

BACKGROUND & FORMATION

The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly after 2000 by a group of Churches and NGOs working or interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives, and was to become a vehicle for civic interventions in a time of political crisis. In particular ZPP sought to monitor and document incidents of human rights violations and politically motivated breaches of the peace e.g. violence.

Today, ZPP's co-operating member organizations include, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Evangelical fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZIMRIGHTS), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ) and the Habakkuk Trust.

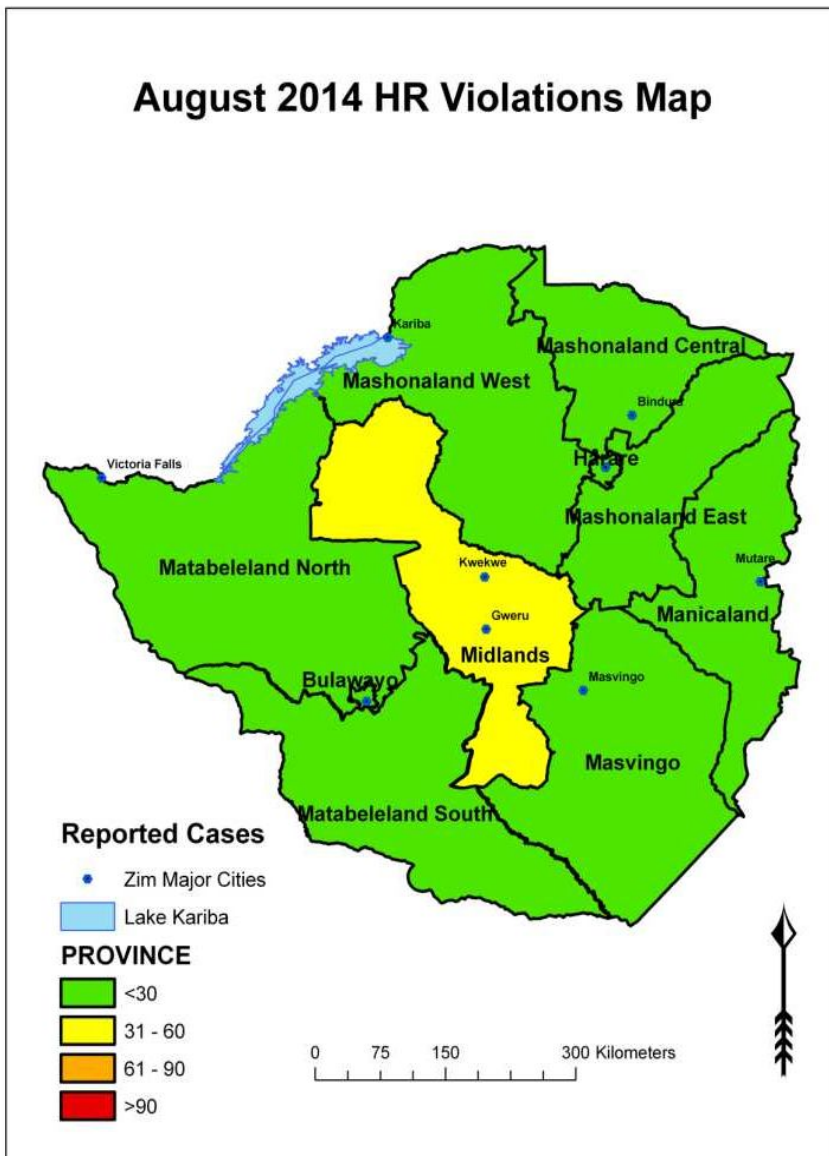
VISION

Sustainable Justice, Freedom, Peace and Development in Zimbabwe, for All

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To work for sustainable Peace through Monitoring, Documentation, Research & Publications, and Community Peace Building Interventions ~ through & with our Members & Partners

August 2014 HR Violations Map



METHODOLOGY

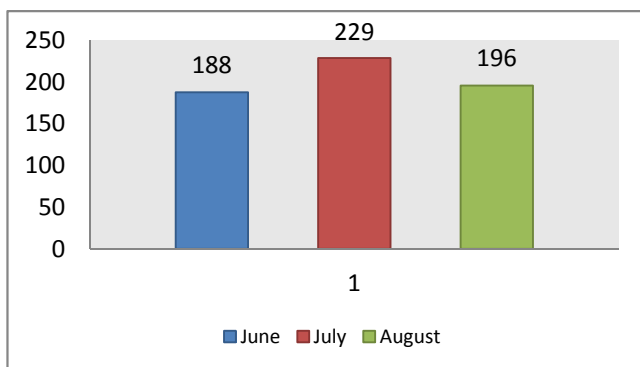
This report is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors who observe, monitor and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). These community-based monitors reside in the constituencies they monitor. They compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who man the different ZPP offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verifications of the reports from the monitors, the provincial coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at national office into the ZPP monthly monitoring reports published in retrospect.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The month of August 2014 witnessed a significant decline in the number of recorded incidents of politically motivated human right violations despite Zanu PF holding its Youth and Women's League conferences. There were 196 cases compared to the 229 incidents witnessed during the month of July.

The two Zanu PF conferences were held amid reports of alleged abduction and kidnapping which were dispelled by some members of the party, massive vote buying and violence. The youth and women's league congresses endorsed President Robert Mugabe as the sole party candidate for the 2018 while his wife who has made a surprising leap into the political fray was also endorsed as the secretary for the Women's League.

Despite the significant decline in the cases of political violence, incidents of farm invasions were recorded in Mashonaland Central, Matabeleland North and South. The latest case was recorded on 26 August when Zanu PF MP from Muzarabani South Christopher Chitindi refused to hand over keys or unlock Samaphiri farm's main gate for remaining white owners Sabastian Zietsman and his mother Elizabeth Zietsman. The Zietsmans tried in vain to get the keys back but Chitindi threatened them before ordering them to return back to Harare. Farm guards were chased away and replaced by Chitindi's brothers. Contacted for a comment, Chitindi confirmed the take-over of the farm adding that the farm had been allocated to new black owners.



MDC-T MP for Gweru Cecil Zvidzai was detained at Gweru central police station on 16 August. Zvidzai is being charged with unlawfully smuggling in 847 windup radios in October 2010. Zvidzai was made to write a statement over the same by Detective Sergeant Mabvuregudo of CID law and order and inquiries are being made in connection with the case of smuggling. He denies the allegations.

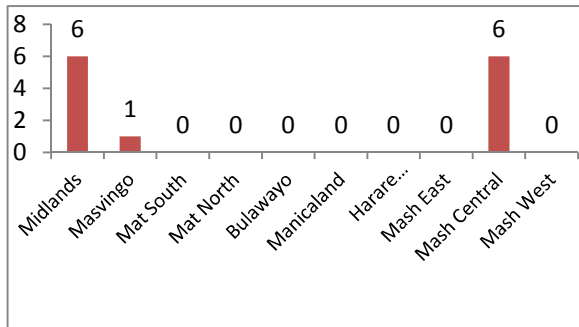
On the sixth of August the manager at Ingwe Safaris which is part of Kanondo Safaris owned by Minister of Transport Obert Mpofo was assaulted by unknown soldiers, for inciting co-workers to demand their salaries for the past 9 months. The soldiers came at around 1900hrs and called the victim and told him that they were sent by Minister Mpofo to attend to the workers problem, but when he came out of the farm house he was assaulted by the soldiers who used Mopani tree branches. He sustained some bruises and sores. They further accused him of being a sell-out.

FOOD AND OTHER FORMS OF AID VIOLATIONS

Countrywide there were a few incidents of violations involving accessing food hand-outs. The incidents recorded included being denied access to food because of one's political affiliation, being ordered to denounce one's party in order to access food, being ordered to produce a party card before accessing food and being ordered not to wear party regalia at the food distribution point. Below are highlights of these incidents in the various provinces.

Masvingo

Chivi, Mwenenzi and Chiredzi districts remain in critical need of food as they did not get any meaningful harvests due to erratic rains and poor soils. The price of food is not affordable for most of communities. On August the 10th in Chiredzi West in Ward 3 and 4 Zanu PF councillor Francis Moyo who was distributing mosquito nets from the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare denied an MDC-T activist a mosquito net , accusing him of having de-campaigned him during the last election and for belonging to an opposition party.



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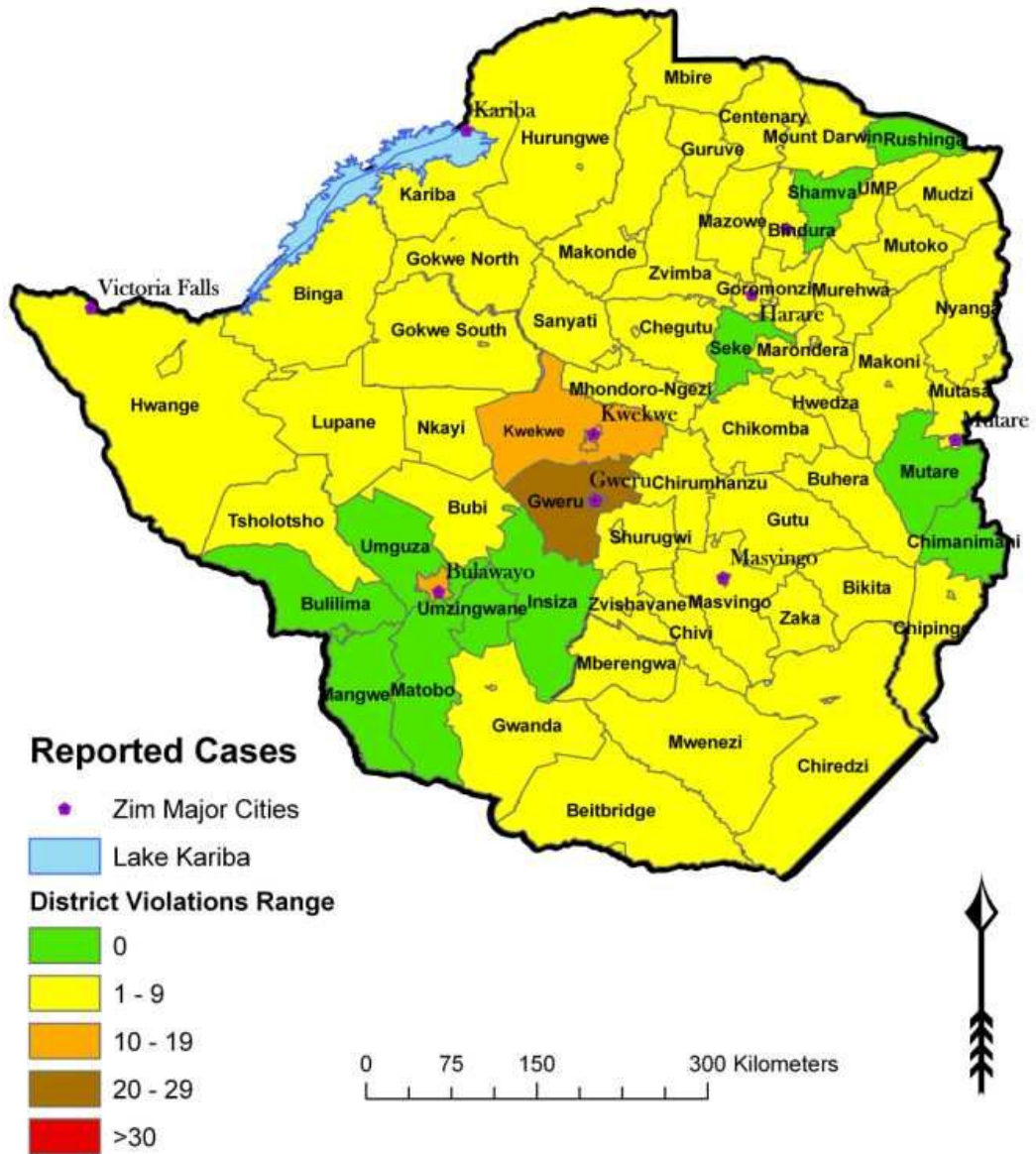
Generally most of the districts had good harvests that are expected to provide adequate food for household consumption. However, communities which did not get good harvests would require food supplements and subsidies to increase quantities of affordable food.

Mashonaland Central The province recorded 6 cases related to politicization of food and other

forms of aid.

The rest of the provinces Mashonaland East, West, Bulawayo, Matabeleland North, South and Harare Metropolitan reported no incident on politicization of food and other aid distribution in the period under review.

ZPP August 2014 District Violations Map



INCIDENCES OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLATIONS

| PROVINCE | ACTS OF HR VIOLATIONS | HR/FREEDOMS VIOLATED | # OF ACTS | MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF HR VIOLATIONS |
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| Maanicaaland | Assault | Right to liberty and security of person | 2 | <p>There was a slight increase in the recorded incidents of violations and these included reports on incidents of assault emanating from intra-party conflicts, discrimination based on political intolerance, harassment and intimidation of people perceived to belong to the opposition parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 August 2014- At Rusape General Hospital Albert Mashava, a Zanu PF supporter from the Ministry of Labour denied a female MDC-T activist employment as a general worker on allegation that she belonged to the opposition party and therefore was not eligible to be employed in a government institution. ➤ 15 August 2014- At Sakubva in Mutare Central, Mable Mutemanyama threatened to beat up a male MDC-T Renewal Team activist. Mable allegedly chased the victim away from the Sakubva Hall where the MDC-T party was holding a meeting. ➤ 25 August 2014- In Mukamba Ward, Makoni South at Mukamba Clinic people were gathered to board a free bus to Mozambique to buy goods. The bus was provided by the Mozambican government as a gesture to encourage Zimbabweans to go shopping in Mozambique. A Zanu PF councillor Zumbika barred two MDC-T activists, male and female from boarding the bus because they belonged to the opposition party. Zumbika declared that all MDC-T activists would not be allowed to board the free bus to Mozambique because they were sell-outs and not friends of Mozambique. |
| | Harassment/intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 13 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 6 | |
| | Total | | | |
| Midlands | Harassment/intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 46 | <p>The Midlands Province had the highest number of violations recorded during the month. Of the 59 cases recorded in August, 46 were of harassment and intimidation. Cases of intra-party fights within Zanu PF have filtered into families with a case where a woman was chased from her marital home for supporting a faction within Zanu PF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5 August 2014 - In Gokwe Mapfungautsi Simbe Village ward 16, Francis Mhaza who is the husband to the victim allegedly called his wife a witch because she was supporting Amai Mujuru's Faction. The perpetrator even told his wife to pack and go away from his home. ➤ 14 August 2014 – Vungu ward 1 Resettlement Village 1 Austine Moyo of Zanu PF is a village head who allegedly swindled villagers of their maize telling them to |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 4 | |
| | Theft/Looting | Property rights | 1 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 5 | |
| | Unlawful Detention | Right to Liberty & security of persons | 1 | |
| | Displacement | Property Rights | 1 | |
| | Total | | | |

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| | | | | bring grain for a private sale. When people brought their grain it was then diverted to GMB. But when one of the villagers (name supplied) also of Zanu PF wanted to know why Moyo had delivered their maize to the GMB, he was told that the maize had gone to the GMB so that it could feed the nation. When the victims persisted on the reason of sending the maize of the people, Moyo accused them of being enemies of the state. |
| Mash Central | Harassment/intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 12 | <p>The province has continued to witness farm invasions long after the land reform programme was declared complete. Factionalism in Zanu PF party is becoming evident in the province as the December elective congress approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14 August 2014 – Zanu PF supporters identified only as Mrs Mukoka and Mr. Mawara from State Security invaded Zororo farm in Muzarabani South. The two drove away a white farmer and have since taken over operations on the farm. ➤ 26 August 2014- An MP for Muzarabani South, Christopher Chitindi invaded Samaphiri farm forcing the resident family off the farm. |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, education | 4 | |
| | Displacement | Property rights | 1 | |
| | Total | | 17 | |
| Mats East | Harassment/intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 11 | <p>Factional fighting within the opposition parties, harassments and intimidation were the major sources of violations during the month under review in the province. On 19 August Mabeta of Mtawawatawa in Maramba Pfungwe was assaulted by 4 Zanu PF members with open fists and logs after a heated argument on the effects of indigenisation. Mabeta had summed up the negative impact of indigenization on the ordinary people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MDC-T supporters and members of the Renewal Team had a fight at the MDC-T party office in Morningside in Marondera on 31st August. MDC-T members gathered at their office to choose leaders in preparation of the October congress. The Renewal Team members led by Phillip Ruzvidzo came to the venue having planned to disturb proceedings. They were refused entry at the gate leading them to jump the fence. This infuriated MDC-T members and they started to fight the intruders. ➤ 15 August 2014 - A group of Zanu PF supporters led by Taka Choto forced an MDC-T supporter to pay money for Heroes Day celebrations he had not paid prior to celebrations. This occurred at Uzumba at Patsika Business Centre. While another MDC-T supporter was harassed by Victor Mtezo of Zanu PF and forced to buy a party card at Magacha village in Hwedza. ➤ George Katsande the son of the Mudzi West MP Aquiline Katsande addressed villagers at Chimanga Primary school in ward 4. He declared that in his mother's constituency people should stop wearing red clothes as they were doing during election campaign in 2013. George indicated that names would be written of those who show that they don't like Zanu PF. The red colour is an MDC-T party colour. |
| | Assault | Right to liberty and security of person | 1 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 4 | |
| | Total | | 17 | |

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| Masvingo Mash West | Harassment/intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 13 | <p>The province witnessed 24 cases of human rights violations a decline from the 30 reported in July 2014. The province reported gross human rights violations with a Banket couple severely assaulted by unknown assailants over land wrangles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The victim (name supplied) of Maumbe Township in Hurungwe Central commented that there is something wrong with a tree that has dry leaves during a ZIMCET workshop on human rights. A day after the workshop on 30 August, the victim was picked by police who accused him of insulting the President. He was released the same day but told that members of the Criminal Investigation Department would visit him from Chinhoyi. The person's rights as an arrested or detained person were violated as they was no legal basis to arrest him and he was not brought before the courts as the Constitution in Section 50 stipulates on the Rights of arrested people. ➤ The victims (names supplied) were severely attacked on the night of 18 August at their Marere farm in Banket by unknown assailants. The attackers did not steal anything although the attack was severe especially for the husband who was attacked on the head. The couple own a farm which is a game park .Two chiefs Nyamangara and Zvimba have been trying to wrestle the farm from them against government declaration to let the game park remain with the original owners. In April Zanu PF leaders forced their way in to shoot animals they claimed to be for independence celebrations. |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 3 | |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 4 | |
| | Displacement | Property Rights | 4 | |
| | Total | | | |
| Masvingo | Harassment/Intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 14 | <p>The situation in the province is relatively calm. The incidents recorded include threats of violence, harassment and intimidation. The twenty nine arrested Chingwizi Camp residents are still on remand waiting for the cases to be heard in the courts. There were reports of ZANU PF factionalism rearing its ugly head in the political structures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10 August 2014- In Hamandishe Village in Gutu North two Zanu PF youths fought over their different political opinions over the leadership factionalism. ➤ 10 August 2014- In Chiredzi West in Ward 3 and 4, Zanu PF councillor Francis Moyo who was distributing mosquito nets from the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare denied an MDC-T activist a mosquito net, accusing him of having de-campaigned him during the last election and for belonging to an opposition party. ➤ 29 August 2014- An MDCT activist appeared before the Masvingo court and was further remanded to the second week of September 2014 on allegations of possessing a gun. The victim was abducted by war veterans and handed over to the police last year in the run up to the July 2013 elections in which he was the campaign manager for the losing former MDC-T MP. The victim was acquitted by the courts and he believes the fresh case is a continued victimisation because of his political affiliation. |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 3 | |
| | Theft/Looting | Property Rights | 2 | |
| | Disrupted Political Mtg | Freedom of Assembly | 1 | |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 2 | |
| | Total | | | |

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| Harare | Harassment/Intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 7 | <p>Generally there has been relative peace in most of the constituencies save for a few like the Harare Central Constituencies where the police disrupted MDC-T demonstrations. Factionalism within the Zanu PF is taking another turn as it is manifesting within the party structures such as the youth and women's league which have openly endorsed the appointment of the First Lady to lead the Women's League.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 August 2014- In Harare Central ZRP disrupted the demonstration by more than fifty MDC-T youths who were demonstrating, demanding two million jobs promised by Zanu PF government during the 2013 election campaign. Similar demonstrations were repeated on the 18th and 27th of August 2014 and the riot police assaulted and arrested some of the demonstrators. ➤ 26 August 2014- In Glenview South the Zanu PF branch chairperson Mrs Hombarume and Florence Musami, district youth chairperson and two other members moved door-to-door around the constituency forcing residents who are eighteen years and above to buy Zanu PF electronic cards at \$2 each. |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 2 | |
| | Total | | 9 | |
| Mat North | Harassment/Intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 8 | <p>In August the province witnessed an increase in the number of cases of human rights violations with 11 from 3 reported in July 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 August 2014 - In ward 12, village 5, Bubi constituency, villagers are facing displacement from a farm known as Mr Philip's Farm. The villagers most of them Zanu PF supporters are said to have occupied part of the farm during the year 2000 farm invasions. It is reported that it had been agreed that the resettled villagers would occupy a certain section of the farm and not overlap to the other parts. However, the resettled villagers are reported to have overlapped to the other parts of the farm prompting the son of Mr Philips to approach the DA to address the matter. It is then reported that the DA ordered the resettled villagers to leave the farm as quickly as possible. It is then further reported that there is now tension as the resettled villagers have nowhere to go. |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 1 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 2 | |
| | Total | | 11 | |
| Mat South | Harassment/Intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 1 | <p>Mat South remained in the range of an average of 5 cases of politically motivated violence. Of concern are cases of land invasion in the province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 20 August 2014 - in Figtree, ward 19, Bulilima east ZIPRA war veterans |
| | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 1 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 2 | |

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| | Total | | 4 | <p>demonstrated at Connolly farm against the latest invasion by Ray Ndhlukula of Zanu PF. The demonstrators staged their demo in the morning and dispersed at around 10am. The police were not called nor were there arrests thereafter. The demonstrators wanted Ndhlukula to leave the farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 11 August 2014 - At Gonkwe village ward 6 in Gwanda North constituency, 3 Zanu PF members visited the Councillor for ward 6 (name supplied) of the MDC demanding that he change the venue for the Heroes celebrations. The 3 are Samson Ndlovu, Japhet Ndlovu, Collen Nyoni. They wanted the Councillor to move the venue from Mtshazo to Sigodo business centre but he refused and they ended up threatening him reminding him that they are the ones ruling the country and they would do anything they wanted. Sikula phoned the police and they responded by saying they could not react to a threat but advised him to be alert and also seek support from neighbours. |
| Bulawayo | Assault | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 6 | <p>Bulawayo recorded 12 cases of politically motivated violations during the August period one case down from the 13 reported in July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16 August 2014 - Luveve – A 30 year old a member of MDC-T Renewal Team was arrested and unlawfully detained at Luveve Police Station after Mr Kidwell Mujuru of the MDC-T made a false report that the victim had threatened him and was later released after three hours . ➤ 17 August 2014 - Pumula - Some suspected members of Zanu PF who were in company of Nickson Magarinya assaulted the victim (name supplied) by kicking him all over his body after he declined to chant Zanu PF slogans as they were marching towards Methodist village near Dr Dumiso Dabengwa’s farm. The perpetrators were wearing their party regalia when the incident occurred. ➤ 24 August 2014 – the victim (name supplied) of the MDC-T and Chairperson of Bulawayo Progressive Residents Association ward 14 was assaulted by some suspected Zanu PF youths following a residents meeting .The meeting was held at Lobengula Hall and its main purpose was to discuss issues pertaining to transport within ward 14 of Lobengula Suburb. |
| | Harassment/Intimidation | Right to personal integrity and human dignity | 5 | |
| | Discrimination | Right to food, aid and livelihood | 1 | |
| | Total | | 12 | |
| Total | | | 196 | |

VICTIM/PERPETRATORS ANALYSIS BY GENDER AND ASSOCIATION

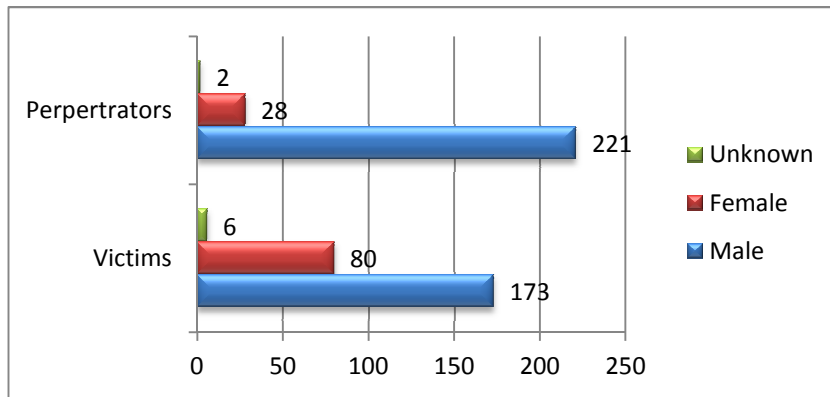


Figure 1: Victim & Perpetrator Analysis by Gender

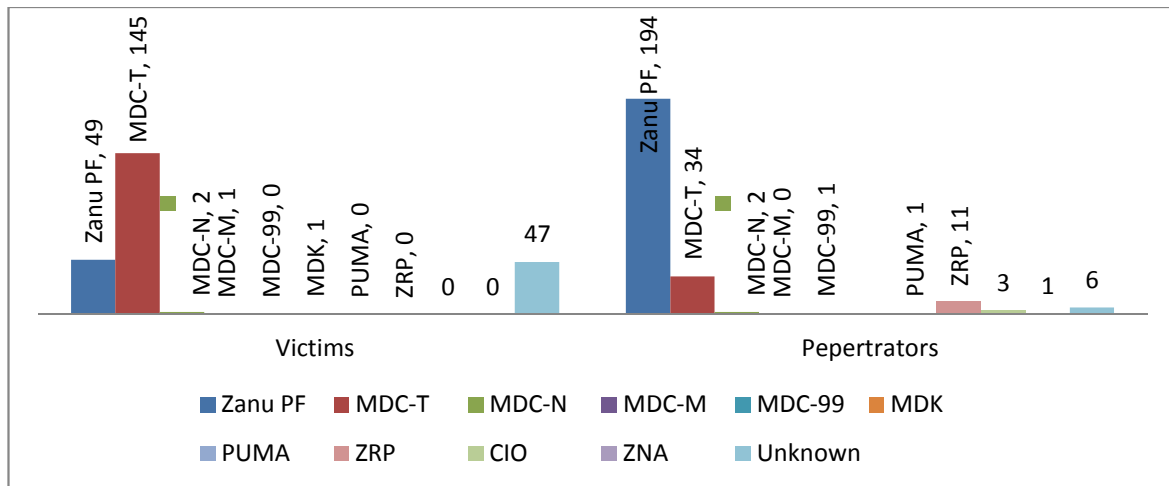


Figure 2: Victims/Perpetrator Analysis by affiliation

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ANNEXURE:

DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

| TERM | DEFINITION |
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| Murder | Unlawful and intentional killing of another person |
| Sexual Assault: | It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat. |
| a) Rape | Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter |
| b) Aggravated Indecent sexual assault | Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender. |
| Assault | Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm. |
| a) Falanga (Foot whipping) | Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood, or a whip. The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down. |
| b) Submersion/Suffocation (water boarding) | A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning. |
| c) Beating | Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or their own excreta.) |
| d) Other assault | |
| Torture | Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind |
| Threat | It is whereby a person threaten to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime. |
| Harassment/Intimidation | Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult or threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity. |
| MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS | |
| Kidnapping/Unlawful Detention | Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority (based on section 93 of the Criminal code Act) |
| a) Adduction | The taking away of a person using intimidation, open force of violence |
| b) Unlawful arrest | Is the arrest of a person by another person (usually a police officer), whereby the latter's position generally authorizes him/her to arrest the other person, but not in this particular case. Essentially, it is a form of abuse of power on the part of the police officer |

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| c) Unlawful detention | Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority. |
| d) Forced displacement | Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border" |
| PROPERTY RIGHTS | |
| Theft | Is whereby a person takes property from another person "knowing" that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property. |
| Robbery | Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the threat of immediate violence to induce the person who has lawful control over the property to relinquish his/her control over it. |
| Stock Theft | Is whereby a person takes livestock from another person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, and possess or control this very property. |
| Malicious Damage to Property | Is whereby a person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control any property, damages or destroys that very property (<i>Note: MDP to communal/household property should only be chosen for one family member: the victim or head of household in that order</i>) |
| a) Destruction of home | Is a form of malicious damage to property, it occurs when a home is burnt to the ground or otherwise made inhabitable in such a manner as the only option toward the making the home habitable is to completely rebuild it. Please describe briefly the alleged conduct. |
| b) Other types of MDP | |