

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Violence during the period under review was largely connected to the preparations for the local government elections which were to be held in many urban and rural areas. As has become the norm rather than the exception, political violence was reported in many areas, especially where the ruling party enjoys more support. Indeed, in some areas it is reported that the violence was so serious that opposition candidates were unable to file their papers at nomination courts because they had been threatened with death, or the nomination court was heavily guarded by suspected Zanu PF members.

Political intolerance seems to be rearing its ugly face again. As reported in many provinces, even minor personal grudges are being politicised by unscrupulous people who have links to the ruling party. Many people across the country have been assaulted for wearing red items of clothing, e.g. caps, T-shirts, etc. And some of them were reportedly assaulted by members of the police and army. Why? Because the colour is associated with the opposition Movement for Democratic Change!

Reports have continued to be received of rogue gangs which are virtually terrorising the public in a number of areas. Besides the green bombers who are operating in many parts of the country, we also have rogue war veterans in areas like Harare, Matabeleland North and Manicaland who are acting with apparent impunity. We also have vigilante groups allegedly linked to the ruling party. Gangs such as the now notorious Chipangano of Mbare and Top Six of Chinhoyi for example come to mind. And we wonder whether anything is being done to rid communities of such dangerous elements.

However, the most worrying thing in the reports received during the period under review is the ever-increasing problem of food scarcity in many areas. We believe that although many families are lucky to be receiving food aid, many others are unable to do so owing to various reasons, some of which are directly linked to political intolerance. Urban families, especially, continue to be disadvantaged because although some families do have some income, this in many instances has proved to be too little considering the ever rising cost of living. More than half of the urban families need to urgently be considered for relief food.

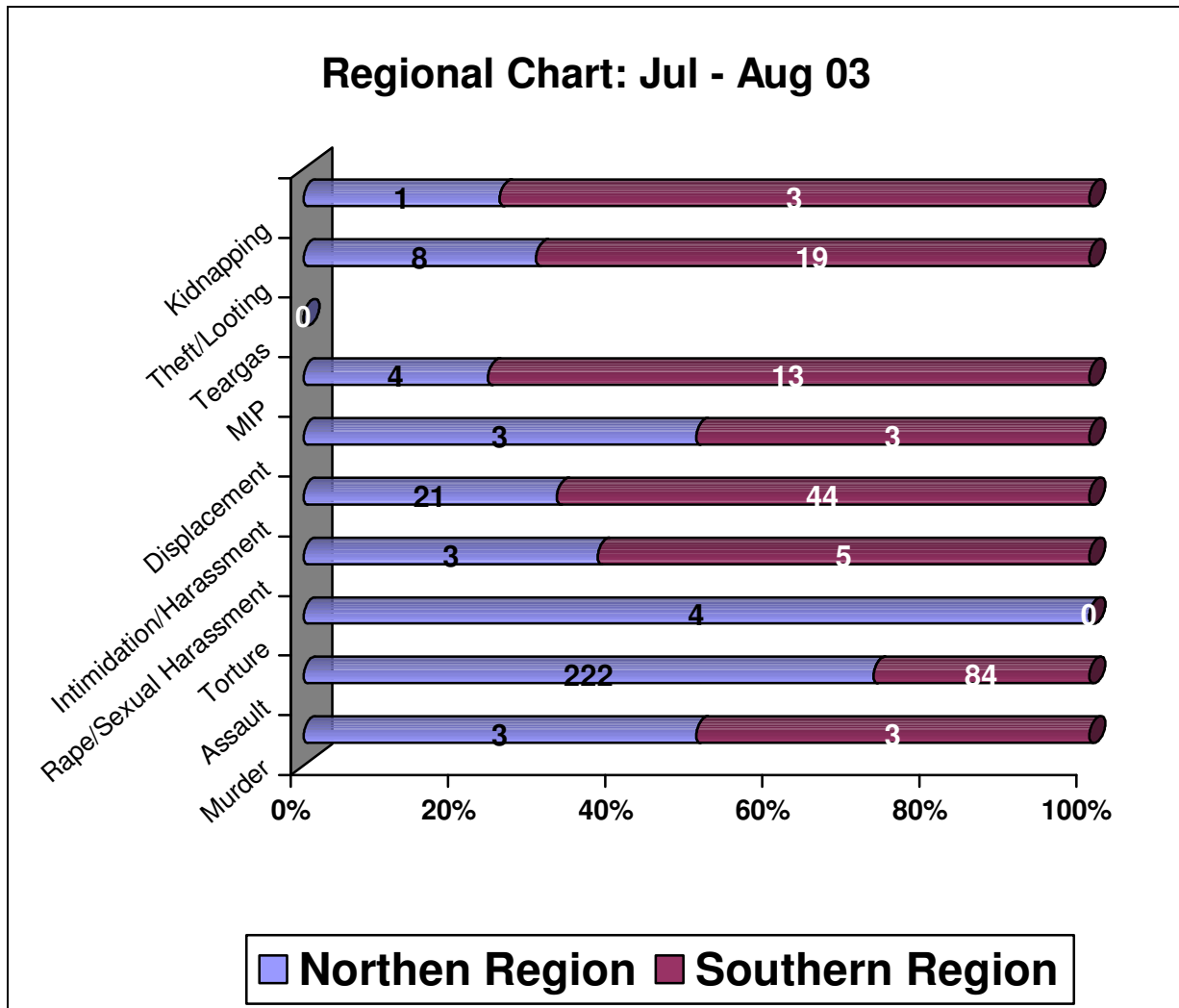


Figure 1: Regional Chart

Cumulative Chart: Jul - Aug 03

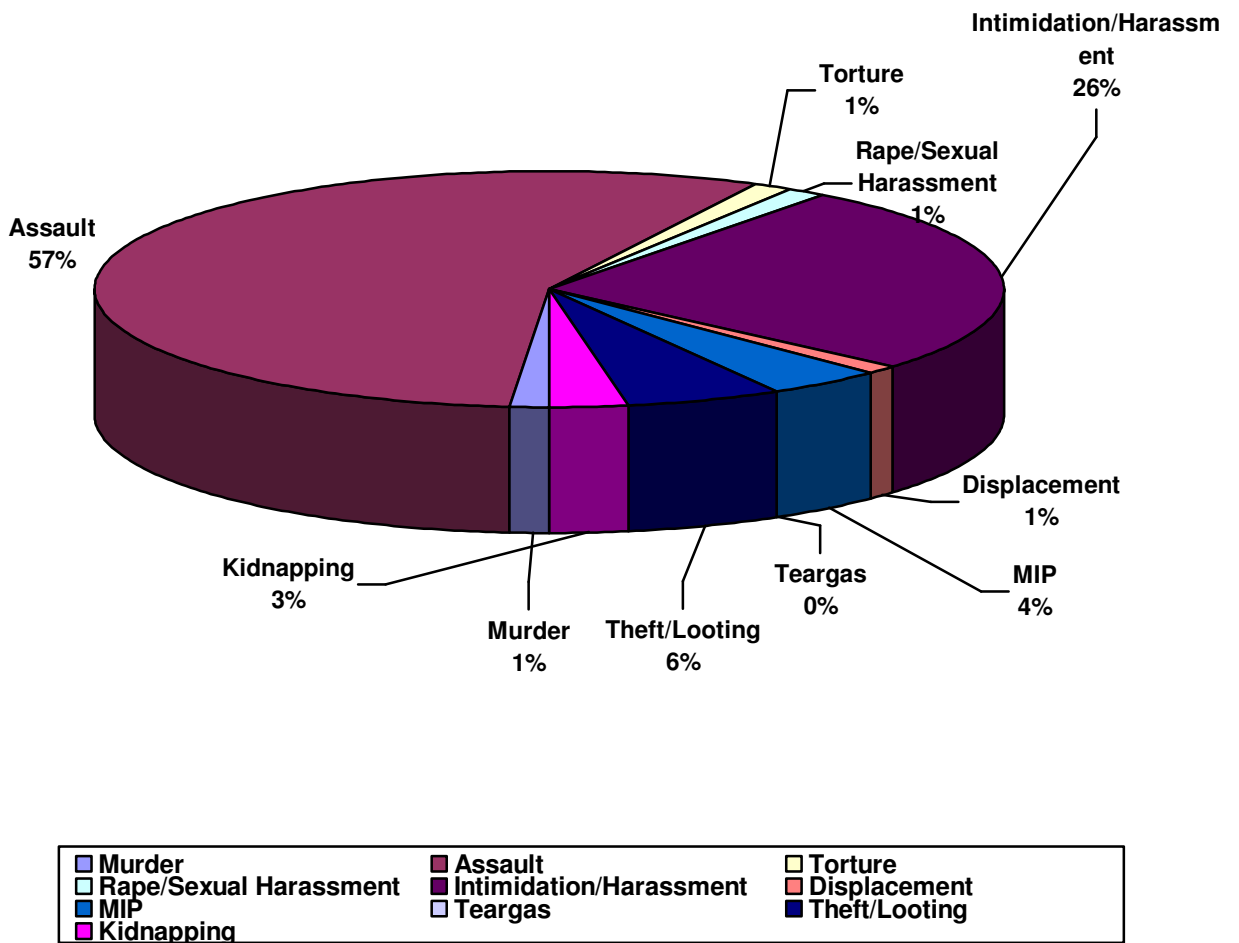


Figure 2 Cumulative Chart

NORTHERN REGION

HARARE/CHITUNGWIZA

Although the general atmosphere somewhat calmed owing to the anticipated talks between the ruling Zanu PF and the opposition MDC, there were isolated incidents which showed

the lack of political tolerance and maturity especially by activists of the ruling party and police.

St. Mary's

Riot police officers being ferried by two trucks pounced on a group of MDC youths at Chitungwiza and started assaulting them indiscriminately. A number of people were injured, some seriously, while some were arrested and detained overnight, to be released the following day without charge.

driven away by a group of armed Zanu PF supporters. It is alleged the police was informed about the incident but took no action. In another incident an MDC supporter was threatened with death by Zanu PF supporters for campaigning to be a Councillor in Ward 12.

As preparations for the Council elections were underway, a number of incidents of assaults were recorded. On 3 August a group of MDC supporter who had gathered for a rally was

Many families in the constituency were suffering due to exorbitant prices of basic commodities such as maize meal, sugar and cooking oil. Most of the items are sold on the black market.

Mbare West

Save for the continued harassment of members of the public by the Chipangano gang, a rogue group of Zanu PF activists, the constituency was relatively quiet. One case reported was that of a woman who was swindled by Themba Mliswa, a sports personality with strong links with the Zanu PF party. The lady was requested by Mliswa to print and provide T/Shirts for a body building contest and was paid by cheque which bounced.

There was also a report of a man who was bribed by police officers in return for being spared from arrested for illegally dealing in fuel. It is alleged the officers were paid \$600 000.00

On August 5, a young man was allegedly assaulted for wearing a red shirt and cap, a colour associated with the MDC. Some MDC youths were accused of causing some disturbances at Malvern Shopping Centre.

Mbare East

Some residents of Mbare were forced by armed soldiers to go and attend the Defence Forces celebrations at Rufaro Stadium. Those who resisted were accused of working against the government. It is alleged that Zanu PF youths take it upon themselves to 'discipline' members of the public, like Mr. HM whom they caught urinating in public.

It is also alleged that Chipangano vigilantes were forcibly making traders at Mupedzanhamo pay for their (Chipangano) upkeep. It is reported that Shawasha Flats have been declared no go areas to non-Zanu PF supporters. Visitors to the hostels were made to chant slogans and if they failed they were assaulted and turned away. In fact, it is reported that Zanu PF youths generally

assault anyone they suspect of supporting any other party besides theirs.

People selling basic commodities on black market are targeted for raids and assaults by these youths and the police.

Harare East

Reports have been received of people in bank queues being assaulted by riot police officers. It is reported that the police, instead of helping to maintain order, were actually causing disorder by indiscriminately whipping innocent clients waiting to be served.

One report from the constituency was of a girl who alleged that her teacher was making advances at her. The issue has been reported to the school head.

Mufakose

MDC youths who had gathered to go and campaign for their party's candidate for the Harare Central parliamentary seat were rounded up by the police and force-marched to the police station. On the way, the youths scattered and ran away in all directions. This enraged the police who then went round beating up anyone they came across. In an unrelated incident, the police raided a house used by MDC youths to trade in Mbanje.

Some MDC women who had boarded a bus which was to ferry people to the Heroes Acre were verbally assaulted by a Zanu PF supporter who had lost to the MDC. The man ordered Zanu PF youth to eject the women from the bus.

In another incident, five police officers had stones thrown at them by angry members of the public who were queuing for paraffin. The officers had come and assaulted the people without any provocation.

Two police officers were assaulted by members of the public when they harassed people who had queued to buy some sugar. Eventually police reinforcements were called in to quell the disturbances.

A photographer and some members of the public were harassed and assaulted by a group of youths who were waiting to be ferried to the Heroes Acre. The youths accused passers by of being MDC supporters.

Mabvuku

A woman was conned of \$50 000.00 by a man who purported he could help her have her South African visa processed. Up to now the man has not been located. In another incident, two women who had gathered to receive food handouts from two pastors linked to Zanu PF officials, were assaulted and seriously wounded. They were accused of supporting the opposition party.

some money. Although the case has been reported to the police, no action was taken.

War veterans who have laid claim to a farm adjacent to Old Tafara were being accused of harassing members of the public who go to the farm. Although complaints have been made to the police, nothing seems to have been done.

A woman was arrested for physically abusing a minor left in her custody by her sister-in-law. In another incident, a woman was severely assaulted and had much of her property destroyed by three women she owed

A man was assaulted by the police after an informer had complained that he had been harassed by him and several others for being a sell-out.

Zengeza

Two apparently drunk police officers allegedly harassed a vendor who was selling maize meal. After handcuffing him they allegedly gave away some pockets of maize meal to two people who are believed to be known to them. The vendor was, in addition, forced to part with \$5000 to avoid arrest. Another vendor linked to the MDC was forced

to sell bread at \$250.00 a loaf and yet he argued that he had ordered it at \$600.00 a loaf.

A man was living in fear after he was threatened with dire consequences if he continued to campaign for the MDC in the August Council election

Epworth/Hatfield

It is reported that two young men with links to the ruling party and the police were being protected from arrest after they robbed a man of \$20 000.00. When the man reported the case to the police and identified the youths, it was he and his friend who ended up being arrested and assaulted, being accused of supporting the MDC.

MDC spy. He was detained for five hours during which he was severely assaulted.

A sixteen year old girl was reportedly raped by a lodger under whose care she had been left when her parents had gone for a funeral. The girl was reported to have screamed but the neighbours who came to her rescue found the culprit already gone. The case was reported to the police but they have allegedly told the complainants to find the man and bring him to them.

In an unrelated incident, a man passing by an area where war veterans have set up an office was apprehended and accused of being an

Budiriro

It is alleged that on 2 August fuel was being sold to Zanu PF member only at High Glen BP service station which is owned by a prominent ruling party legislator. In another incident, a woman is said to have been assaulted by Zanu PF youths after she refused to attend a Zanu PF women's meeting.

On Heroes Day, people are said to have been forced to board a bus to ferry them to the Heroes Acre. Those who refused were assaulted. In a different incident a man was assaulted by MDC youths for denouncing their party.

Glen View

Two minors who laughed when a policeman fell from an open truck were taken away by the police. It is reported that the boy's whereabouts were still unknown at the time of writing.

Two men were forced by a policeman to pay \$200,000 and 40 litres of cooking oil to avoid being arrested for illegally selling the commodity. In another case, a vendor who tried to flee from policemen who had raided several vendors was apprehended and assaulted before being forced to pay \$5,000.00.

Glen Norah

A woman's tuck shop was raided by a group of Zanu PF youths who accused her of selling bread at a price above the gazetted one. The youths went on to sell the bread for a petty

\$300.00 a loaf. Although the woman reported to the police, no action was taken. Yet at OK shops the police allegedly beat up people who had complained that the police were soliciting for

bribes from people who wanted to get preference to buy sugar. Outside, other policemen were raiding vendors and confiscating their commodities. On Heroes Day, some vendors was assaulted by the ruling party youths who were forcing them to go and attend the day's celebrations at Heroes Acre. It is also alleged that maize meal is being sold to ruling party supporters only at Lusaka Crèche.

A human rights activist is alleging that he is still being harassed by suspected security agents who want information pertaining to the June stay away. He was picked up from his home and released the following day.

Several people are reported to have been injured when the police used force to maintain order at a bank at Machipisa.

Highfield

Reports have been received that police officers confiscated commodities sold by vendors. The police do not account for the items because the vendors are always reluctant to go and claim them back for fear of being forced to pay fines.

A man was assaulted for accidentally tearing a Zanu PF T-shirt which was worn by his friend. In a different incident, three people were assaulted by green bombers for refusing to go to the Heroes Acre for the day's celebrations.

Kuwadzana

A mob of Zanu PF supporters chased away MDC supporters whom they accused of using their 'base' for a meeting. The ruling party activists used stones, sticks and other assorted weapons to attack the opposition supporters who were being addressed by the area's councillor. Other Zanu PF youths threatened

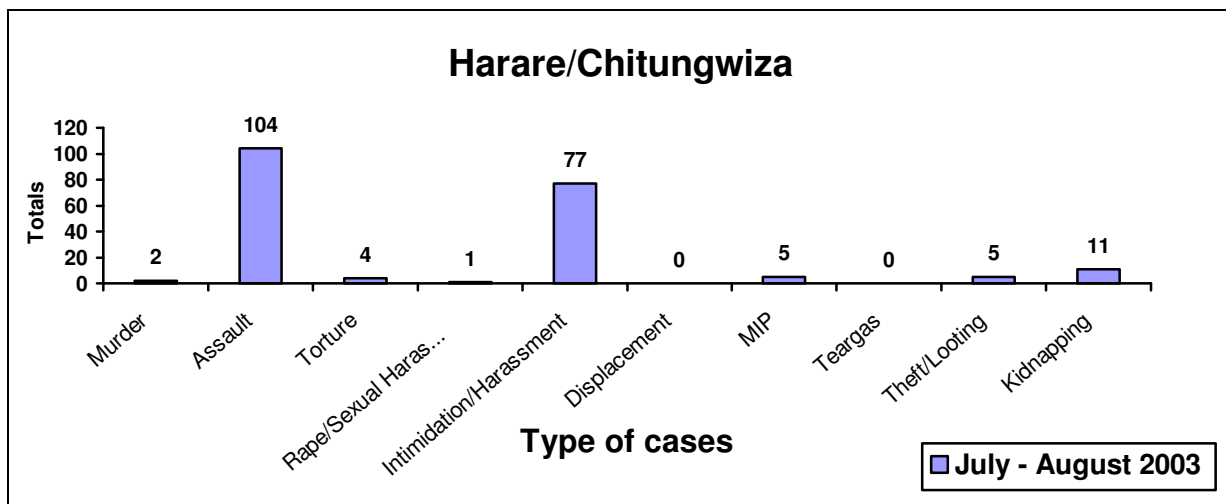
to burn down a tuck shop owned by a man who supported an MDC campaign team.

An MDC supporter was fatally assaulted by a gang of Zanu PF supporters at Kuwadzana 4 Shopping Centre. He was hit by stones on the head and died instantly. The case was being investigated by Kuwadzana Police.

Kambuzuma

War veterans settled at J. Nkomo Heights in the suburb continue to cause havoc among non Zanu PF supporters in the suburb. The police

are not doing anything about the complaints from the public about the conduct of the people camped there.



MASHONALAND EAST

Cases of violence are on the increase in the province and urban areas are the most affected especially as we move towards the Council

elections. It is alleged that, generally, Zanu PF is forcing people to attend its rallies.

Chikomba

Cases of assault were high in the constituency during the period under review. CM was assaulted by suspected MDC youths led by MC who are alleged to be avenging the assaults they got from Zanu PF during the last

presidential elections. It is also alleged that Zisedza was assaulted, his property destroyed and \$45,000 stolen by suspected Zanu PF supporters. Reports of people being assaulted for supporting MDC were received.

Goromonzi

It is alleged that one former white commercial farmer, Mr. OC, was evicted from his farm by

suspected Zanu PF bigwigs who intended to settle there.

Hwedza

Harassment and intimidation are prevalent in this area. It is alleged that teachers were forced to contribute toward the Heroes Day celebrations. BC a suspected MDC supporter

was barred from buying maize seed from the local GMB by war veterans because of his political affiliation to the opposition.

Marondera

Members of the public were being forced to attend political rallies by suspected Zanu PF supporters. It is alleged that Zanu PF leader were telling people that if the MDC won in the Council elections, the people would be

assaulted, tortured or even displaced. LT was harassed and assaulted for sympathising with the MDC whilst an MDC aspiring Councillor was assaulted for selling MDC cards.

Marondera West

At Chizengeni Township, FC was allegedly assaulted by three suspected Zanu PF youths for supporting the MDC. Also some people were beaten for failing to contribute towards the Heroes Day celebrations. It is reported that four suspected MDC supporters were forced to contribute.

Two war veterans M and C were assaulted by four suspected MDC youths on their way to Heroes Celebrations. It is reported that the police were still hunting for these youths.

Murehwa North

The constituency is known for displacements, torture and harassment of people suspected to be against Zanu PF. DC and JK were assaulted at Guzha township by three Zanu PF youths since it was suspected that they were distributing MDC cards. It is alleged that IC and SM were assaulted by suspected Zanu PF

supporters when they refused to be labelled MDC supporters.

On 21 July about, 35 suspected Zanu PF youths were harassing and intimidating people seen wearing red items of clothing.

Murehwa South

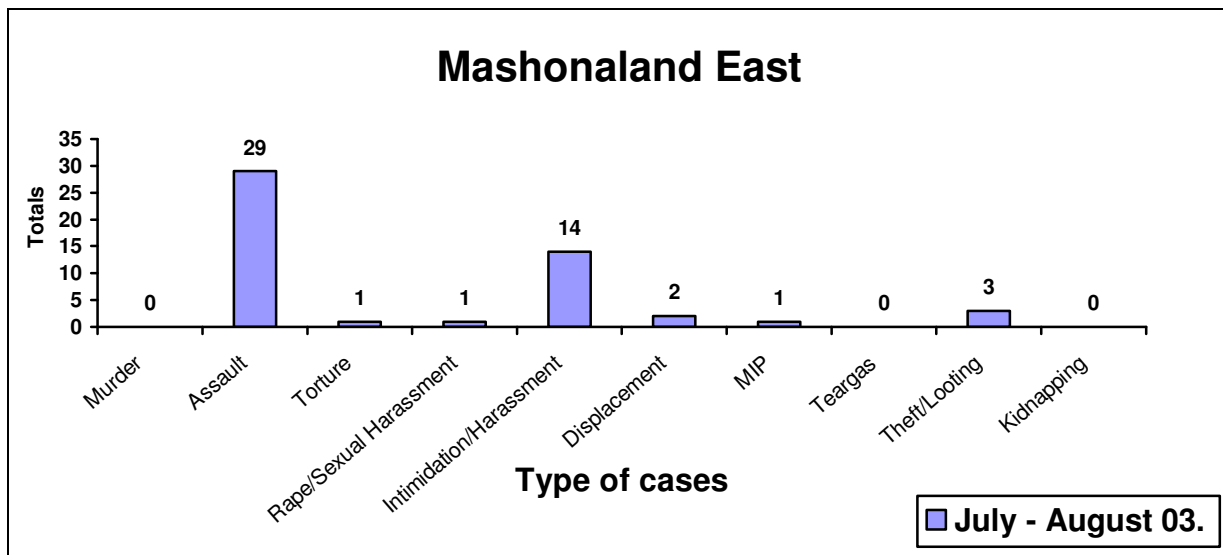
Mabika Primary School teachers were allegedly forced to pay \$1000.00 towards the Heroes Celebrations. Suspected Zanu PF youths led by War veteran FJ confiscated groceries from shops to feed the youths.

Visitors to the area are normally interrogated by suspected Zanu PF youths.

Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe (UMP)

Suspected Zanu PF youths assaulted FR for having accepted a motor bike from his former employer a white farmer. The white farm is alleged to have given his employees part of his property when his farm close to Bindura was invaded.

The Zanu PF youth militia were forcing people to close shops and attend the Heroes celebrations.



MASHONALAND CENTRAL

The province witnessed 19 cases of assault, 3 of harassment and intimidation and two of displacement.

Guruve North

A Mr. M was beaten by suspected Zanu PF youths using an iron bar for allegedly supporting the MDC.

Guruve South

At a road block a Mr C was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF youths for carrying five bags of maize when people were allowed to carry 3. One 'Musarire' was assaulted by a

Zanu PF youth leader for not contributing toward the Heroes day commemoration. The majority of those who refused to contribute were assaulted whilst one Mr. M had his home burnt.

Shamva

Cases of extortion continue to be recorded at Wadzanayi bus terminus where people were falling victim to suspected Zanu PF youths. The police support unit is alleged to have evicted settlers from their newly acquired land in the district. One female Zanu PF youth is

alleged to have asked other Zanu PF youths to assault a bus conductor who was demanding that she pays for the journey.

Suspected Zanu PF youths are alleged to have caused havoc at a funeral.

Mt Darwin North

It is reported that a domestic dispute turned violent after the wife reported her husband to suspected Zanu PF youths who assaulted him.

This is increasingly becoming common to see personal vendettas being turned political.

Mt Darwin South

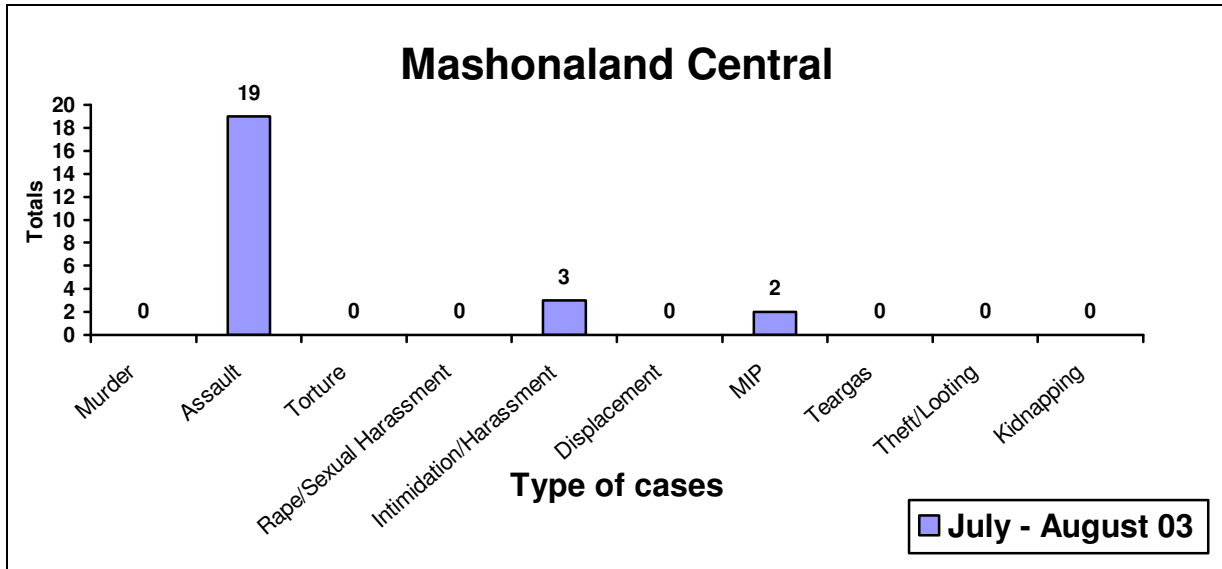
Lady A was allegedly beaten by suspected Zanu PF youths for singing an MDC song. People wearing red, a colour associated with MDC, were being harassed in the area. There

are also cases of some families being displaced for supporting MDC.

Bindura

On 21 July, 2003, the day of nominations for Municipal and Council elections, suspected Zanu PF youths sealed off all roads leading to the nomination court. As a result MDC is alleged to have failed to register its candidates for the elections. A lady was allegedly beaten for being in the company of her boyfriend

who had fled to Harare after being accused of being an MDC supporter. One miller was interrogated at Chipadze's Tendayi Hall for supporting the MDC, he was only spared after police intervened.



MASHONALAND WEST

Makonde

Suspected Zanu PF youths continue to harass members of the public in the area especially those who failed to produce their party cards. C.M a pastor was assaulted by suspected war veterans and Zanu PF youths when he was explaining to people on the week for church human rights. He was accused of campaigning for the MDC. A DB was beaten

by six war veterans for not attending a Zanu PF rally. It is alleged that the group commonly known as the top six threatened the MDC candidate in the by-electing and had to be represented by his agent and campaign manager at the nomination court.

Zvimba North

Suspected war veterans invaded Marembwe farm and forced Mrs Green to flee to South Africa.

Ministry of Lands later intervened and told the two groups to co-exist.

It is also reported that at Hydoc Farm, invaders and the farm workers clashed as the invaders intended to evict the workers. The

As a commercial farming area, a number of cases have been reported of white farmers being evicted, their properties looted and houses occupied.

Zvimba South

It is alleged that suspected CIO and CID were hunting down the MDC candidate for the Makonde by-election after the nomination court. People are reported to have been

harassed to reveal his whereabouts. On August 7, it is alleged that the MDC candidate JK was assaulted by a group of Zanu PF supporter known as the Top Six.

Kadoma Central

Two suspected MDC youths FC and DM were assaulted by 14 suspected Zanu PF youths. The two were later hospitalised.

The constituency faced a number of politically motivated crimes due to the council elections.

On 24 July 2003, a house belonging to an MDC activist was stoned and damaged. In revenge, suspected MDC youths descended on ZK who was with eight Zanu PF youths. The group was assaulted and ZK's house stoned.

It is also alleged the suspected Zanu PF youths attacked and took away money from MDC youths who were collecting money for their MP's funeral.

Hurungwe East

On 11 August 2003, two aspiring Zanu PF candidates attacked each other over the issue of who was going to contest in the council election s. SJ managed to overpower UU who later decided to stand as an independent candidate.

The local Council election in Karoi caused a lot of political clashes. It is reported that some aspiring candidates had to hire some other people to assault and intimidate their opponents.

Chinhoyi

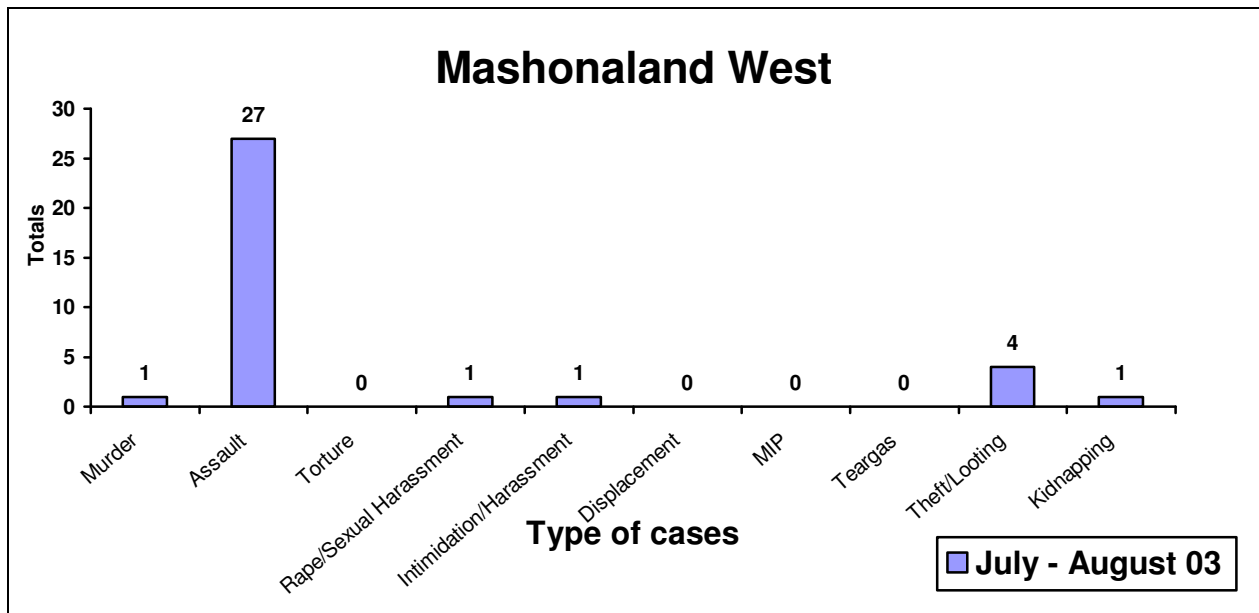
On August 1, 2003 JN a suspected Zanu PF supporter was assaulted by two MDC members in Coldstream for wearing Zanu PF attire. She sustained facial injuries and was treated at the local hospital. One student MM was assaulted by DD accompanied by suspected Zanu PF youths for refusing to

sanction a Zanu PF meeting in the college premises. It had been resolved that no political meetings will be held at the college. On August 10, TN a Zanu PF supporter was assaulted by suspected MDC members in Gadzema. TN was caught urging people to join Zanu PF and singing their songs.

Mhondoro

On August 7, Tsomondo led a group of suspected Zanu PF youths to assault a brother of one of the aspiring MDC candidates. On August 11, it is alleged that the Zanu PF Norton Chairman led four youths to assault an MDC candidate in the Council elections,

demanding that he step down. It is alleged that they threatened him with death. It is also alleged that Tm a known MDC activist was found dead on August 5, 2003. The parents did not report the case to the police and he was buried on August 9.



MANICALAND

Political tension increased from the 21st of July when the nomination court for the Council elections opened. Although other

areas were relatively peaceful, Rusape continued to be volatile even days before the nominations.

Mutare North/Central/ South

The three constituencies partly make up Mutare City Council which was going to have Mayoral and Councillors elections on 30–31 August 2003. The rate of violence has already gone out of control to the extent that on Heroes Day, Green bombers were allegedly ferried by Zanu PF into the city to hunt down suspected MDC supporters.

In Dangamvura alone all MDC meetings set for the 12th and 13th of August were disrupted and people beaten including members of police on duty. It is also alleged that in Sakubva 7 gunshots were fired and the MDC mayoral candidate had to flee for his life.

Mutare South

The Zanu PF candidate who lost in the previous parliamentary elections is reported to have been terrorising the incumbent

opposition MDC MP and not allowing him to hold rallies in the area.

Makoni East and North

It is reported that people were threatened with death by some Zanu PF leaders if they contested council elections on the MDC ticket. It is alleged that because of this serious warning no one from the MDC filed nomination papers to contest in the elections. It is also alleged that all suspected MDC

supporters had been approached and forced to leave Rusape. One IC was forced to relocate to Chipinge since Rusape has become a no go area for MDC and the Daily News.

It is alleged that NM committed suicide after being threatened by suspected Zanu PF youths.

Nyanga

It is alleged that a number of suspected opposition supporters were being assaulted by suspected Zanu PF supporters. In some areas it was reported that businesses were forced to close for people to attend Zanu PF meetings

and rallies. In Nyamhuka Township, it is alleged that thugs have been given money to identify all suspected MDC supporters who were later harassed.

Buhera South

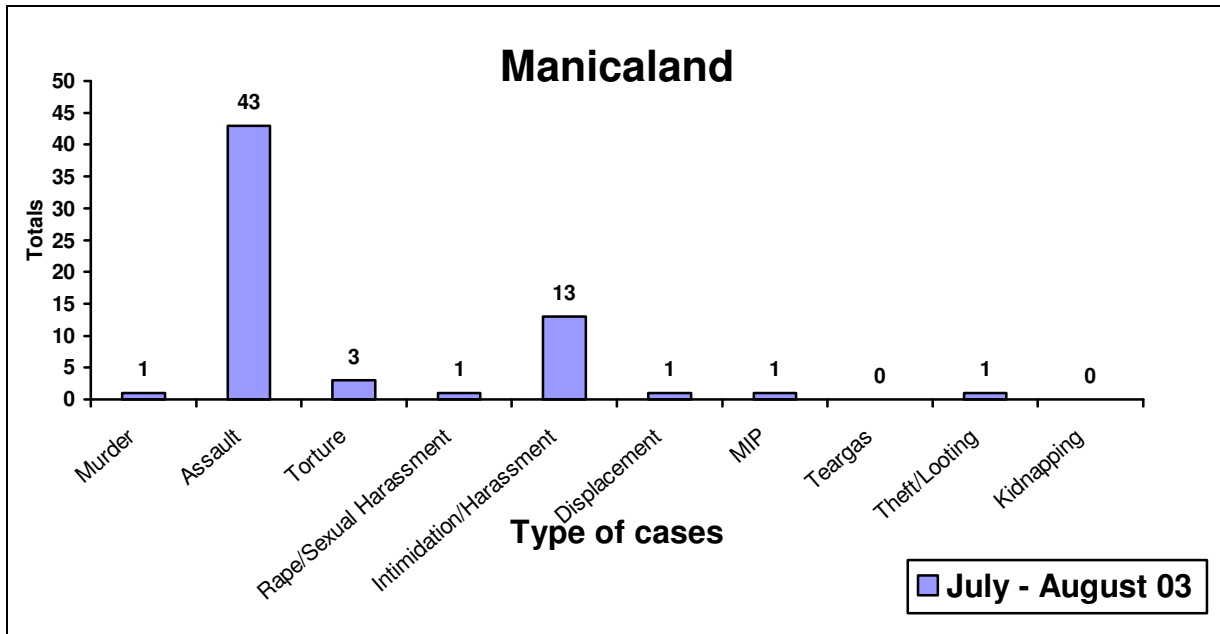
War veterans in the area are alleged to have declared that they would weed out all suspected opposition supporter. As a result of such threats one Ms M was assaulted.

Teachers in the district still remain a targeted group for assault and harassment by suspected Zanu PF militia and war veterans.

Mutasa

The MDC Member of Parliament was barred from addressing a rally in his constituency. At Hauna growth point some war veterans are

reported to have barred suspected MDC supporters from attending funerals of Zanu PF members, even if they are related.



SOUTHERN REGION

Bulawayo

The main activity in the province was the campaigns for Council elections. Cases of

violence were recorded which show that political intolerance still existed.

Pumula/Luveve

Suspected Zanu PF youths went about harassing people accusing them of hoarding cash and as a result one person was injured. Suspected war veterans were forcing people to attend Heroes Day celebrations.

aspiring MDC Councillor. It is reported that one person was injured during the clash. SN who was the victim was alleged to be an MDC agent and had to flee from the town.

It is reported that suspected Zanu PF supporters clashed with suspected MDC supporters who were campaigning for an

Close to the nomination day, RS was nearly kidnapped by suspected Zanu PF activists to prevent him from attending the nomination court.

Pelandaba

JM a suspected MDC member was threatened while intending to buy maize meal because of his political affiliation. It is reported that he was barred from buying the maize meal.

Although people were being forced to attend the Heroes Celebrations, it is alleged that suspected MDC support were denied entry into the White City stadium where the celebrations were being held. They were accused of being sell-outs by suspected Zanu PF youths manning the gates.

Bulawayo North/ East

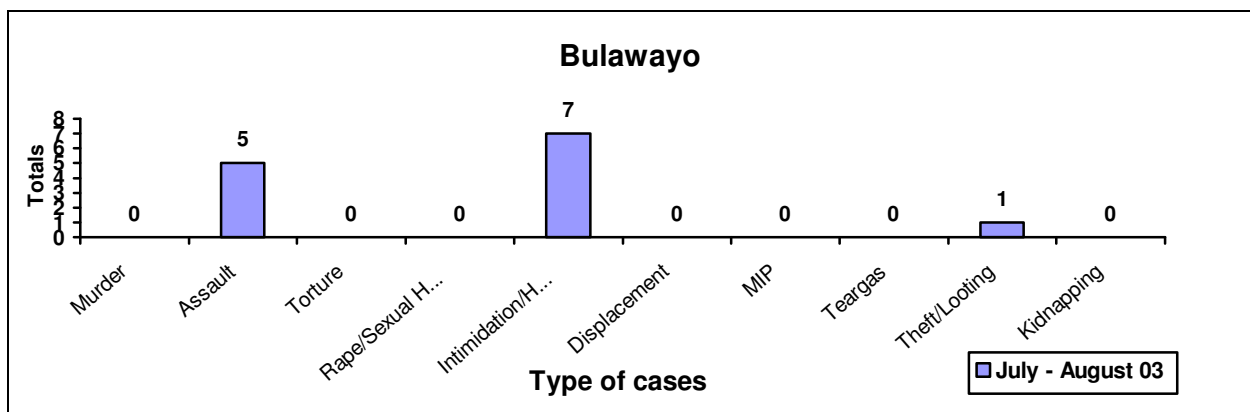
It is alleged that suspected members of the army tortured four people they accused of being MDC supporters. The four were reportedly detained for four hours.

Mr SS a suspected Zanu PF candidate in the Council elections is alleged to have been forcing people to campaign for him.

Makokoba

It is alleged that about 200 women from the Women of Zimbabwe Arise, marched through the city centre demonstrating against POSA.

The riot police dispersed the march and assaulted some participants arresting close to 20 of them.



MIDLANDS

Political parties have been busy campaigning for the council elections. This increased the

cases of political violence in the province especially in the urban areas.

Gweru Urban

It is alleged that Zanu PF was ferrying people from lower Gweru and Chiwundura to come and register from the Council elections. Cases of vote buying by suspected Zanu PF

supporters have been reported where scarce commodities were being availed at low prices. Some aspiring MDC candidates allege that were been intimidated by suspected security forces.

Kwekwe

It is alleged that people were continuously being registered for the Council elections especially those who were brought from

nearby rural areas. The newly resettled farmers are allegedly being threatened with eviction if they voted for the opposition.

Zvishavane and Shurugwi

Suspected Zanu PF youths were deployed in the area and move around asking people to produce Zanu PF membership cards. There

were also reports of intimidation and harassment of those who failed to produce the cards.

Mberengwa

Since Care International which used to distribute food has withdrawn, suspected MDC supporters are being barred from accessing food from the local GMB.

Suspected MDC supporters are being told to either go to Tsvangirai or the British for food. There were an increased number of rape cases many of which are not being reported to the police.

Chirumanzu

Suspected Zanu PF youths were playing a police role in the area. It is alleged that they

also closely monitor and weed out all those suspected to be against Zanu PF.

Zhombe and Silobela

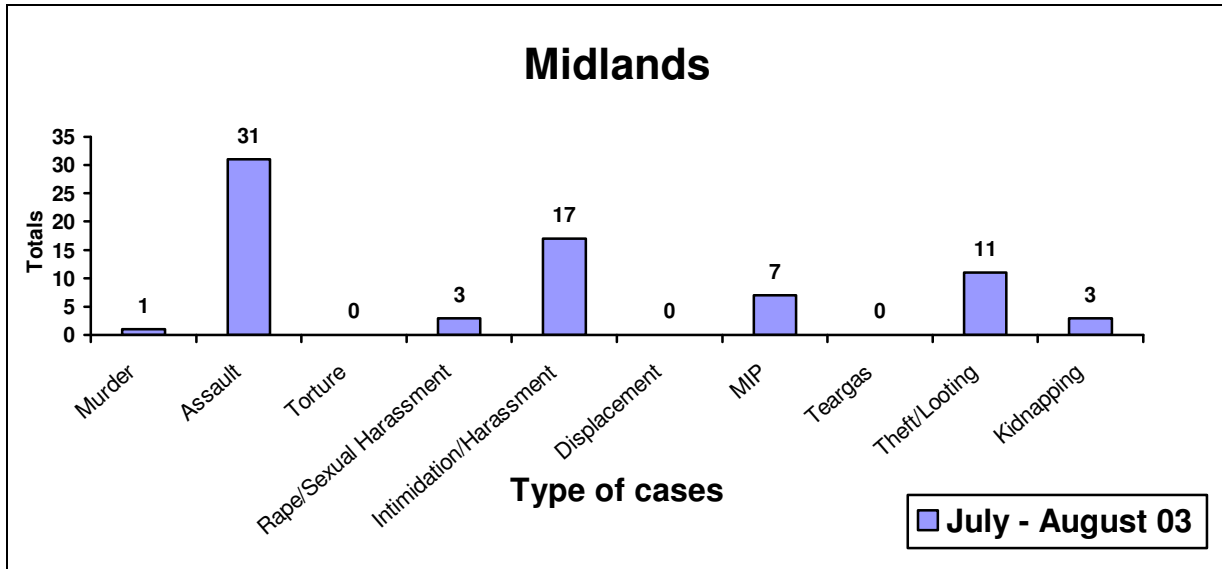
At Dandera Primary School, ZD who pretends to be war veteran moves around with suspected Zanu PF youths terrorising all

suspected MDC members. Such cases of terror and harassment have been reported to the police but no arrests have been made.

Gokwe

The presence of the local MP has always caused violence in the area. Whenever she is around, suspected Zanu PF torment people suspected to be MDC supporters.

On July 20, 2003 when she passed through Nembudziya, youths were allegedly sent to beat people who were not at a Zanu PF rally. It is reported that the MP told them to stop such acts.



MASVINGO

Reported cases of assaults are still high followed by intimidation and harassment.

Bikita

It is alleged that a female teacher at Makotore Primary school threatened GS with assault since she was suspected to be an MDC supporter. Teachers in the area reportedly continue to be harassed by suspected members

of the Zanu PF. EM a ZRP Special Constabulary is alleged to have assaulted MM. One Councillor MM is alleged to have misused money collected from people for maize meal. He is reportedly refusing to pay it back.

Chivi

PM a suspected MDC supporter was barred from buying maize from GMB. Also PN an MDC activist and aspiring ward 10 Councillor was threatened with eviction by a Mr V the Kraal head.

being MDC supporters and did not want to marry their daughter.

A number of people have been politically victimised and some assaulted but no arrest of known perpetrators have been done.

Members of the Green bombers are also committing crimes but no arrests were being done. People were being forced to contribute \$1000.00 per household for the Heroes Day celebrations. It is alleged that those who failed were either assaulted or had their properties destroyed.

WM and his son were found dead after a quarrel with his in-laws who accused them of

Gutu

The AT family was force marched by suspected Zanu PF youth to Chiriga School to attend the Heroes Day celebrations. LS and PT were allegedly assaulted by one war veteran together with Zanu PF youth for not participation in the Zanu PF activities.

It is alleged that Shuvai Mahofa encouraged Zanu PF youths to drive people to the Heroes Celebrations. It is reported that suspected MDC supporters JS and three friends were allegedly chased away from a funeral of a war veteran.

Masvingo Central

TH and KM were allegedly assaulted by six police officers as they came from beer drinking. Also two suspected Zanu PF youths were assaulted at Roger Hawman for campaigning for a Zanu PF Councillor.

A ten year old girl was allegedly raped by an unknown person at the Mucheke River squatter camp.

CS a suspected Zanu PF supporter was assaulted by suspected MDC supporters when he attended a party. He was accused of being a Zanu PF spy.

Mwenezi

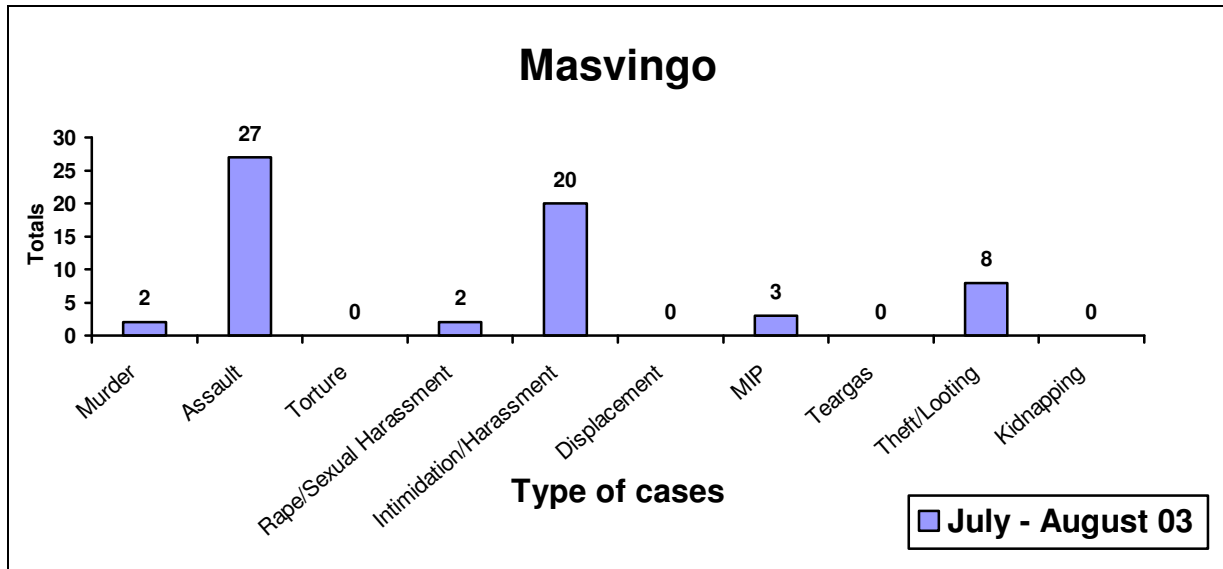
One wife of a war veteran was severely assaulted by the husband when she was allegedly discovered wearing an MDC T-shirt. SS a ZRP Special Constabulary is alleged to

have been assaulted and robbed but no arrests had been made.

Zaka

SH was allegedly assaulted for singing and chanting MDC slogans by one MT. Suspected Zanu PF youths accompanied by MM alleged to have taken 30 packs 50 kg bags of maize from MT and gave him only \$6000.00.

The months saw an increased number of cases of political violence being perpetrated especially in the name of the Heroes celebrations and the Council elections.



MATEBELELAND NORTH

The Province was politically volatile due to the ever increasing presence of the youth militia in Kamativi. A number of people

seeking referral assistance continue to grow especially after the provincial office held peace campaigns.

Tsholotsho

Cases of conflicts have been reported in the area especially at Sipepa. These cases are being triggered by the unavailability of food stuffs which when they arrive are distributed either on political lines or only to relatives of those in the shops.

Members of the public are reported to have fought over the little food which was handed out when Minister J Moyo was being introduced as the aspiring MP for the next parliamentary election.

Binga

It is alleged that the area had one youth base which had ten inmates but these have been joined by more than 10 graduates from the Kamativi Training Centre.

differences. These green bombers are alleged to be terrorising people especially the white community. One Austrian development worker was recently intimidated and had to flee to Harare. SS a Catholic employee was reportedly assaulted by these youths.

The youths have been used by influential people to fight their rivals over personal

Hwange West

It is alleged that the Green bombers barricaded the Victoria Falls to Hwange road when they heard that the MDC leader was visiting Hwange. It is reported that these suspected

Zanu PF supporters used stones and logs to block Mr Tsvangirai and his convoy and this ended up affecting all people who were travelling on this road.

Hwange East

It is alleged that Minister Elliot Manyika visited Kamativi Youth Training Centre and urged the Green bombes to drive out of Zimbabwe all those who opposed government led land reform.

some members of the Cross Dete community to allegedly attack the youths seriously injuring five.

A few days later the youths are reported to have gone to Cross Dete to harass displaced people who had camped there. This prompted

It is also alleged that the green bombers later attacked the members of the police force prompting the police to arrest Black Jesus their youth leader.

