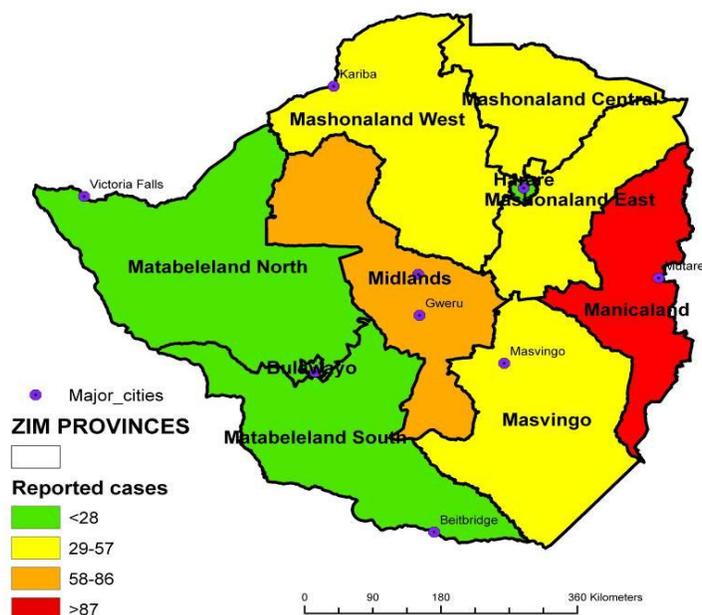


ZPP Monthly Monitor

ZPP MAY 2012 PROVINCIAL VIOLATIONS MAP



BACKGROUND & FORMATION

The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly in 2000 by a group of faith based 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 politically motivated human rights abuses.

Today, ZPP's 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 and the Habakkuk Trust.

VISION

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

MISSION

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

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 in each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). They compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who man the different ZPP provincial offices throughout 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 report published in retrospect.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The month under review saw the first ever visit by a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms Navenathem Pillay to Zimbabwe since Independence in 1980. The weeklong visit, which was at the invitation of the Zimbabwean Government, coupled with the pressure to delay the holding of elections this year led to a significant decline in the number of politically motivated human rights violations during the month of May.

There were 409 recorded cases during the month of May down from the 521 incidences witnessed during the month of April. There was a case of murder recorded from Mashonaland East in which an MDC-T activist Cephas Magura was allegedly stoned to death by six suspected Zanu PF supporters on 26 May at Chimukoko Business Centre in Mudzi North.

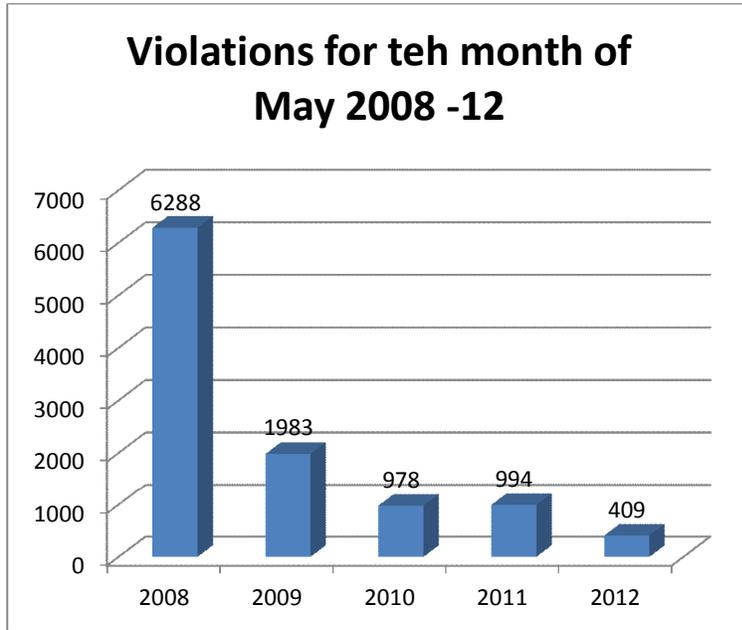
The murder in Mudzi came barely two days after the UN High Commissioner had completed her visit to Zimbabwe.

Inter and intra-party fighting has been recorded in some provinces as the main political parties moved to restructure their parties ahead of the elections. Intra-party fights continued to be recorded within Zanu PF in Manicaland as the party was restructuring its district leadership.

An analysis of the violations trends during the month of May over the past five years reveals that the month has always had more incidents compared to the other months.

The highest number of violations during the month of May was witnessed in 2008 with 6 288 cases. This was during the period leading up to the June 27 presidential Run-off when people were assaulted, maimed, killed and disappeared for failing to vote õwiselyö during the March harmonised elections.

Figure 1: Trends of PMV for May 2008 - May 2012



See Fig. 1 for more details Cases of politically motivated violence remain high and the atmosphere has remained tense in the Manicaland and Midlands provinces.

War Veterans Leader Jabulani Sibanda has since relocated to Mashonaland West province where is he is accused of ordering youths between the age of 13 and 36 years to register with their traditional leaders and become bonafide Zanu PF supporters.

Sibanda is alleged to have warned villagers in most of the meetings that he has held in the Province that he would not tolerate any

MDC-T meetings being held in the area

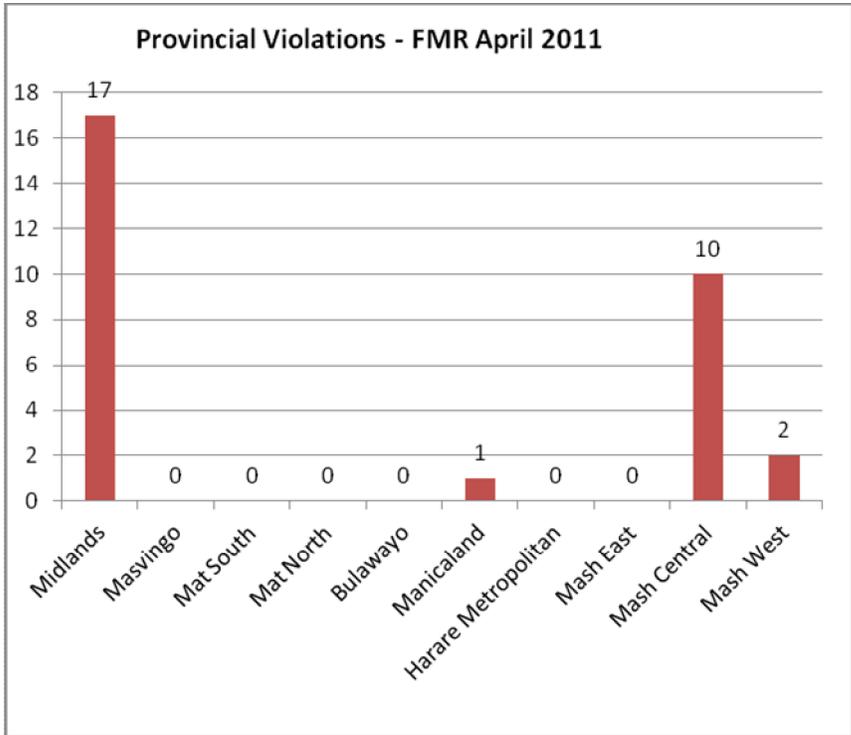
FOOD & OTHER FORMS OF AID RELATED VIOLATIONS

The month under review witnessed a marginal decline in the number of cases of politicization of food and other forms aid in all the 10 provinces of Zimbabwe. A total of 30 cases were recorded down from the 35 cases related to partisan distribution of food and other forms of aid recorded in the last period.

Trends and patterns keep pointing to political parties mostly ZANU PF followed by MDC-T, war veterans and traditional leaders persisting in the manipulation of distribution of food and other forms of aid processes, using the commodities as a bait to lure support of their respective groupings ahead of the proposed elections.

The government's grain loan scheme being managed by the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) has been the most abused commodity where beneficiaries are ordered to produce Zanu PF party cards and chant party slogans before they can access the aid.

The majority of the people are currently relying on the harvested crops from their field and thus the decrease in the number of cases linked to food and other forms of aid.

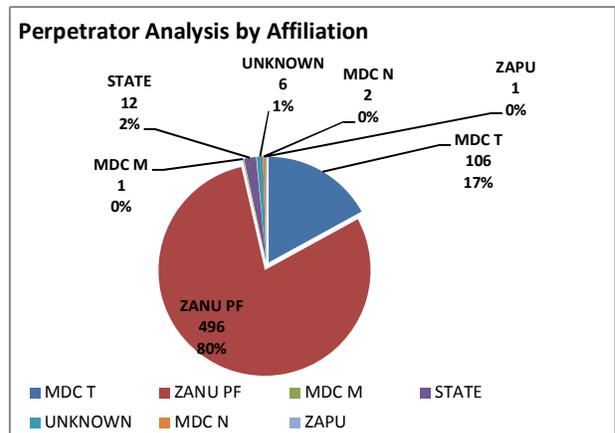
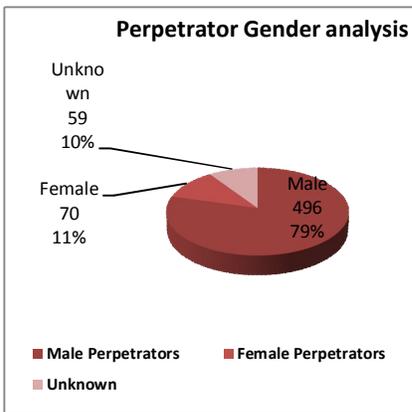
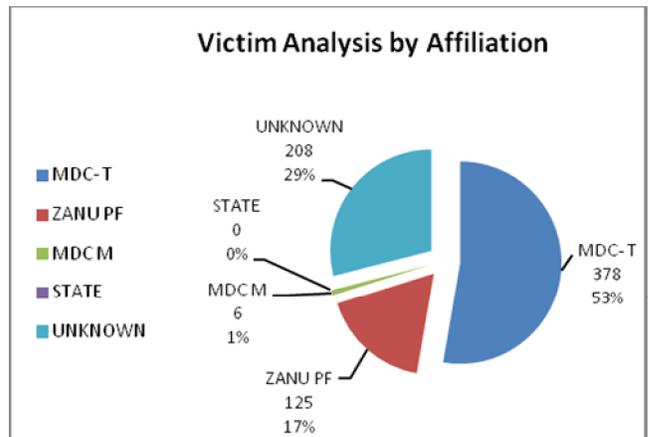
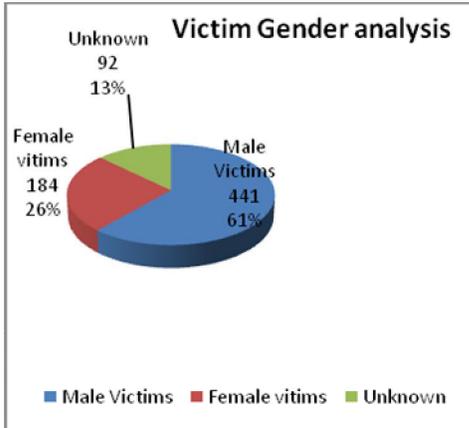


INCIDENTS OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLATIONS

PROVINCE	TYPE OF VIOLATIONS	COUNTS	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONFLICT
Manicaland	Unlawful Detention	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The province remained with the highest number of politically motivated human rights violations and the majority of the violations were inter party based while the remainder were at intra party level in both MDC-T and Zanu PF. Victims were always accused of belonging to a rival faction supported by the perpetrators. In Zanu PF, the DCC elections remain the major cause of despondency and infighting as the party is torn between rival factions jostling for control of the party. ➤ On the 19th of May at Hauna Growth Point, MDC-T activists reportedly threatened to beat up fellow activists for allegedly supporting a rival faction led by Proper Mutseyami instead of the one led by David Chimhini who is the MP for Mutasa North. Victims were barred from attending a meeting at Sahumani (Green) which was being addressed by MP Chimhini
	Harassment/intimidation	74	
	Assaults	16	
	Theft/looting	6	
	Discrimination	9	
	Displacement	6	
	Total	106	
Midlands	Harassment/intimidation	44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The province continued to witness a high number of cases of harassment and intimidation as inter-party and intra-party violence continues to be recorded. The intra-party conflicts within the MDC-T were recorded at Chaza Primary School in Mberengwa where party activists suspect each other of planning to defect to the other faction of the party. ➤ A serving member of the army allegedly approached a newspaper vendor at Gokwe Centre and violently took all the independent papers the vendor was selling. The soldier accused the vendor of selling newspapers that oppose the government.
	Assault	20	
	Theft/looting	3	
	Discrimination	9	
	Displacement	1	
	Total	77	
Mash Central	Harassment/intimidation	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The political environment in the province remained very volatile to opposition politics as the people's rights to choose a political party of their choice continue to be violated. ➤ Members of the Vadzidzi vaJesu VeChishanu, an apostolic church sect, have been accused of taking a vanguard role in supporting Zanu PF. Some of the leaders of the church are now officials of Zanu PF following the DCC elections held in April.
	Assault	2	
	Torture	1	
	Discrimination	7	
	Total	39	
Mash East	Murder	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The province recorded a second politically motivated murder case since the beginning of the year following the death of MDC-T activist and local chairperson Cephass Magura from Mudzi on the 26 May. Magura was allegedly stoned to death by suspected Zanu PF youths including councillor David Chimukoko, Raphael Bobo, Biggie Office, Perkins Karikoga Philip Katsande and Eric Chatiza who are now behind bars ➤ Addressing a JOMIC meeting at Chimukoko Business Centre, Mudzi North, MDC-T youths accused the police of refusing to provide security whenever they are attacked by Zanu PF youths.
	Harassment/intimidation	33	
	Assault	10	
	Discrimination	4	
	Displacement	2	
	Malicious Damage to Property	1	
	Total	51	
Mash West	Assault	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Generally the province recorded few incidents of physical violence during the month but war veterans leader Jabulani Sibanda has been recorded spearheading Zanu PF campaigns. Sibanda is being accused of intimidating people and forcing them to vote Zanu PF in the upcoming elections. ➤ An MDC-T female supporter from Hurungwe west was allegedly fined a goat by Chief Nyamhunga for allowing an MDC-T meeting to be held at her house.
	Discrimination	3	
	Harassment/Intimidation	36	
	Theft/Looting	2	
	Total	44	

Masvingo	Harassment/Intimidation	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tensions are rising in the province despite a decrease in the number of cases recorded during the month. A lot of disgruntlements were recorded within Zanu PF over the party's DCC elections. The worst confrontation was witnessed at Nyajena School which was the venue of DCC elections and had its windows vandalised. ➤ The MDC-T activist, who had been allegedly abducted, heavily assaulted before being accused of robbery, appeared at the Chiredzi Magistrate Courts on May 10 and the case was further remanded to June 22. ➤ Chief Serima allegedly banned an MDC-T rally at Matizha business centre despite the fact that meeting had been cleared by the police
	Assault	3	
	Displacement	6	
	Total	45	
Harare	Assault	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Police continue to disregard the rule of law and curtail people's freedom of Assembly as evidenced by disruption of MDC-T rallies in Kambuzuma and Highfield constituencies. From Kambuzuma where they arrested three MDC-T activists on a trumped-up charge of having assaulted a commuter omnibus driver and a Zanu PF member. The activists were detained for about five hours and later released without charge. ➤ At the beginning of the month Zanu PF activists assaulted known MDC-T activists who were organizing a constituency rally to be addressed by their MDC-T MP Simon Hove in Highfield West. Some of the perpetrators are known members of the police neighborhood watch committee.
	Harassment/Intimidation	13	
	Malicious Damage to Property	2	
	Unlawful Detention	1	
	Displacement	3	
	Total	25	
Mat North	Assault	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The province witnessed a slight increase in the number of violations compared to the month of April. There were 15 cases during the month under review with the majority of cases being those of harassment and intimidation by being forced to attend Zanu PF meetings. ➤ A war veteran from Tsholotsho North allegedly threatened to fire a Sizangobuhle Village headman for refusing to summon people to a Zanu PF restructuring meeting that was held on 7 May 2012. ➤ The other major cause of violence in the province has been reported to be around the distribution of food aid under the government's grain loan scheme.
	Theft/Looting	1	
	Discrimination	1	
	MDP	1	
	Harassment/Intimidation	12	
	Total	15	
Bulawayo	Harassment/Intimidation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most of the constituencies around Bulawayo remained calm during the month under review with the only incidents recorded involving the two major political parties of Zanu PF and the MDC-T. ➤ An incident was recorded in Bulawayo East constituency where Zanu PF supporters clashed against each other over the party's new DCC leadership. The same was for the MDC-T as intra-party violence was recorded between supporters of Matson Hlalo and members loyal to State Enterprises Minister Gordon Moyo. The incident happened on May 16, 2012 near Sekusile Shopping Centre in Nkulumane.
	Total	2	
Mat South	Assault	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The province has remained relatively calm with five incidents of politically motivated human rights violations having been recorded during the month. ➤ One case of assault was recorded at Dambashoko Village in Gwanda North when a ZAPU member had his wife beaten up by a Zanu PF supporter. The perpetrator was demanding that the victim pay back a US\$200 loan that was owed by her late grandfather who died in 2007. The case was reported at Nkwidze Police Station but no arrests have been made.
	Harassment/Intimidation	4	
	Total	5	
	OVERALL TOTAL	409	

VICTIM/PERPETRATOR ANALYSIS BY GENDER AND ASSOCIATION





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