



# Monthly Monitoring Reports

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ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

## The Executive Summary

The politically motivated human rights violations received for the month of November show that Zimbabwe's political environment has remained volatile. Different forms of politically motivated human rights violations that included torture, intimidation/harassment, assault, rape, displacement and murder were recorded.

For purposes of the chart in Figure 1, Zimbabwe has been divided into two regions, i.e. Northern Region and Southern Region. The Northern Region consists of the five administrative provinces of Harare,

Mashonaland East, Mashonaland West, Mashonaland Central and Manicaland. The Southern Region consists of administrative provinces of Bulawayo, Matabeleland North, Matabeleland South, Midlands and Masvingo.

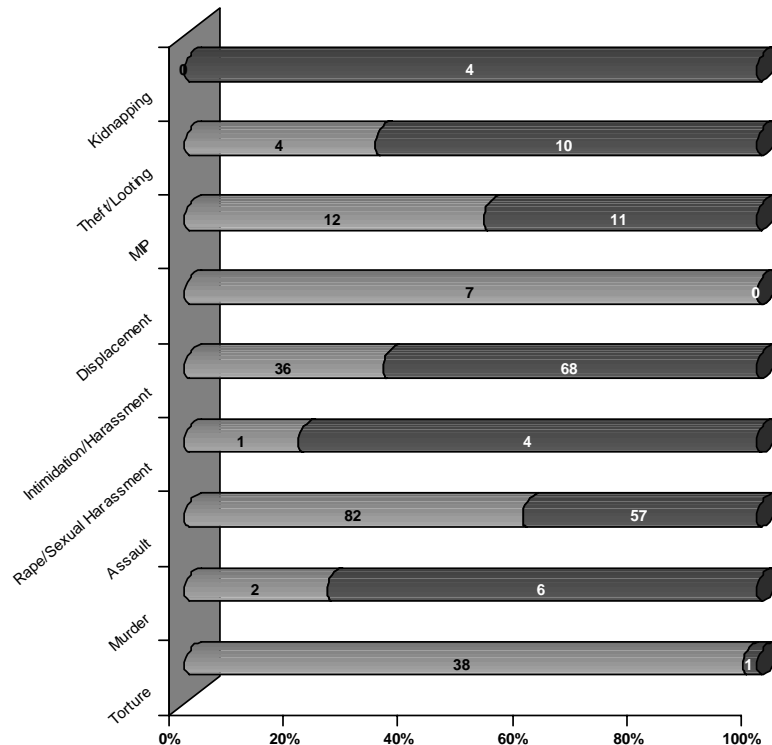
Politically sensitive provinces of Mashonaland East and Midlands reported a total of 29 cases of politically driven assaults each. Manicaland recorded the highest number of torture cases (38) while Harare and Mashonaland East recorded 2 murder cases each and Midlands reported 4 cases of murder. The high numbers of cases of human rights

violations in Midlands and Mashonaland East are mainly attributed to political intolerance and most of the cases were reportedly perpetrated by individuals linked to the ruling ZANU PF. Most of the torture cases reported in Manicaland happened in Chimanimani where a combination of ZANU PF and government officials are using members of the police force and National Youth Service recruits to cause trouble at Charlesworth Farm.

The reports also manifest a trend where accessibility to scarce commodities like maize-

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Figure 1: Regional Comparison Chart



■ Northern Region ■ Southern Region

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

seed and mealie-meal is being politicised. Suspected war veterans bar known or perceived supporters of the opposition from accessing the commodities. Cases of suspected war veterans denying access to these scarce commodities by MDC supporters were reported in Harare at Grain Marketing Board's Aspindale depot and in Luveve.

Reports also reveal that vigilante groups like the notorious "Chipangano" in Mbare act as quasi-police institutions confiscating wares of street vendors and harassing them.

Reports also show that some ZANU P.F stalwarts commit heinous crimes like rape and sexual molestation of young girls with impunity. Two such cases are the rape of a 4 year old girl by a ZANU P.F supporter in Mashonaland East and that of a grade six

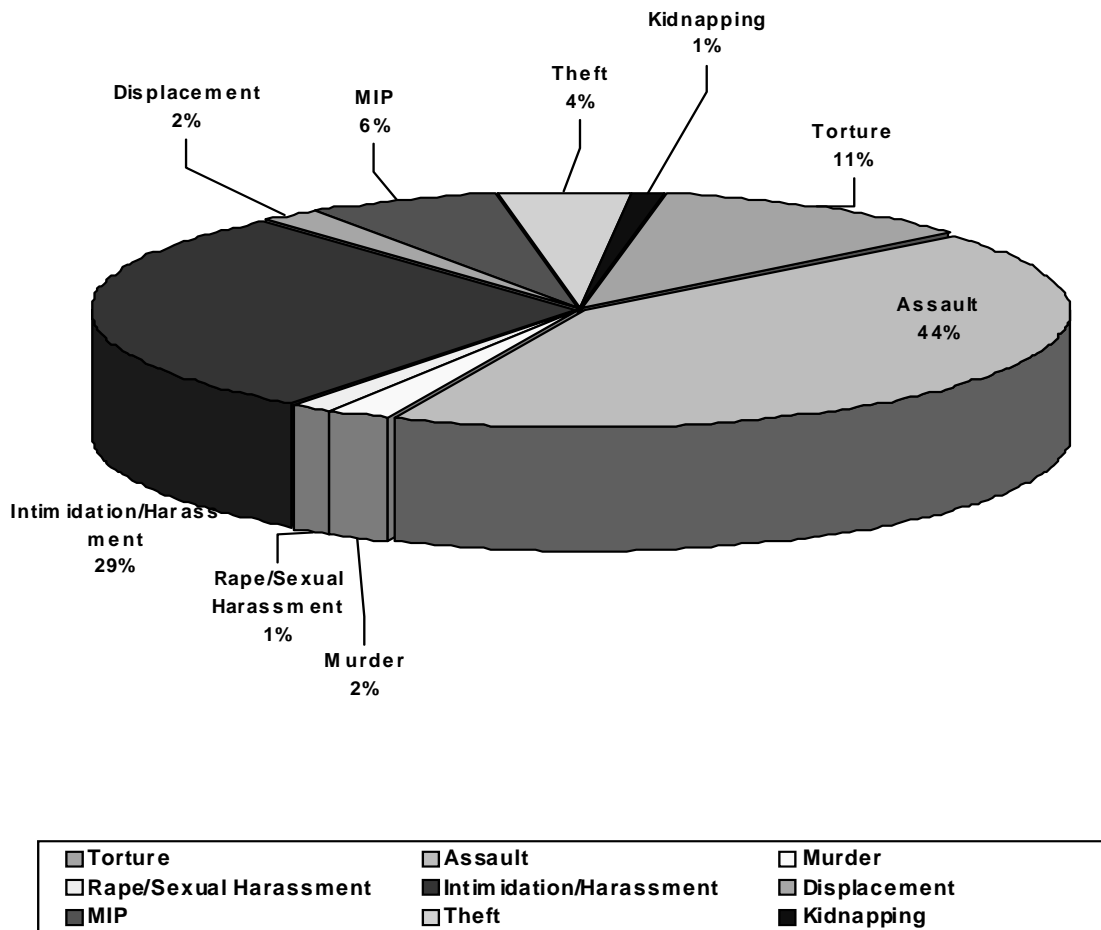
pupil of Siyani Primary School in Gokwe South who was molested by the headmaster. It is not clear whether the headmaster is a ZANU PF supporter or not.

During the reporting period, a trend of partisan conduct by some members of the Zimbabwe Republic Police were also reported. In Gweru Urban where the majority of the ward councillors are from the MDC, it was reported that some police members stifle the work of the councillors by barring them from holding community meetings or embarking on community development programmes. In Mazvihwa area in Zvishavane some members of the police allegedly rounded up people to attend a Zanu P.F meeting there. A clear case of abuse of public office was

reported in Mutare in which the outgoing governor of the province, Oppah Muchinguri chased away four student nurses from Mutare General Hospital because they did not undergo the notorious National Youth Service training.

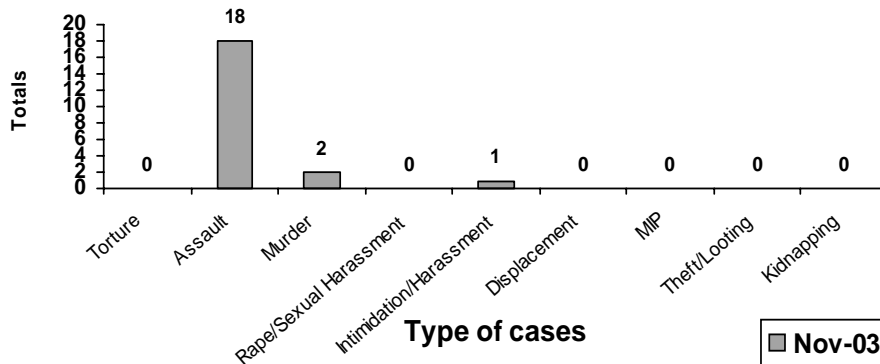
As shown in Figure 2, of the total number of cases of human rights violations recorded over the reporting ; 44% were assault cases while intimidation/harassment constituted 29 %, displacement and murder had 2 % each.

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



HARARE

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



Kambuzuma

TG a suspected war veteran was assaulted by members of the public at GMB Aspidale depot after he declared that maize meal at the depot was to be sold to members of ZANU P.F only. He later returned to the depot with a group of other suspected war veterans and assaulted everyone at the depot.

RN was assaulted by suspected war veterans after he had gone to GMB Aspidale depot to buy some maize seed. He was assaulted after he refused to produce a ZANU P.F card in order to be allowed to purchase the seed.

EU and RG were involved in a fight at a ZANU P.F district meeting at Kambuzuma shopping centre. It is alleged that the latter had accused the former to be an MDC spy sent to get information from the ZANU P.F meeting.

Mbare East

MM, a ZANU P.F member was assaulted by his fellow party members at the party offices in Mbare after he was accused of having stolen money from a fellow party member.

PC was assaulted and the wares she was selling were confiscated by suspected members of a notorious vigilante group, “Chipangano” who accused her of promoting the black market.

Zengeza

A uniformed police officer was stabbed with a knife and left for dead by two suspected

criminals near Zengeza high school.

A group of riot police officers went on a rampage at around 8 pm beating any residents they found outdoors.

Highfields

CP was assaulted at Gazaland Shopping Centre by suspected members of the MDC who were coming from a burial of their colleague.

A woman was assaulted by suspected MDC members along Egypt lines after she had shouted “sell-outs!” at them.

CHITUNGWIZA

JC died at Chitungwiza Hospital of wounds sustained from an assault perpetrated by some two months ago by ZANU P.F supporters at a funeral of TM, who had died after being allegedly tortured by the police.

Budiriro

AJ, NG and AN were among the residents of Budiriro who were assaulted by some members of the Budiriro War Veterans Co-operative who raided Budiriro 2 shopping centre and smashed property and assaulted the public.

Glen Norah

MM was assaulted at O.K Shopping centre by JC, SM and PT for allegedly allowing MDC Member of Parliament, Pricilla Misihairambwi to visit her home the previous day.

At Zororo terminus, suspected ZANU P.F youths clad in white t-shirts inscribed “No to mass action” attacked a group of ZCTU members who were about to board a bus to the city to join other members in ZCTU organized street protests.

At around 7 pm of the same day police fired teargas at a group of people at the corner of Mangwende and Highfield road.

Riot police descended on vendors at Lusaka terminus beating the vendors and confiscating their wares. No reason was given for this clear case of lawlessness.

TT was assaulted in Engineering by suspected ZANU P.F youths who saw him coming from a funeral of an MDC member.

Dzivarasekwa

A dead man’s body was discovered at Tynwald plots and the whereabouts and identity of his murderers are still not known.

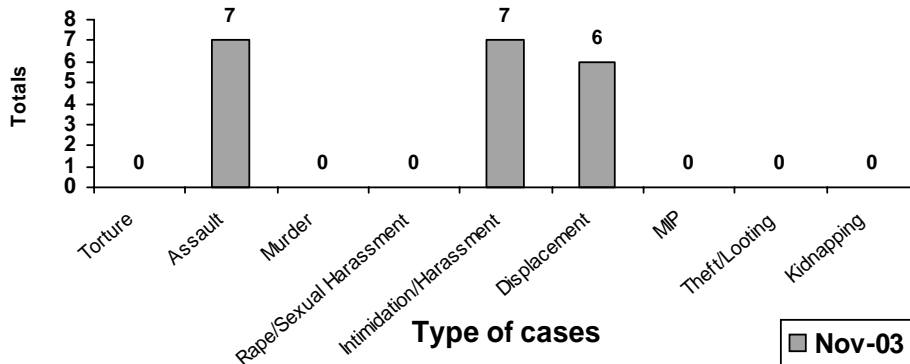
Kuwadzana

LM was assaulted by MC and GC after he allegedly made negative remarks about MDC Member of Parliament, Nelson Chamisa’s rally that took place the previous day.

A police officer and one CC assaulted CB in a night club at Kuwadzana 5 shops, accusing him of making derogatory remarks about President Mugabe.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL

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



Shamva

It is alleged that gold panners at Wapp Mine, who had been allowed pan in the area in exchange for assistance rendered to the ruling party during the past elections, are now being harassed by the police to stop panning.

Bindura

A Tel-One employee was reportedly shot and wounded by an unknown assailant, when he went to Bindura to collect his goods. It is alleged that the employee had been harassed and victimized by members of ZANU PF for some time and told to leave Bindura.

BM, a teacher, was reportedly harassed by ZANU PF youths led by M and M for allegedly distributing ZCTU fliers.

Mazowe East

Farm workers at Mukoko farm were allegedly evicted from their houses by war veterans who accused them of being MDC supporters.

In Tsungubvi Township residents were forced to join the ZANU PF youths in singing revolutionary songs.

Mr. Z had his piece of land taken away because he had contested as an MDC candidate in the council elections.

MM was beaten up by ZANU PF youths who were selling fuel when he told the youths that the price of fuel was too high. The youths accused him of being an MDC supporter.

Mazowe West

It was reported that Mr. C was allegedly allocating stands to ZANU PF supporters only.

At Collingswood farm, the new owner Mr. N expelled Mr. S whom he accused of being an MDC supporter.

Mt Darwin South

It was reported that HN was beaten by ZANU PF members because her husband is an MDC member.

TD was beaten by ZANU PF members for being an MDC supporter. No arrests were made and the staff at Karanda hospital was ordered not to treat him.

GM was beaten for having been seen in the company of an MDC supporter. He was treated at a local hospital.

OM of Nyamazizi was beaten by war veterans after his wife had reported him to the war veterans as being an MDC supporter.

MASHONALAND EAST

Chikomba

GC of Charidza Village was assaulted by TS and M (ZANU PF) for chanting an MDC slogan.

WD was beaten by ET with a knobkerrie for wearing an MDC badge.

HJ of Jaure Village was beaten by DM for allegedly being an MDC member. MM, MDC supporter of Chisaira village was beaten with sticks, ropes and baton sticks by five suspected ZANU PF youths.

Goromonzi

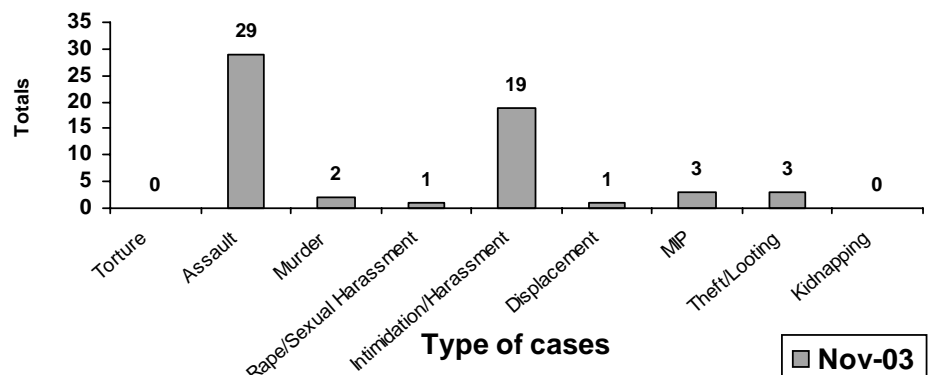
Chief M was harassed by a ZANU PF councilor over maize distribution.

WC of Cheza village was assaulted by WS of ZANU PF over land distribution.

MM was beaten by RC and her two sisters because she was suspected of being an MDC supporter.

At Zimburu Village, CT a ZANU PF member of Chonyera village was beaten by GT an MDC member. It is alleged that GT beat CT after stealing the victim's 20 boxes of tomatoes.

Figure 5: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Mashonaland East



## NORTHERN REGION

BM an MDC supporter was denied to register for seed packs by YB and SC, suspected ZANU PF supporters.

SM of Macheke village suspected MDC, was beaten up by four ZANU PF youths MC, GC, DD and MM. The case was reported to the police but no action was taken.

### Hwedza

MM, an MDC supporter was harassed by four ZANU PF youths at St. Pius School.

ON was harassed by JM of ZANU PF for allegedly allowing an MDC supporter to frequent his bottle store.

NM and TC of Goto Primary School were harassed and forced to contribute towards the Unity Day celebrations by ZANU PF supporters RM and GN.

### Marondera East

MC was harassed by ZANU PF members FK, GM and CM for refusing to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

Mr. G of Nyameni Township was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters MR and G for making a statement against ZANU PF.

BS was beaten by ZANU PF members led by CK and four ZANU PF youths.

### Marondera West

D and C, MDC supporters, were beaten by K and four other ZANU PF members at Kudenga Township for supporting MDC.

TM was assaulted by two ZANU PF youths OB and BN, for supporting MDC at Chimbwanda West Primary School.

Mr. M, an MDC member was beaten by three ZANU PF members for selling fertilizer at inflated prices.

Three MDC members were harassed at Buruburwi School by four ZANU PF members M, C and T for increasing crèche fees to \$12 000 from the usual \$500.00 per child per term as required by the war veterans.

### Murewa North

VM, a suspected cattle rustler was murdered at Guzha Township by villagers. No one was arrested.

PS, an MDC supporter was assaulted by JM and CM for allegedly being an opposition supporter.

PC and RM MDC supporters were beaten by MS and TM (ZANU PF supporters) for being suspected MDC activists.

Two female teachers M and A were harassed and barred from getting water from DM's well because they were accused of being MDC members.

### Murewa South

F and J were beaten by ZANU PF members who suspected them of being MDC activists since they were coming from Harare.

R, again from Harare, had his two bags of maize taken away by H, M and M (ZANU PF youths).

Four MDC youths were beaten by ZANU PF youths led by M at Nhende village.

A and W were beaten by war veteran M after they had refused to help him.

### Mutoko South

MK, a local businesswoman at Corner Store, was harassed by District Party Executive, ZANU PF youths and war veteran M for refusing to open her grinding mill to the public.

PM was beaten by a war veteran H in village 21 for supporting MDC.

### Seke

Three war veterans assaulted JM of MDC at Washayabunha village accusing him of stealing their farm equipment.

Again at Washayabunha village, MDC youths SN and JN destroyed two houses belonging to a new settler, accusing the headman of corruption.

### UMP

NR, a ZANU PF member, was assaulted by MDC youths at Karidza village.

## MANICALAND

### Mutare North, Central and South

The outgoing Manicaland governor, chased away five student nurses from Mutare General hospital because they had not attended the Border Gezi Training. This is regardless of the fact that these youths had already been enrolled for a month.

### Chimanimani

The area has seen an increase of violence with the atmosphere around Charleswood farm remaining tense. JM, a notorious CIO member is causing a lot of havoc in the constituency.

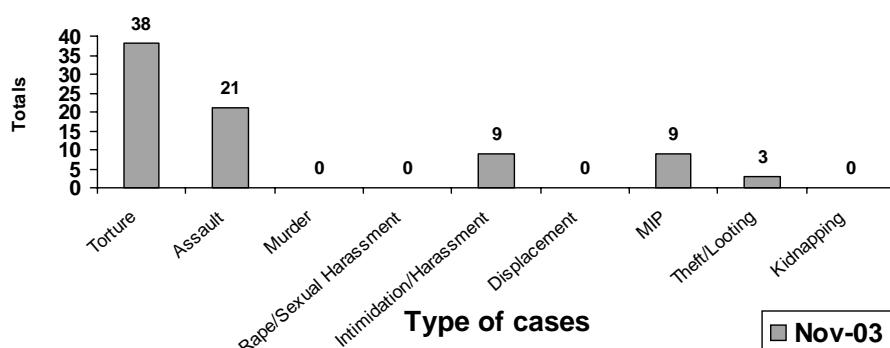
### Buhera South

ZM (MDC member) assaulted his mother and siblings for supporting ZANU PF.

### Makoni East

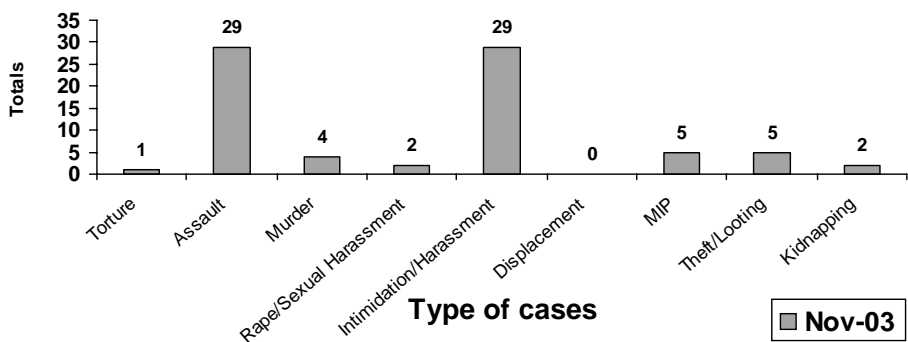
No one is allowed to read any independent newspaper or any material on human rights issues.

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



**MIDLANDS**

**Figure 7: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Midlands**



**Gokwe North**

TM, a ZANU PF councilor, was allegedly assaulted by MDC members after threatening them with an unspecified punishment. It is reported that the MDC supporters decided to attack him first.

**Gokwe South**

It is alleged that the headmaster of Siyanami Primary School sexually molested a grade six pupil. The pupil is reported to have screamed and attracted a passer-by. It is alleged the case was not reported to the police for fear of victimization. Apparently the headmaster must have strong ties with the police and ZANU PF in the area.

It is alleged that suspected ZANU PF supporters burnt down the house of NT whom they accused of supporting the opposition. It is reported that property worth \$500 000.00 was destroyed.

In the same area a village head who was suspected to be a member of MDC was forced to abandon his role as village head by a ZANU PF councilor.

OS, a suspected MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by a “Green Bomber”, TN who was assisted by his friends. It is alleged that suspected ZANU PF youths went into Maburutse Store and accused OS of being an MDC supporter. IG one of the youths took advantage of the confusion and stole cash and goods worth \$637 000.00.

In Makwikwi village suspected MDC supporters were allegedly paraded before a village court and asked to denounce their membership to the opposition.

**Kwekwe**

ST was reportedly attacked by suspected ZANU PF supporters who accused him of being related to the MDC leader. ST has a similar surname as the MDC leader.

RC, an MDC activist known for selling the opposition party materials had his house allegedly attacked by about 15 suspected ZANU PF youths. It is reported that window panes and asbestos sheets were broken.

It is alleged that ZANU PF youths and gold panners went to ZANU PF offices and assaulted party councilors whom they accused of being sell-outs. The councilors were accused also of instructing the police to arrest all people caught panning gold.

RN, a ZANU PF councilor, had his house stoned by ZANU PF supporters after moving a motion in council that gold panners be stopped from panning.

**Zvishavane**

It is alleged that members of the support unit went round forcing residents to attend a ZANU PF rally in Mazvihwa area. It is reported that during this process one of them beat up an eighteen year old boy who fell off a scotch cart and died.

DD allegedly used a knife to frighten a girl T and raped her. It is reported that no police report was made.

**Mkoba**

It is alleged that the N brothers were kidnapped and assaulted by ZANU PF youths at a base in Mkoba 20 for not attending their rally.

RC, a ZANU PF supporter was allegedly harassed and threatened with death by fellow party members for not attending meetings.

**Gweru Urban**

It is reported that the majority of the MDC councilors were denied permission to hold a development meeting in their wards by the police. It is reported this is done to frustrate them and stop them from doing their duties.

Police allegedly arrested an MDC chairman accusing him of organizing the ZCTU demonstrations. The chairperson was detained overnight and released without charge.

It is also alleged that people who were supposed to benefit from a food aid programme are not accessing it as ZANU PF supporters want to take over the function of councilors, who are currently all from the MDC.

**Shurugwi**

CC, a TB patient, was allegedly denied food aid from the Red Cross by ZANU PF supporters led by their councilor. She was accused of supporting the opposition and instructed to get the needed food support from the MDC.

**Chirumanzu**

MK and JJ, members of CIVNET were allegedly accused of being sell-outs for organizing civic education workshops in the new resettlement areas. It is reported they were threatened and told to leave the area.

**MATEBELELAND NORTH**

**Hwange West**

It is reported that the ZRP police relations and liaison officers moved around telling people not to participate in the ZCTU protest against high taxation. It is alleged that they told people that the police had been given permission to shoot at protestors.

It is also reported that some “green bombers” from Kamativi went to Cross Dete and slaughtered a cow belonging to a Mr. KD, thinking that it belonged to the MDC MP.

**Binga**

It is alleged that a pupil at Musenampongo Primary School was raped by a temporary teacher at the school and a Border Gezi youth. It is reported the teacher has since been fired but no arrests were reportedly made.

**BULAWAYO**

**Cowdray Park**

It is alleged that a police officer was harassed and later arrested after apprehending a notorious war veteran ON. It is reported that the officer is being accused of being an MDC member and of releasing sensitive information to the opposition.

**Pumula North**

ZD, an NCA activist, was insulted and threatened by three suspected Green Bombers. It is alleged that she was accused of being an MDC prostitute and was part of the gang plotting to attack ZANU PF youths in the area. The three threatened to attack her if she did not denounce her membership to the MDC.

**Luveve**

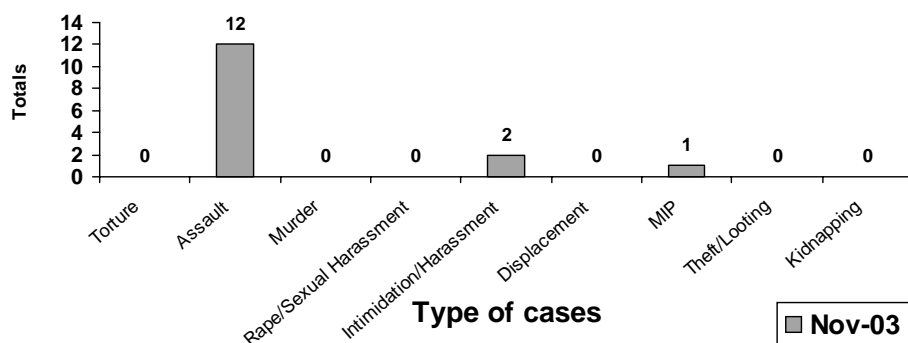
A gang of war veterans allegedly barred MM, a suspected MDC supporter from buying maize meal from Maplonka shops. It is reported that they assaulted him and told him to buy his food from Tony Blair, the British Premier since he was an MDC activist.

It was reported that suspected ZANU PF supporters attacked people at Chigumira Shopping Centre, targeting all suspected MDC supporters. One PD was allegedly injured on the left arm.

**Pumula South**

It is reported that a PTA meeting scheduled at Dumezweni Primary School turned political as some ZANU PF supporters alleged that they would not recognize the new MDC councilor of the area. It is alleged that the new councilor who was attending the same meeting was insulted and threatened resulting in the disruption of the meeting.

**Figure 8: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Bulawayo**



**Belmont**

This was the day penciled for a ZCTU strike. Companies dismissed their employees early. It is alleged that as the workers walked home along Josiah Chinamano and Plumtree road, the police barricaded the two roads armed with baton sticks and dogs. It is reported that teargas was thrown to stop people intending to move into the city centre.

Ncube and his group. It is reportedly said they promised to come back and discipline him. CZ is reported to have fled the area.

TN was allegedly taken away by seven war veterans after a village meeting. It is reported that he was accused of insulting war veterans and the President. He was allegedly detained for five hours and later released.

**Plumtree**

It is alleged that M a ZANU PF official, addressed council staff urging them to contribute money towards the party's conference. It is reported that he said that this was a political issue and no questions would be entertained.

It is alleged that BN was stopped and searched by police officers on his way from Plumtree Border Post. The police took \$40 000.00 and 150 pounds. The police again went to his house intending to carry out a search it but he refused to give them entry as they had no warrant. They came back with a warrant and searched the house and took away \$500 000.00 which was later returned but the \$40 000.00 and 150 pounds were never returned.

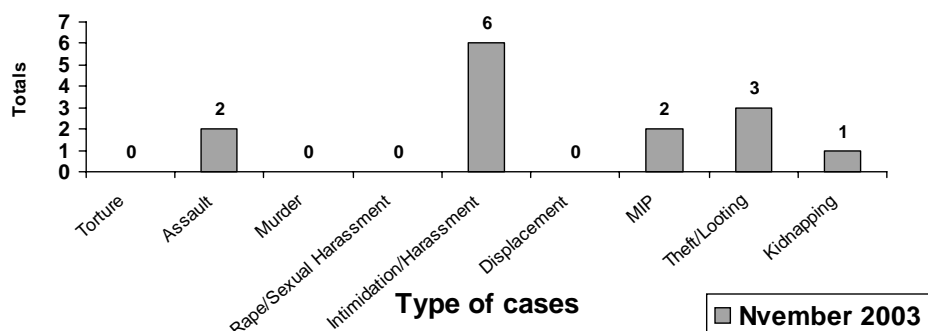
**MATEBELELAND SOUTH**

**Gwanda North**

It is alleged that at a ZANU PF ward 6 meeting, people were encouraged to harass members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church who had not attended the meeting. People from the ward were told not to attend the church and that all those who do not attend meetings will be expelled from the public works programme.

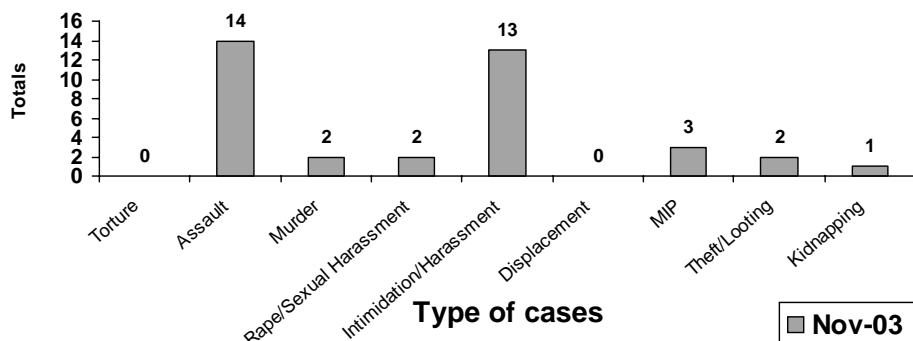
It is alleged that CZ, a former ZANU PF member who defected to the MDC, was confronted and harassed by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Abednico

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



**MASVINGO**

**Figure 10: Bar Graph of cases of human rights abuse reported in Mashonaland East**



**Masvingo Central**

It is alleged that JM a ZCTU member was assaulted by ZANU PF youths (Border Gezi) with the help of the police when he tried to address workers.

**Gutu North**

It is alleged that at Jekiseni farm MM and MM, were accused by ZANU PF youths RM, CC and JN of supporting the MDC. The two were assaulted and their houses burnt. It is also reported that all suspected MDC supporters are not allowed to join the food for work programme in Mukadziwasha village.

**Gutu South**

AM was reportedly assaulted by ZANU PF youths for attending an MDC rally.

**Bikita East**

TZ is alleged to have assaulted KN over the youth chairmanship post at Chegwiti Resettlement area.

In another case, it is alleged that JN assaulted SM for not having a ZANU PF card and promised to burn down his hut. PM an MDC supporter allegedly assaulted PM who had attended a ZANU PF rally at Zaranyika village.

A Kukura Kurerwa bus conductor is alleged to have raped OC after she failed to pay the correct amount for her journey.

**Chivi South**

SM is alleged to have stormed into a meeting held by a food aid organization and denounced MDC supporters and promised to beat them during the next Parliamentary elections.

**Chiredzi North**

AM had his field taken away by ZANU PF supporters for being an MDC supporter. It is also alleged that GB was kidnapped by war veterans led by SM, after an argument on the control of cane fields in the Hippo Valley area.

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