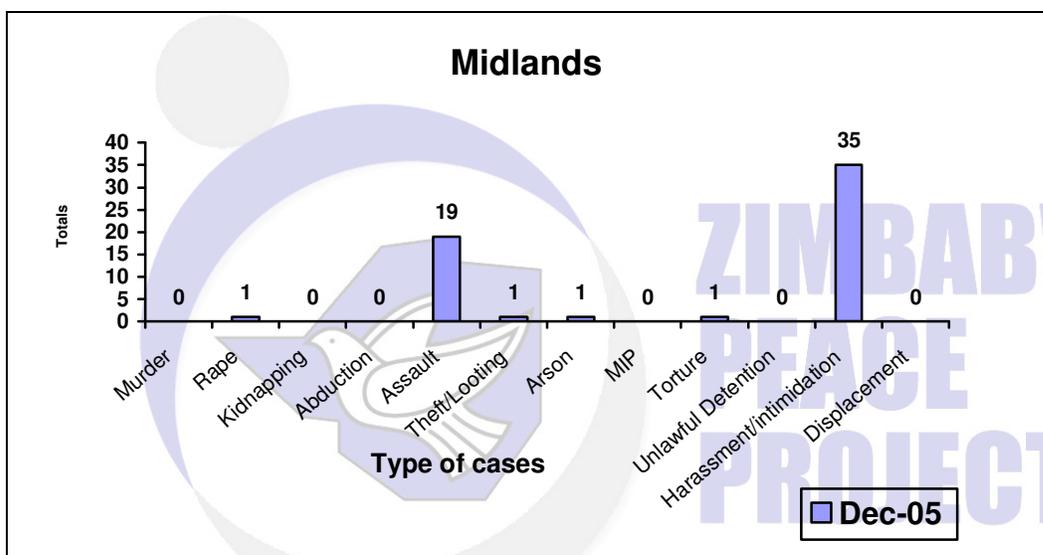
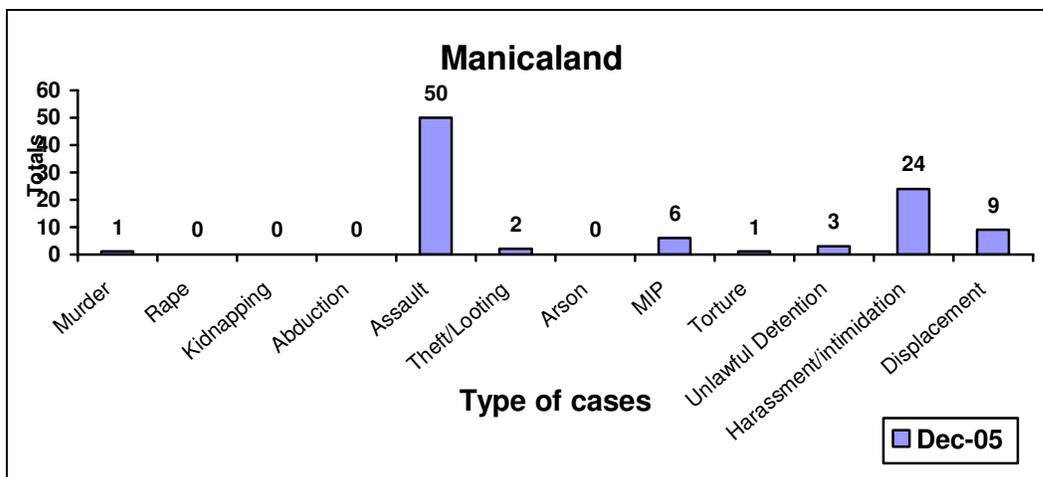
It is alleged that Zanu PF structures were given maize grain in Zhulube community hall as Christmas gifts and were encouraged to continue with the hard work of intimidating people. They were being addressed by Langa the M.P. The neighbourhood watch committee which is largely Zanu PF was given powers to confiscate valuable goods as investigation fees. Such happened to FS and VN. They have intensified their approach to the people with village heads looking up to the presence of the army in the community to help them 'guard' their areas. The people have come to be suspicious of each other and any new faces around them.



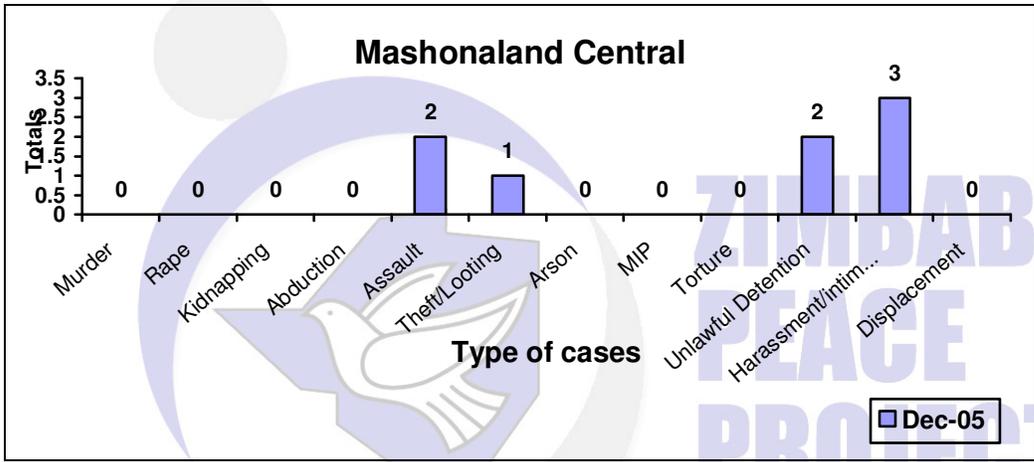
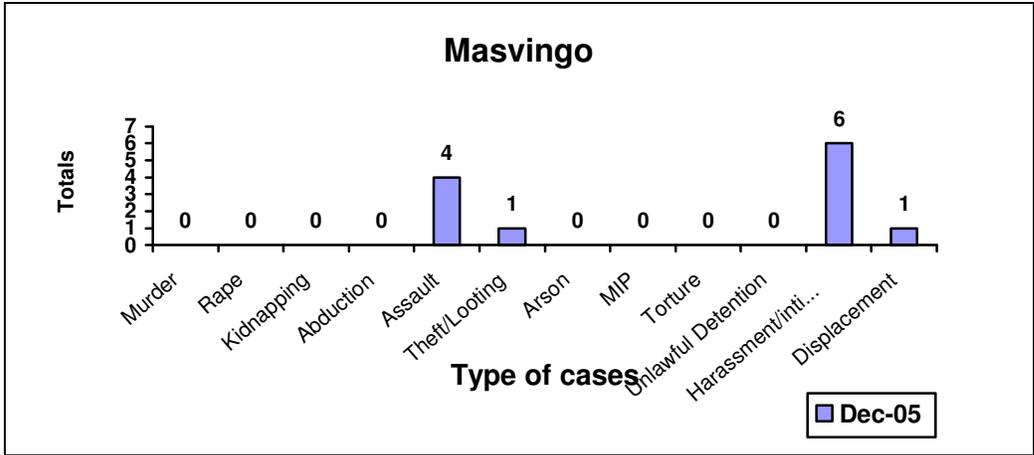
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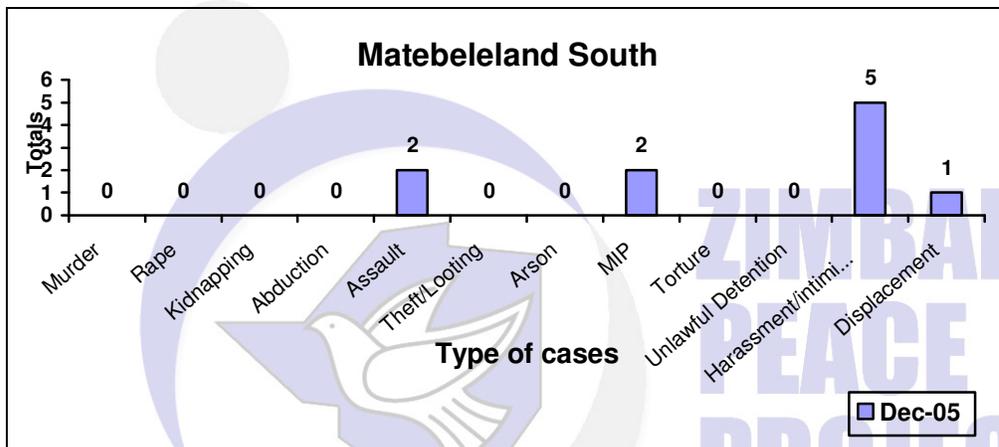
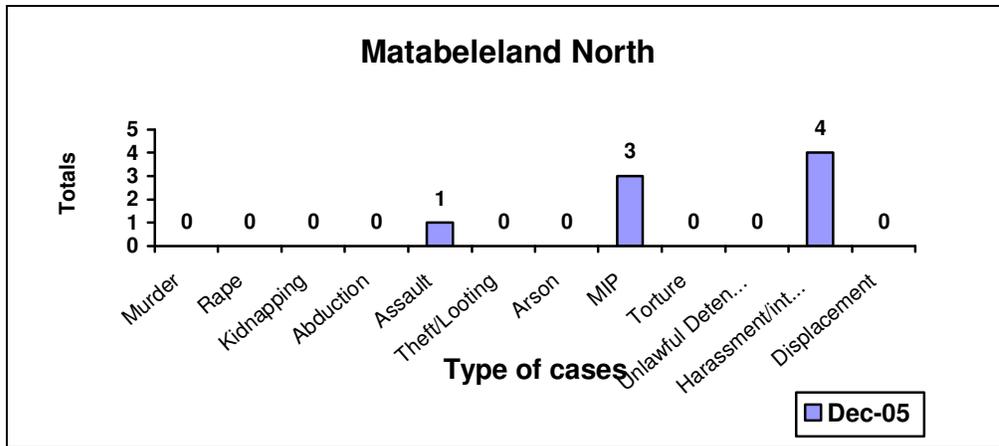
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The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly after

2000 by a group of Churches and NGOs working or interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives, and was to become a vehicle for civic interventions in a time of political crisis. In particular ZPP sought to monitor and document incidents of

## BACKGROUND & FORMATION

human rights violations and politically-motivated breaches of the peace e.g. violence.

Today, ZPP's member organisations include, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP), Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Liberators' Platform, Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust, ZimRights, Civic Education Network Trust.(CIVNET)

## GOAL AND OBJECTS OF THE ORGANISATION

ZPP was established with the aim of promoting peaceful co-existence and to help reduce political conflict and violence through monitoring, investigating and researching the causes and nature of violence and circulating widely the results of such activities. The organisation also aims to help resolve politically related conflicts, and to identify victims and perpetrators of

such conflicts, the former of whom will be assisted by being given any support they may require, e.g. legal, medical or material assistance. ZPP aims to work in cooperation with any authorities, institutions and individuals to achieve its objectives of curbing violence and upholding human rights.

### VISION

To see Zimbabwe transform into a society that cherishes the pursuit and realisation of justice, freedom, peace, human dignity and development.

### MISSION

To heighten the nation's socio-political conscience and senses of responsibility against violence and human rights abuses through information and practical interventions.

### GOAL

To reduce violence and human rights violations through community-based and national monitoring, documentation of cases of human rights abuses, and making partnerships and alliances that tap the expertise and assets of local communities and local and regional organisations that will help the attainment of sustainable peace and democracy in Zimbabwe.

## THE OBJECTS OF THE ZPP

- ➔ monitoring and documenting incidents of politically-motivated violence and human rights abuses
- ➔ To initiate and support projects which promote peace and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms
- ➔ To tackle political rancour and the tendency to commit violence and human rights excesses as a way of influencing electoral and political thought, and outcomes
- ➔ To initiate and promote public education concerning the benefits of pursuing, keeping and preserving the peace, social harmony and political tranquillity
- ➔ To identify victims of political violence and human rights violations and refer these to other institutions providing medical , legal, financial ,moral or other support
- ➔ Giving out timely , well researched and authentic reports on cases of human rights

- ➔ violations to other organisations, stakeholders and any individuals or organisations that may want to use the information for other purposes
- ➔ Providing an early warning mechanism to catalyse action to deal with situations that are likely to lead to breaches of peace and human rights violations
- ➔ Influencing policy decisions on issues of peace and human rights through issuing of policy briefs
- ➔ Increasing networking with community groups and local , regional and international organisation dealing with issues of peace , human rights, conflict resolution and democracy
- ➔ Improving the capacity of our community-based monitors in areas of research, information gathering and reporting
- ➔ To investigate cases of political violence and the violation of fundamental rights and

freedoms and institute legal proceedings against offenders as a way of combating lawlessness and impunity. The proceedings can

take the form of private prosecutions, court applications and actions.

## VALUES

ZPP believes in and upholds the following moral principles and standards:

- ▶ Democracy and good governance
- ▶ Rule of law
- ▶ Probity & accountability of public office
- ▶ Factual & credible documentation of human rights excesses
- ▶ The protection of individual group rights and freedoms, and the human worth.
- ▶ Non partisanship and impartiality in dealing with situations of conflict and human rights abuses
- ▶ Gender sensitivity and Equality of all mankind.

## ACTIVITIES

The organisation is engaged in the following activities to achieve its goals:

- Monitoring all forms of violence and human rights abuse and collecting data on conditions, practices and policies which affect the human rights, freedoms, dignity and livelihood of people, e.g. the availability or otherwise of food;
- Recording and documenting cases of conflict and human rights violations;
- Networking strategically with other organisations able to assist victims and perpetrators;
- Conducting follow-up investigations to gather enough evidence to build up water tight cases for purposes of litigation;
- Ensuring that certain verified cases of violence and human rights violations are litigated and perpetrators are punished; as part of an anti-impunity drive through the courts
- Providing basic counselling services for both victims and perpetrators of violence and human rights abuses;
- Training monitors
- Referring of victims of violence and human rights abuses to organisations better placed to offer relevant assistance;
- Researching on causes, degree, effects of violence and human rights abuses, and ways of eliminating and avoiding conflict and human rights violations;
- Promoting dispute resolution and conflict management interventions;
- Issuing policy briefs to influence policy decisions deterring the culture or institution of violence and human rights abuses.

## UNIQUENESS

The organisation's strength lies in the fact that it is perhaps the only permanent community-based civil society organisation with a country-wide grassroots presence. ZPP has two trained primary monitors deployed in each of the 120 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe.

The monitors are members of the communities within which they reside and work, and this gives ZPP the capacity to, among other things, 'sense' conflicts long before their symptoms spread.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The member organisations which formed the Zimbabwe Peace Project are:

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