

## The Executive Summary

The problem of politically-motivated human rights violations still remains one of Zimbabwe's major threats to democracy and enjoyment of civil and political rights by the country's citizens. Monitoring reports from the ten provinces of Zimbabwe reveal that a lot of cases of human rights violations were committed during the period under review- January 2004.

As shown in figure 1 below, a total of 305 assault cases were reported, while 68 cases of kidnapping were also reported. 95 cases of intimidation/harassment and 30 of malicious injury

to property were also reported. 3 murder cases and 4 torture cases were reported in the period under consideration. 13 cases of displacement were also reported in the period under review. Most of the recorded cases were perpetrated as a result of political intolerance by suspected members of political parties.

A trend manifested in the reports show that although most of the perpetrators of violence and other forms of human rights violations are members of political parties, most of them are linked to the ruling ZANU P.F while

others are linked to the opposition Movement from Democratic Change (MDC). Most of the reports implicate male youths from political parties as the major perpetrators.

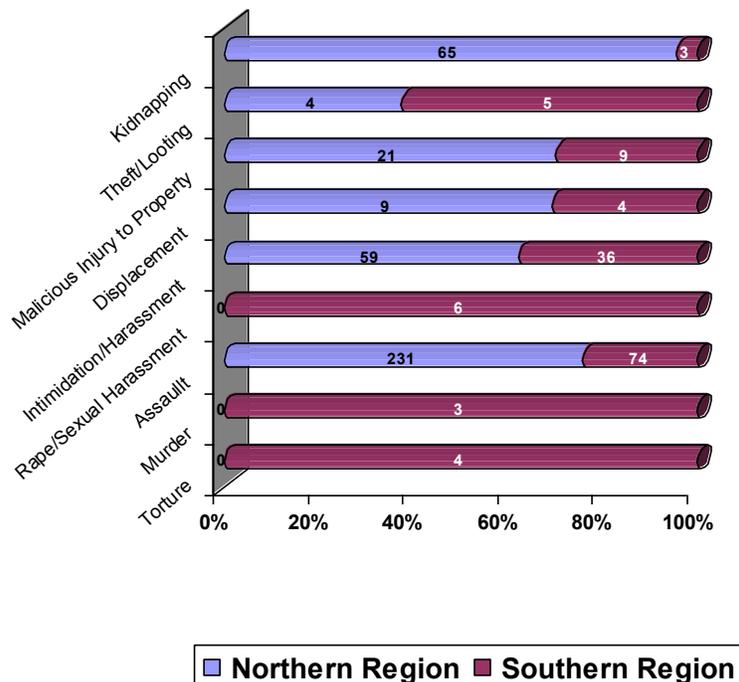
The reports also implicate graduates of the National Youth Services as causing havoc in most of the provinces.

Members of the police force and the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) have also been implicated in cases of torture, illegal detention and assault of suspected opposition members.

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**Figure 1: Comparison chart showing the human rights violations cases received from the Northern and Southern region during January 2004**



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A disturbing case in which a teacher from Vengere High School in Rusape was allegedly abducted and illegally detained at a Rusape home of a government Minister before being tortured by perpetrators who included the Minister, his aids and some ZANU P.F members only because the teacher was accused of distributing newsletters of an organisation called Zwakwana was also recorded.

Reports also show that members of other civil society organisations and churches are being targeted by suspected ZANU P.F members. Numerous cases recorded in which members of the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) were harassed and assaulted, a case in which a person wearing a t-shirt of the Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET) was assaulted and one in which a Reverend of the Methodist Church in Chitora area in Manicaland was chased away from a

church service goes a long way to show how some Zimbabweans are being deprived of their freedoms of choice and association.

Reports from Zengeza constituency in Harare province show that cases of assaults and harassment were experienced in the period under review as political parties were campaigning for the constituency's parliamentary seat in order to win in an election set for end of March 2004.

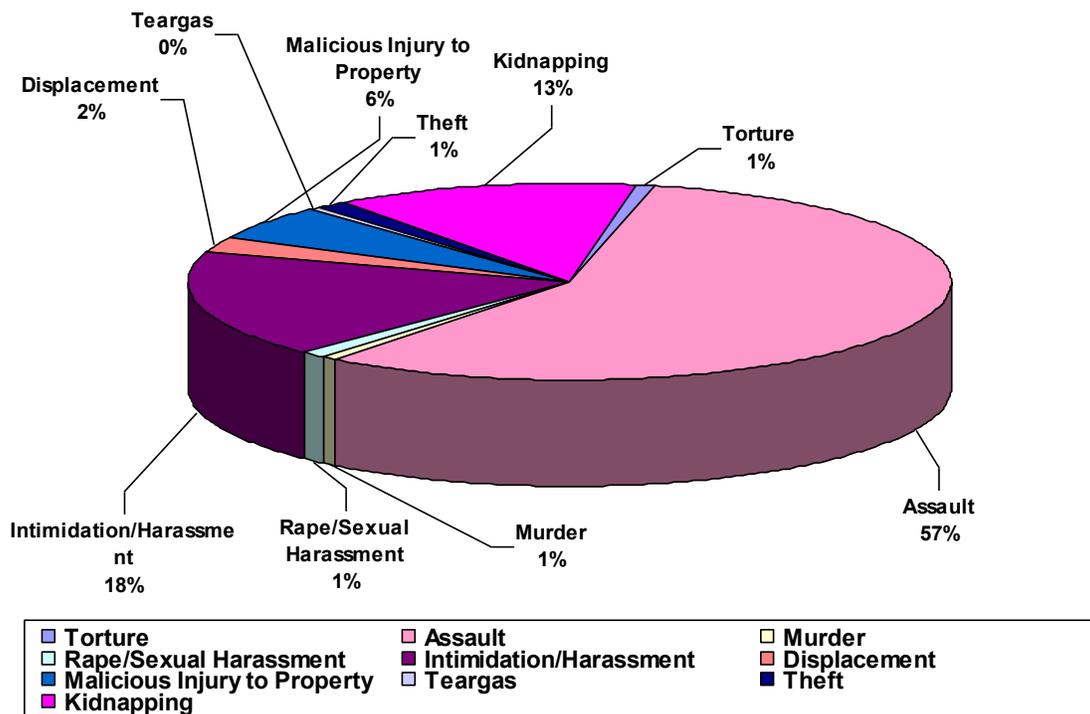
Cases of displacement are still evident in farming areas particularly in Mazowe and Chimanimani where suspected opposition party sympathisers are being chased from farms they acquired by suspected ruling party supporters.

Politicisation of relief food distribution, participation in food-for-work programmes and placement of

temporary teachers were also noted in the reports. Suspected MDC supporters in some rural areas like Gokwe are being denied access to food and seed because of their political affiliation. On the other hand qualified young men and women looking for placements as temporary teachers are being forced to produce certificates from the National Youth Training Programme to be considered.

Figure 2, below, which is a cumulative chart of the different forms of human rights violations for the period shows that 57% of the cases recorded were of assault, 18% of harassment, 13% of kidnapping and 6% of malicious injury to property. Murder, Sexual harassment and theft constitute a percentage each of the total number of cases recorded.

*Figure 2: Cumulative Chart of Cases of Human Rights Abuse*



## METHODOLOGY

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 of the 120

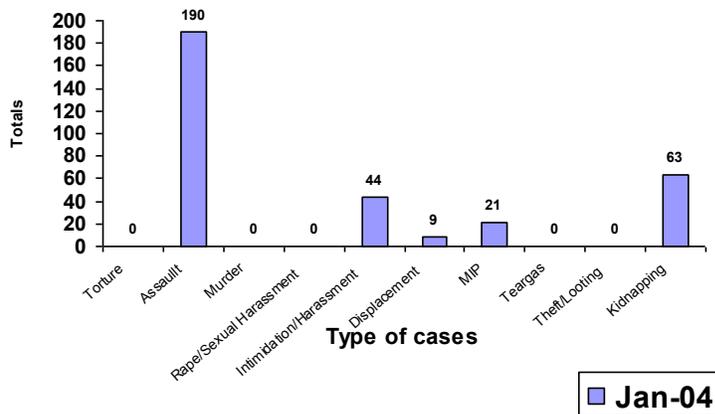
electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). These monitors reside in the constituencies they monitor. The monitors compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who head ZPP offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. After receiving and verifying reports from

the monitors, the provincial coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports that are used to come up with this report-the ZPP monthly monitoring report.

## NORTHERN REGION

### Mashonaland Central

Figure 3: Bar Graph of cases of Human Rights abuse reported in Mashonaland Central



### Bindura

2 January 2004

DM (32), a Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) supporter lost two front teeth after an assault at about 1530 hours by suspected Zanu PF supporters identified as Opnage, Paul and Dambiranwa at Mutandiri Village in rural Bindura. The three accused him of allegedly undermining the authority of the ruling party after he told them that there was no through road at his home when the trio wanted to pass through his home yard.

9 January 2004

A 28 year old man DC, an MDC sup-

porter was threatened with unspecified action at Chipadze Shopping Centre by a group of about ten male Zanu PF supporters aged between 20 and 27 at about 1200 hours. DC had just returned from Chikurubi Maximum Prison upon completing a 3 year jail term. The Zanu PF youths are alleged to have threatened to "finish him off" if he did not return to "exile".

12 January 2004

An NCA activist NC (35) of Chipadze was force-marched to, and briefly detained at Tendai Hall by a group of seven male Zanu PF supporters. She is reported to have been interrogated on her involvement in National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) activities,

and on allegations that she is a strong MDC supporter. No physical harm was inflicted on her person.

13 January 2004

GJ was allegedly harassed by suspected ZANU P.F supporters on allegations that she and an NCA official in the province were harboring MDC supporters. GJ was further ordered to provide accommodation to one of the Zanu PF supporters whose brief was to monitor her movements.

29 January 2004

Nzombe (35), an MDC activist allegedly assaulted HS (25) of Simona Farm at around 1000 hours on allegations that HS was part of a suspected ZANU P.F gang that causes terror in Bindura town.

A group of suspected ZANU P.F militias that was forcing people in Bindura town to attend a funeral of a deceased ZANU P.F stalwart, Mutandadzi, assaulted EC(30) and other gold panners at Garati farm.

27 January 2004

Following the death of the ZANU P.F councilor for ward 10 residents were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting held at Chiwaridzo Hall at 1800. hours.

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Terence Nhamburo, a known Zanu PF activist led a group of other party supporters who went on a door-to-door campaign forcing residents to attend the meeting.

### Mazowe East

5 January 2004

Irked by the fact that three MDC activists got land through the government's controversial land reform exercise GG (47), a Zanu PF supporter who acquired the eastern part of Brawlands Farm situated on the Harare-Bindura highway, reportedly slashed down 3 acres of maize crop belonging to the three MDC activists. The matter was reported to the police as well as the local chief but no arrests have been made.

MS (41) and EN (46) both affiliated to Zanu PF allegedly evicted TC (26) from Craigen Grower Farm near Glendale at around 1700 hours on allegations that he was an MDC supporter.

12 January 2004

Property and huts belonging to farm workers at Hamilton Farm, a farm acquired by MN (54) under the A2 model was torched by MN who alleged that the workers refused to work for him because their wages were below the minimum wage. He reportedly further accused the farm workers of being saboteurs and MDC members.

14 January 2004

MM(33), an irrigation attendant at Villa Franca Farm was allegedly harassed and accused of being an MDC member by a group of suspected ZANU P.F members after the group had asked him to repair a water pump at the farm and MM informed the group that it was impossible as there were no spare parts.

### Mt Darwin South

4 January 2004

TD (33) an MDC supporter at Nya-

mazizi Primary School was allegedly assaulted by a group of ZANU P.F youths at the instigation of the Officer in Charge of Dotito Police Station and war veterans AG, JN and DK. TD was accused of campaigning for the MDC and urging ZANU P.F supporters in the area to defect from their party. TD was hospitalised for a week at Karanda Hospital as a result of the assault.

8 January 2004

At Nyamazizi Primary School Gunzvenzve (50), AJ (53) together with a group of Zanu PF youths assaulted CM on allegations of associating with TD, the MDC secretary in the area.

19 January 2004

JM (29), wife to a deceased MDC activist murdered during the run up to the 2002 Presidential elections was allegedly assaulted and had her two blankets received from the Zimbabwe Community Development Trust (ZCDT) burnt to ashes by TK (45) and JK both alleged Zanu PF supporters who accused her of being an MDC supporter.

At Chibara School MM was allegedly assaulted by a Zanu PF member Kitsiyatota (55) for inquiring about the dates for the next Presidential elections.

EC (42), a kraal head was reportedly assaulted at Mangava School after he refused to contribute money towards the exhumation and re-burial of remains of freedom fighters thrown down disused mine shafts during the war of liberation. War veterans Buffalo, Nine and Wilson Chitsato led the assault.

### Mt Darwin North

9 January 2004

Kadoma Village, Nyamasvisvi

RM (35) an MDC member residing at Chakanetsa School was allegedly abducted and assaulted by a group of Zanu P.F youths led by Chibondo (29).

The victim was assaulted after he asked for directions to Mudzengerere Shopping Centre where rumour had it that there was an MDC youth meeting.

12 January 2004

### Nembire Shopping Centre

EN (29), an MDC sympathizer was reportedly abducted by a group of Zanu PF youths led by GG (35). The victim was accused of being an MDC agent who needs constant monitoring to "neutralize" him as elections draw closer.

22 January 2004

### Mutungagore Growth Point

MT (21) reportedly led a group of Zanu PF youths in assaulting MW (38), a teacher at Nyamaswau School. The victim was accused of being an MDC supporter after he was heard criticizing the President. He was assaulted in front of his colleagues on their way home from work. The case was reported to the police but nothing was done.

29 January 2004

### Chabvamuvhu Village, Mamaswau

MS (32), an MDC member was allegedly assaulted by GR and GC who were in the company of 6 Zanu PF youths. The victim was accused of being an MDC member and of blaming the current economic hardships on the government. A report was made to the police but no arrests were made.

### Shamva

1 January 2004

### Shamva Gold Mine Bar

JT and KW, both workers at Shamva Gold Mine were reportedly assaulted by AN for failing to produce invitation cards at a New Year's party organized by Nicholas Goche, the Member of Parliament for the area.

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7 January 2004

### *Shamva Gold Mine*

BG (37), an NCA constituency chairperson was force-marched to a Zanu PF office at Wadzanai Township where he was harassed and intimidated by Moses Phiri (36) and Makamba (28) of Zanu PF. The victim reported that he was made to sit down on wet and muddy ground. The perpetrators wanted him to declare that he was an MDC spy.

25 January 2004

### *Nyamaropa Township, Chief Bushu*

KK (35) was assaulted by a group of Zanu PF youths led by Chamunorwa (34) on his way to board a bus to Harare. The victim was accused of being an MDC supporter because of the numerous trips he makes to Harare.

## **Mashonaland West**

20 January 2004

MD an MDC supporter had his home allegedly petrol-bombed by war veterans for his political persuasion.

26 January 2004

AC was reportedly assaulted and left for dead by Zanu PF youths after they found him in possession of MDC membership cards.

### **Kadoma East**

15 January 2004

IB and TD were allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters for being MDC youth leaders.

20 January 2004

JM (30) and CC (38) of MDC were allegedly beaten up by Zanu PF youths at a beer hall for printing MDC t-shirts.

27 January 2004

MB and AT, both MDC supporters attacked a house belonging to RM of Zanu PF accusing him of beating their colleagues. Some window panes were destroyed in the fracas and the case was reported to the police.

### **Kadoma Central**

7 January 2004

CS was allegedly beaten up by suspected Zanu PF supporters for wearing an MDC t-shirt. He was taken to hospital for treatment but he was not treated and the police did not arrest the perpetrators.

12 January 2004

S and L were assaulted by suspected Zanu PF youths for wearing Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET) t-shirts. The perpetrators argued that Zimcet was a wing of the opposition, therefore the two were opposition supporters.

18 January 2004

MM was allegedly beaten up by MDC supporters for wearing a t-shirt written, "No to Mass Action".

23 January 2004

EM was reportedly assaulted by suspected ruling party supporters in front of the police in ward 2 where people were buying maize and he was denied permission to buy the maize. The victim collapsed and his wife was called to get him and the police did nothing.

### **Mhondoro**

15 January 2004

CM (29) had her house allegedly burnt by two suspected Zanu PF men who had earlier on threatened her and accused her of supporting the opposition MDC.

### **Makonde**

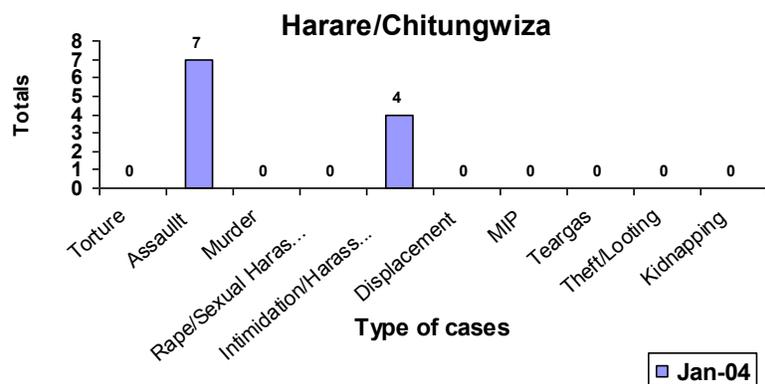
20 January 2004

FN and DC were reportedly beaten up by a notorious ruling party vigilante group called "top six" at Highbury Estate for allegedly not supporting the "top six" in taking up farms from their owners. However, the six were arrested and are out on \$10 000 bail each.

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## Harare

**Figure 3: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Harare and Chitungwiza**



### Kuwadzana

11 January 2004

DM was assaulted at Kuwadzana 4 shopping centre by JT after the former was heard by the latter making remarks in support of the arrest of Chinyo Member of Parliament, Mr. Phillip Chiyangwa.

### Harare Central

22 January 2004

KZ, TC, TM were harassed and threatened by some suspected war veterans at Fourth street bus terminus after KZ was spotted holding a copy of the *Daily News* newspaper.

24 January 2004

BZ and AC were assaulted and chased away from a bottle store at Kuwadzana 6 Shopping mall by suspected war veterans after they criticised the going of people like Joseph Chinotimba to the Africa Cup of Nations Tournament in Tunisia at the expense of soccer players like Edi Mashiri.

### Dzivarasekwa

19 January 2004

At around 2200 hours suspected Criminal Investigations Department (C.I.D) operatives raided a tuck-shop along 26<sup>th</sup> street in Warren Park D and beat up everyone who was around under the guise that they were looking for illicit drugs.

### Mabvuku

24 January 2004

Some police officers raided a house in Old Tafara under the guise that they were looking for JM and when they did not find him they harassed and verbally abused the occupants of the house and threatened them with arrest.

### Kambuzuma

13 January 2004

About 10 alleged Riot Police members broke into a National Constitutional Assembly meeting in Kambuzuma Area 5 and beat up everyone at the meeting. The NCA chairperson for the constituency was taken away by the police and was thoroughly beaten and left unconscious at a road-side at Joshua Mqabuko Heights.

18 January 2004

CD, GJ, and SG were assaulted by suspected ZANU P.F members at Southerton shopping centre after they were seen putting up Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) posters.

29 January 2004

LT, JZ, EJ, JC, were assaulted at Mutimukuru shops by a rowdy group of suspected ZANU P. F sympathisers who were allegedly celebrating the release of Phillip Chiyangwa from Harare Remand Prison.

### Zengeza

11 January 2004

KK was allegedly dragged to a bush and beaten up by suspected members of the MDC for allegedly selling ZANU P.F membership cards in Zengeza.

24 January 2004

A group of suspected ZANU P.F supporters went on an alleged violent door-to-door campaign for their candidate for the forthcoming by-elections in Zengeza harassing residents without ZANU P.F membership cards.

### Mbare East

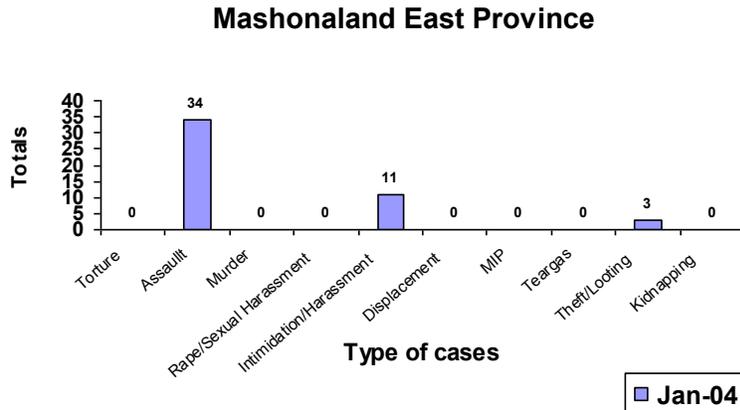
13 January 2004

A vigilante group, "Chipangano" allegedly went on the rampage confiscating wares from vendors at Mbare vegetable market. Many vendors lost their wares and some were assaulted in the process.

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## Mashonaland East

Figure 4: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Mashonaland East



### Chikomba

10 January 2004

A Zanu PF supporter DM was allegedly assaulted by three MDC youths allegedly in retaliation for assaults they suffered at the hands of Zanu PF youths during the 2002 Presidential elections.

14 January 2004

OM, an MDC member was reportedly assaulted by two Zanu PF youths at Muriwo Village.

19 January 2004

At Samashura Village SU an MDC member was said to have been assaulted by JM for having an MDC badge.

25 January 2004

MR an MDC supporter was reportedly assaulted by three Zanu PF members M, NG and TM at Sengwe Bottle Store on accusations of influencing people to vote for MDC.

### Goromonzi

10 January 2004

At Chinamhora Village AC was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF members C and PG for refusing to take up a post at a Zanu PF meeting.

TM was reportedly assaulted by Zanu PF youths for refusing to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

### Hwedza

10 January 2004

NM, an MDC member was reportedly assaulted at Chamatendere Township by JM a Zanu PF member for having an MDC membership card.

15 January 2004

LM was said to have been harassed by two Zanu PF members TM and MU for putting on an NCA t-shirt.

20 January 2004

HM, an MDC member was purportedly assaulted by two Zanu PF members, JM and NM at Mashaya Village for commenting on the land reform

programme.

28 January 2004

TN was reportedly assaulted at Makwarimba Township by three Zanu PF youths PG, GN and MG for having a copy of the banished *Daily News* newspaper.

### Marondera East

12 January 2004

JT was threatened and harassed by four Zanu PF members TN, OM, SM and LG at Mashakata Primary School.

23 January 2004

LG of Waddilove School was assaulted by four Zanu PF members for telling people to change their attitude at a National AIDS Council (NAC) workshop on AIDS. She was accused of trying to mobilize people to join MDC.

24 January 2004

EM was assaulted at Dombi Secondary School by councillor Jeché of Zanu PF for holding a meeting without the councillor's approval.

### Marondera West

15 January 2004

NM, of the MDC was allegedly assaulted by seven Zanu PF youths at Mahusekwa Township.

17 January 2004

BG, an MDC supporter was allegedly harassed and his 2, 50 kg bags of fertilizer were taken away by SK of Zanu PF in Chief Nenguvo area allegedly for supporting MDC.

19 January 2004

CM, an MDC member was reportedly assaulted by war veteran KM who forced him to attend a Zanu PF

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PF meeting.

20 January 2004

NM and JM had their property worth \$825 000.00 vandalized by suspected Zanu PF youths at Chiota Township for supporting MDC.

21 January 2004

TM of Zanu PF was assaulted by other Zanu PF members LC and MM at Bumburwi School for cheating at a food distribution point.

22 January 2004

At Chihota Township TM and SM were reportedly assaulted by three Zanu PF youths TR, MT and SM for supporting the MDC.

23 January 2004

KM was harassed by TK, GM and TC of Zanu PF after being found in possession of a copy of the *Daily News* newspaper.

### Murewa North

4 January 2004

Headman MN was reportedly assaulted by N and M of Zanu PF at Maranyika village over a boundary dispute.

7 January 2004

HM and MM of Zanu PF were assaulted by Zanu PF youths led by HN and nine others for not attending a Zanu PF meeting at Nazare Jamu village.

12 January 2004

D and FH of Zanu PF were allegedly assaulted by other Zanu PF members JK, RD and twenty villagers at Musoni village for selling dip tank chemicals.

15 January 2004

FC of Zanu PF was reportedly as-

saulted by BM also of Zanu PF at Matenha village for trying to diffuse tension between BM and TD.

### Murewa South

6 January 2004

AK of Murewa kraal was reportedly beaten up by Zanu PF youths led by SM for converting money donated by the group to his own use.

ZM of MDC was reportedly assaulted by WC of Zanu PF over a land dispute.

18 January 2004

LK of Zanu PF was assaulted by three unknown MDC youths from Magaya area in Chikuvira Village.

### Mutoko South

14 January 2004

TK, a suspected MDC sympathizer was allegedly harassed by SH and JM at Corner store and was denied access to sell his produce at the centre.

19 January 2004

RM, a suspected MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by neighbourhood police and MC at Village 4 on suspicion that he was a robber.

### Uzumba-Maramba-Pfungwe

5 January 2004

MS and MR, both officials of the Ministry of Education were reportedly harassed by two Zanu PF youths MR and MT and were ordered not to employ temporary teachers who did not pass through the National Youth Service Training.

17 January 2004

At Patsika village NT, FR and M S were threatened and reportedly displaced by Zanu PF youths led by TP.

19 January 2004

At Nyanzou village NC was intimidated by Zanu PF youths led by FN.

## Manicaland

### Makoni West

15 January 2004

TM a teacher at Vengere High School was allegedly abducted by Zanu PF youths in broad daylight. He was reportedly taken to Minister Didymus Mutasa's house in Rusape where he was allegedly tortured and brutalized by Mutasa on allegations of distributing "Zvakwana Newsletters". He was threatened with death and his property was forcibly removed from his lodgings in Vengere.

### Mutare North

10 January 2004

JS (65) and wife R were reportedly assaulted for not attending Zanu PF meetings. He sustained a fractured jaw. The assailants WN, CS and SN also stole the victim's plough worth \$500 000.00.

FM, TM and TM have reportedly harassed the M's family and subsequently denying the family food relief because his son had given him an MDC t-shirt. He was given three months to vacate the area.

At Kondozi Farm war veterans are denying those without Zanu PF cards the right to visit or pass through the farm. GM was severely assaulted because he did not have the party card.

### Mutare South

Rev. S of the Chitora United Methodist Church was assaulted and chased away from the Parish by Zanu PF supporters.

7 January 2004

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MM was threatened with assault and eviction for failing to attend Zanu PF meetings.

In Zimunya Township CM was refused her right to register for a “food for work” programme because she supports MDC.

### Nyanga

5 January 2004

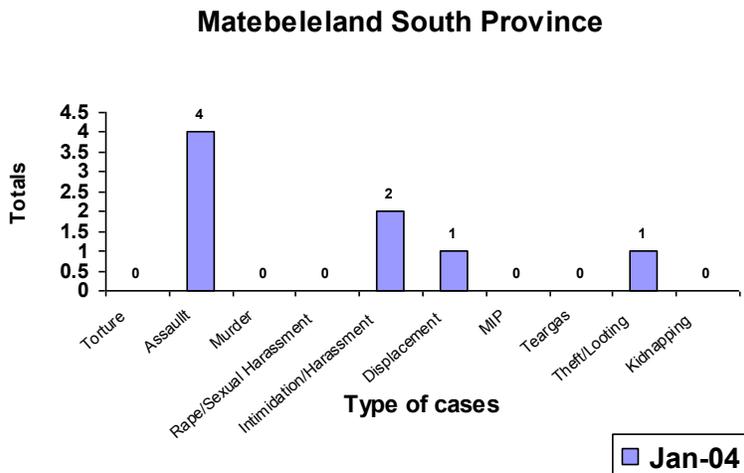
KK was accused of distributing MDC flyers and was assaulted with iron bars and his \$10 000 taken away by KM and RM all Zanu PF youths.

24 January 2004

The Zanu PF party activists disturbed the distribution of maize to orphans in ward 19 because the party was not consulted first.

## Matebeleland South

Figure 5: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Matebeleland South



### Insiza

12 January 2004

LM and her husband, a civil servant and member of the MDC were allegedly threatened with death and asked to leave their home within 24 hours by AL of Zanu PF. The victims reported their case to the police who advised them to leave the town as they were not going to be protected.

### Gwanda North

MM was assaulted by two war veterans AK and NN at Gwakare Business Centre for purportedly insulting war veterans.

3 January 2004

AM a member of the NCA and ST of the MDC were reportedly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters a day after an MDC rally at Silezi Business Centre. The victims were threatened with further beatings if they reported the case to the police.

16 January 2004

Five Zanu PF members allegedly went to GN's house and accused

MM, MN and JN of being MDC members. Fighting broke out and the three were injured.

24 January 2004

EN, ED, JD were labeled as sell-outs by ruling party supporters in the area as they belonged to the MDC and their names were to be removed from beneficiary lists for food relief.

## Bulawayo

### Pumula East

3 January 2004

JM was insulted, pushed and shoved out as she was barred from entering Ingwegwe Primary School where registration was in progress for Basic Education Assistance Module (BEAM) as the perpetrators charged she was MDC hence did not qualify to be registered.

### Cowdray Park

3 January 2004

War veterans and Zanu PF supporters reportedly assaulted LM after accusing him of being an MDC activist who under-

mines the Zanu PF government.

### Luveve Beit Hall

3 January 2003

LM was assaulted by Zanu PF supporters and war veterans for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

6 January 2004

OK was way-laid by suspected youth militias as he was leaving Chigumira Shopping Centre. He was accused of being the organizer and contact person for MDC and NCA activities in the area.

17 January 2004

Zanu PF supporters assaulted LH for being an MDC supporter.

### Magwegwe North

7 January 2004

Some youths wearing MDC t-shirts assaulted ZM a Zanu PF member after accusing him of belonging to the ruling party.

### Old Pumula

*Gumtree*

18 January 2004

RM and FC were reportedly insulted and assaulted by GG and three ZANU P.F supporters when they were head discussing about MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai's treason trial.

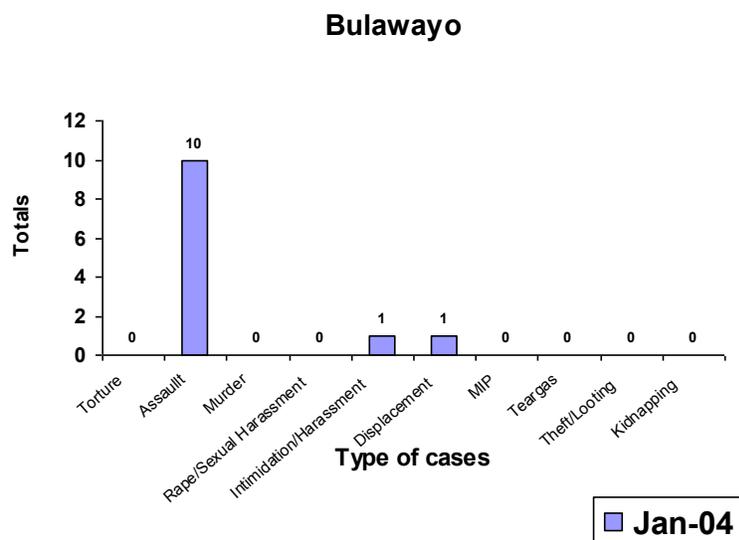
*Robert Sinyoka Village*

22 January 2004

ES was accused of causing confusion in the area by the youth militias for allegedly telling people that the subsidized mealie-meal was not from the government but from the donors instead. He was labeled an MDC supporter and was barred from attending community meetings.

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**Figure 6: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Bulawayo**



### Matebeleland North

Four people died in the province as a result of torture during this reporting period. Two were allegedly tortured by members the police's Criminal Investigations Department (CID) and one former teacher died from fatigue from the torturous military training at Kamativi National Service Training Programme and the fourth one had been ailing since subjection to torture during the presidential election campaign of 2002.

#### Binga

Three people were allegedly tortured during interrogations by some members of Binga ZRP's CID department. LM of Nsenga died a week later, TM of Samende died three days after the torture. BM was allegedly subjected to torture and three layers of her sole skin were peeled off and as a result she can hardly walk.

Chief S a well respected traditional leader was assaulted by a Kamativi National Youth Service graduate, GM on accusations of being an opponent of the government.

SC a community health worker was advised by staff at the Ministry of Gender offices to go and get her monthly

allowance at Kamativi National Youth Service. She went hoping to get her monthly allowance but was detained and forced to join other trainees. She was not allowed to leave the camp for almost nine months. She was released in January 2004 and she is pregnant.

#### Hwange East

Suspected MDC supporters in Victoria Falls attacked a group of National Youth

Service trainees at their camp causing a melee which was only to be stopped by the Police Support Unit.

WM was evicted from his lodgings by some National Youths Service graduates who were demanding his head.

#### Hwange West

Prisca a victim of torture during 2002 Presidential campaign died on 2 January 2004. She was tortured during the Presidential election campaign period whilst she was pregnant. She gave birth to a deformed baby as she was assaulted with iron bars on her back and fractured her back and was burnt all over the body. Solidarity Peace Doctors went to Hwange every week where Prisca was undergoing counseling and physiotherapy together with her baby.

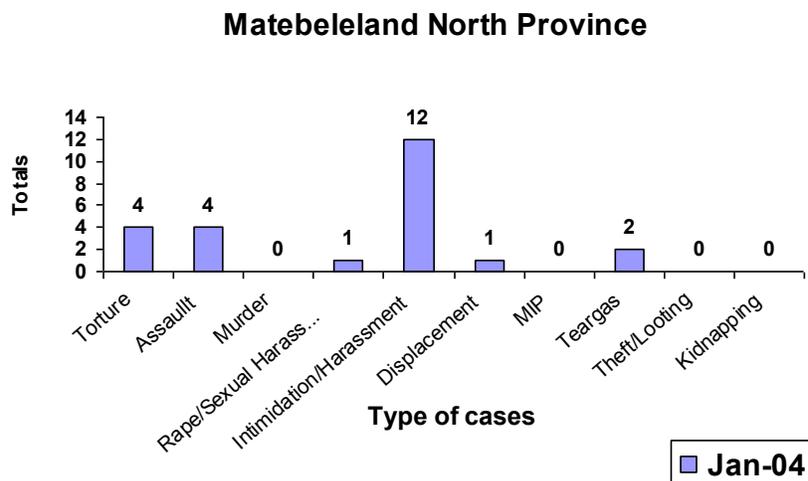
#### Tsholotsho

Three pastors and other church leaders were harassed by police for organizing a memorial service in honour of the late human rights activist Johnson Sibindi who was allegedly murdered by suspected war veterans.

#### Nkayi

After having won the ward 19 by-elections on an opposition ticket in November 2003, SM has been

**Figure 7: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Matebeleland North**



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unlawfully arrested more than four times. Villagers from his ward are being denied access to GMB maize.

## Bubi – Umguza

JM who also turned out to be a victor in the November 2003 by-elections for ward 3 is allegedly being harassed by his opponents. He was assaulted and the same assailants are also reportedly harassing him.

## Masvingo

3 January 2004

### Chegwiti Resettlement

MK, an NCA member was assaulted by KN who charged that the NCA is the same as the MDC.

Pius Kunedzimwe assaulted PM for not attending a Zanu (PF) meeting. PM was accused of being an MDC supporter.

20 January 2004

### Musarakufa Village

OM was beaten by DM for having prayer gatherings which DM said were MDC gatherings.

### Chivi South

5 January 2004

### Marozva Village

Some National Youth Service youths under the instructions of Mureriwa stole and sold MH's cow and threatened him with unspecified action if he reported the case to the police.

26 January 2004

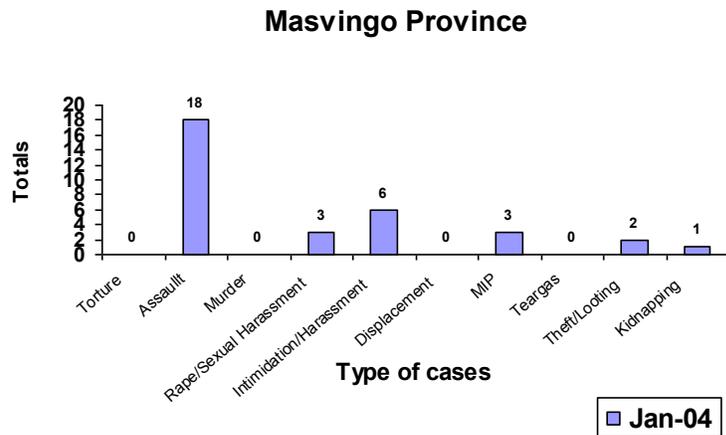
### Manyinyire Village

MM was stabbed on the shoulder and left arm by Zanu (PF) youths led by Tinos Tazvitya.

### Chivi North

15 January 2004

**Figure 8: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Masvingo**



PG and TM of ZANU (PF) assaulted PN and barred him from receiving food aid because he is an MDC supporter. The assailants charged that he should get his food aid from England.

### Masvingo Central

10 January 2004

CH was stopped and harassed at an illegal road-block manned by war veterans who accused him of being an MDC youth running away from Gutu North constituency where there was a by-election.

22 January 2004

MD was assaulted by a war veteran, MU for alleged trespassing on her premises. She also accused him of being an MDC supporter.

24 January 2004

Zanu (PF) youths led by Marecha and Ndahwi damaged window-panes of MV's house who had failed to pay "allowances" to Zanu (PF) youths who had gone to campaign in Gutu North.

### Chiredzi North

20 January 2004

A teacher, MN was accused of being an MDC supporter and was threatened with assault by FK.

25 January 2004

PC and EM were assaulted by Zanu (PF) youths for failing to attend a Zanu (PF) rally.

### Chiredzi South

13 January 2004

Two National Youth Service graduates, AN and TN who now masquerading as trained soldiers allegedly assaulted JV and other people for no reason.

17 January 2004

VN and other Zanu (PF) youths reportedly assaulted Hazel over a land dispute.

25 January 2004

TN incurred a broken hand after being beaten by Zanu PF activists for condemning the government.

### Gutu South

11 January 2004

A war veteran known as "Lion" assaulted MM who had complained that frequent ruling party meetings they were compelled to attend were distracting them from their farming activities.

14 January 2004

MC was assaulted by suspected Zanu

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(PF) youths for failing to produce a Zanu PF membership card.

**Figure 9: Graph showing the types and levels of violence reported from Masvingo**

## Gutu North

29 January 2004

Chabwena was reportedly assaulted and his house ransacked by suspected Zanu (PF) youths for supporting the MDC.

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### Gokwe North

5 January 2004

LD, an MDC stalwart in Gokwe was allegedly beaten up by his fellow MDC members for appointing himself as the district chairman for the party.

15 January 2004

AM was allegedly assaulted by Zanu (PF) activists Edson and Fidelis who ordered him to stop working for the MDC because the victim had been given a task by his party to restructure leadership structures in his area.

### Gokwe East

4 January 2004

FS was reportedly hit by Mr. Madhakiwe with an iron bar for putting on an MDC t-shirt. FS was hospitalised and is now paralysed yet Madhakiwe is still a free man.

9 January 2004

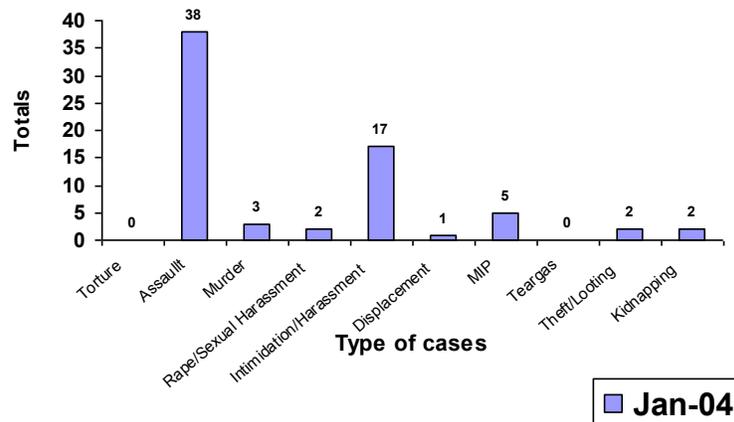
Madzimure was allegedly beaten up by suspected MDC activists, Gwaringa, Mavhiya and Njanji, for putting on a Zanu (PF) t-shirt.

15 January 2004

G and M, MDC supporters were reportedly beaten up by Zanu (PF) supporters for supporting the opposition.

### Gokwe Central

### Midlands Province



1 January 2004

LM, an MDC supporter, was allegedly confronted and assaulted by two Zanu (PF) activists for being affiliated to the MDC.

13 January 2004

VN who was looking for employment as a temporary teacher was assaulted by Innocent Choto and Cephas for complaining that only those with National Youth Service certificates were being considered for teaching posts.

17 January 2004

RM was verbally abused by Tawanda and Philip for being an opposition party member. The perpetrators later assaulted the victim and took \$15 000 from the victim.

### Gokwe South

3 January 2004

BT, a ZANU P.F youth harassed three grinding mill owners for allegedly trying to derail government policies by charging high fees for their milling services. They were compelled to reduce their fees.

7 January 2004

Four MDC supporters were denied free cotton seed from the government by Mr. Maungwa, a Cotton Company manager who charged that the four should go and get the seed from their party.

14 January 2004

Three teachers at Gawa Secondary School are constantly being harassed by the local councilor Mr. Masuma who has labeled them as MDC supporters and he has threatened to chase them away from the school.

22 January 2004

TR and ED, both Zanu (PF) youths were allegedly assaulted by six MDC youths for their political affiliation.

AN a vendor at Manoti Business Centre was harassed by Zanu PF youths who accused her of making profit by conducting her business on "Zanu (PF) land" yet she came from Bulawayo "an MDC area".

### Gokwe West

9 January 2004

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LC was taken for torturing when he was found reading a copy of the *Daily News* newspaper by a group of the National Service youths.

### Kwekwe Central

3 January 2004

AM, an MDC sympathiser was beaten up and opaque beer poured on him for allegedly supporting the British and American governments.

9 January 2004

VJ (12) was abducted and forcibly taken to a ZANU P.F base at Mbizo 7 Crèche where she escaped rape by a whisker after she managed to run away from her captors-a group of suspected ZANU P.F youths

CS, a Zanu (PF) supporter wearing a t-shirt written, "*Sendekera Mwana Wevhu*" was beaten by a gang of suspected MDC youths led by Boston who accused him of causing the untold suffering of the ordinary people in Zimbabwe.

14 January 2004

GM, a form 2 student coming from a church service was confronted by 5 suspected Zanu (PF) youths who assaulted him and forced him to drink beer as they charged that he was coming from an MDC rally.

15 January 2004

A well-known Zanu (PF) youth leader Ernest Chipinda and his two bodyguards assaulted his girlfriend VZ to death accusing her of being in love with an MDC supporter Mutero. The perpetrators dumped the body at Mutero's house. The suspects have since been arrested.

23 January 2004

After the arrest of some ZANU P.F vigilantes who were accused of killing an MDC supporter Viola, Zanu (PF) youths went around collecting money from residents to pay bail fees for the

suspects. JH who refused to contribute the money was assaulted by Kudzedzereka and other four youths.

### Silobela

18 January 2004

ES of the NCA was harassed by ND and four other Zanu (PF) youths for organizing a Public meeting.

21 January 2004

VS, was assaulted by Zanu (PF) youths for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

23 January 2004

TM, an MDC supporter was attacked at his house by Zanu (PF) youths. The youths destroyed property worth \$65 000.

### Zvishavane

2 January 2004

SD, an MDC supporter had his house petrol-bombed in the early hours of the day by suspected Zanu (PF) youths. Property worth \$140 000 000 was gutted by fire as a result of the bombing.

10 January 2004

Support unit members met Darlington wearing an MDC t-shirt and asked him why he was wearing the t-shirt as if he was coming from a rally. Darlington was beaten up and told to go and take off the t-shirt.

12 January 2004

VG who was inviting members of the MDC to their meeting was intercepted by SH and his friends. The youths assaulted the victim and told her to work for the MDC.

17 January 2004

ZN, a mine worker was allegedly kidnapped and killed by Zanu (PF) activists led by a war veteran known as

Philip Magondo. ZN was taken from his home at 0300 hrs by Philip who had promised the victim's wife that her husband was going to return in the morning. When ZN did not return the wife reported the case to the police who found the body dead after two days.

### Mberengwa West

8 January 2004

KK suspected to be an MDC supporter assaulted MM of Zanu (PF) accusing her of having influenced the kraal head to take off all the names of MDC supporters from the food for work programmes including his mother.

21 January 2004

Trynos was allegedly beaten and left for dead by Zanu (PF) activists Haku-tangwi, Nezira and Chari who accused him of coming from seeing MDC activists.

28 January 2004

MM was harassed and intimidated when she refused to join a group of ZANU P.F youths who were moving around forcing people to join their party.

### Mkoba

16 January 2004

Mrs. Tarwiyi and her son were assaulted by Zanu (PF) youths for attending JM's (MDC chairman for ward 14) funeral.

21 January 2004

BM was beaten up by MDC youths for wearing a t-shirt written, "*Sendekera Mwana Wevhu*".

### Gweru Rural

9 January 2004

CM a suspected MDC supporter was physically assaulted by two Zanu (PF)

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activists CC and RC for being a member of the opposition and the NCA.

11 January 2004

SP was threatened and beaten by WG Zanu (PF) for supporting the opposition. SP sustained bruises on his right elbow

### Gweru Urban

16 January 2004

AM an MDC councilor for ward 7 was arrested for addressing people at a development meeting. He was detained for two days then released without charge.

22 January 2004

HR of MDC was kidnapped by sus-

pected members of the CIO who took him to an alleged farmhouse where he was subjected to nearly three hours of interrogation and assaults. HR is a key witness in a case of grenade attack on Patrick Kombayi and his kidnapping was allegedly done to instill fear in him so that he will not testify on the case in court.

25 January 2004

A beer hall belonging to Mr. Kombayi, the MDC chairperson for Ridgemont ward was attacked by suspected Zanu (PF) youths with stones.

31 January 2004

JM of Zanu (PF) was assaulted by suspected MDC supporters. The victim had attended the mayor's inauguration ceremony wearing a Zanu (PF) t-shirt.

### Shurugwi

6 January 2004

WR who wanted a temporary teaching post was denied the chance as it was found that she was not a member of the Zanu (PF) youth wing.

18 January 2004

JT, suspected to be an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by war veterans for predicting that Zimbabwe was never going to make it in Tunisia.

### **What is Zimbabwe Peace Project?**

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