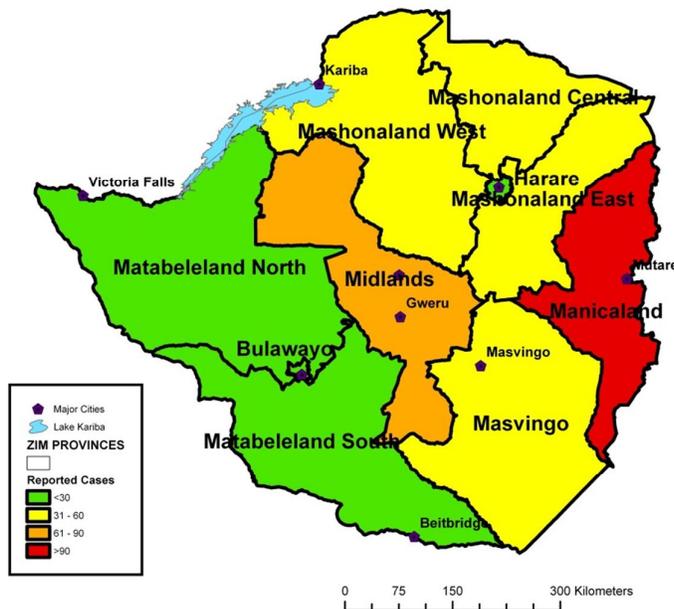


## ZPP Monthly Monitor

**ZPP June 2012 Violations Map**



### 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 Trust 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

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## **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**

Politically motivated human rights violations continued on a downward trend during the month of June as the talk for elections this year seemed to have calmed down following the SADC decision to have the elections after the completion of a new constitution. The SADC also called on the parties to the inclusive government to fully implement the Global Political agreement before the holding of elections.

Harassment and intimidation were the most common type of violations being recorded. Drought which has ravaged the southern parts of the country and the resultant food crisis was a major source of conflict.

People residing the affected areas which are mainly in Masvingo, Manicaland, Midlands, Matabeleland North and South provinces are facing starvation while the government controlled Grain loan scheme is being compromised by political interference with ZANU-PF supporters hijacking the distribution of the food aid to punish their political opponents.

The impasse between cotton farmers and buyers precipitated by low prices of cotton on the international market has led to serious politically motivated human rights violations after it was politicized by ZANU-PF in Midlands, Mashonaland West and Central.

The party allegedly imposed an embargo on the sale of cotton: blaming the MDC-T for influencing white owners of the Cotton ginneries to offer low prices so as to punish newly resettled farmers. Poor cotton farmers who dared to sell their cotton in order to support their families were labelled "sell-outs" and attacked for breaking the embargo.

A farmer in Muzarabani, Mashonaland Central was abducted and assaulted, leaving him seriously injured. The victim was attacked for allegedly selling his cotton produce at a price of 45cents per kilogram to a private company.

The operating environment remains stable but security agents continue to harass civic activists.

An analysis of the violations trends during the month of June over the past five years reveals that the month has always had high figures of politically motivated human rights violations compared to the other months.

It was in June 2008 that the country witnessed one of its saddest chapters when horrific politically motivated human rights abuses were witnessed across the country during the infamous one-man Presidential run-off election campaign. Memories of that horrendous

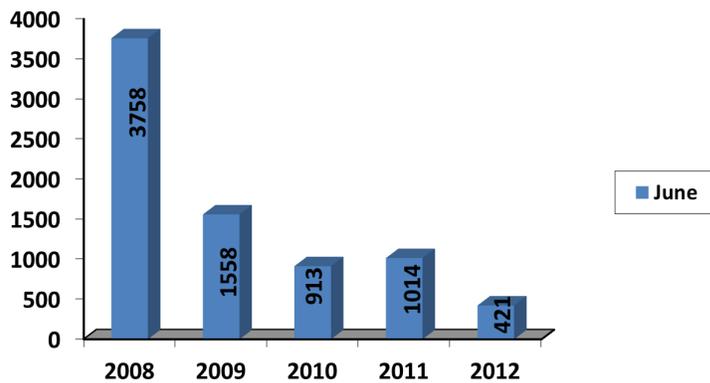


Figure 1: Trends of PMV for June 2008 –June 2012

period still haunt the national psyche and June 27 remains a byword for violence and terror in Zimbabwe.

The highest number of violations during the month of June was witnessed in 2008 when 3 758 cases were recorded.

The violations remained very high in June 2009 when 1 558 cases were witnessed.

Politically motivated human rights violations eased a bit in June 2010 to 913 cases only

to increase in June 2011 to 1 014 as the Zanu PF anti-sanctions petition campaign moved to other parts of the country.

Although the number of violations witnessed in June 2012 is a bit low, cases of politically motivated violence remain high and the atmosphere has remained volatile in the Midlands, Manicaland and Masvingo provinces with a significant rise in Mashonaland West Province.

Although incidents of the politicization of food aid remain very low, the situation on the ground show that people's rights will be violated as they seek food aid as a result of the drought and a poor food security situation.

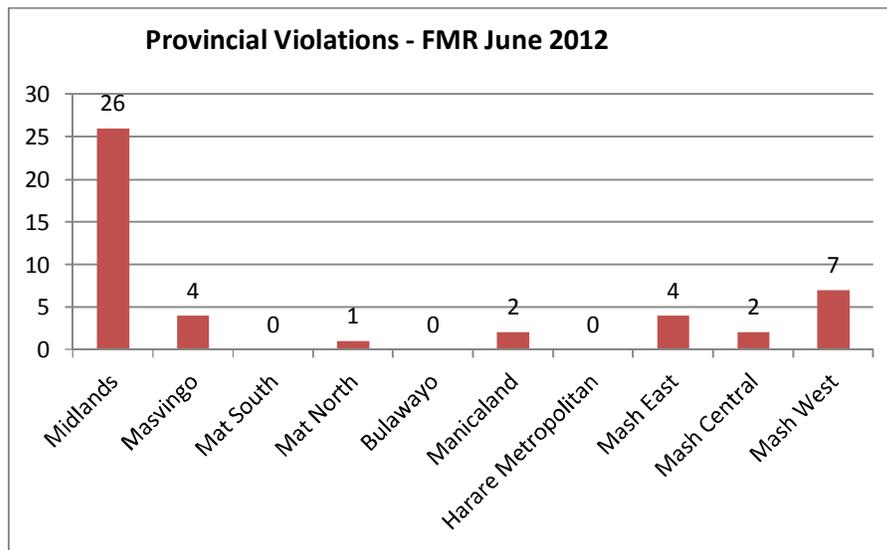


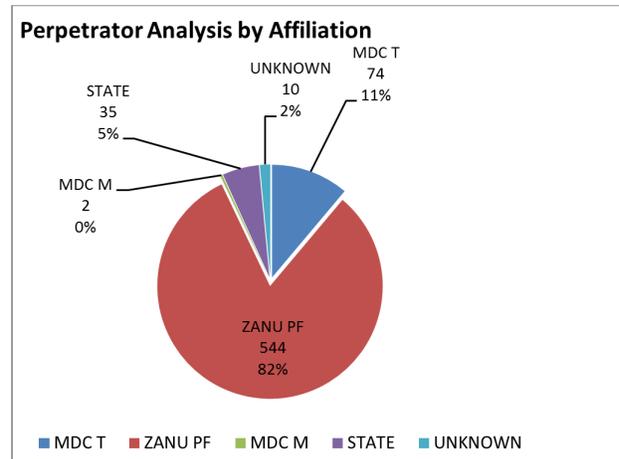
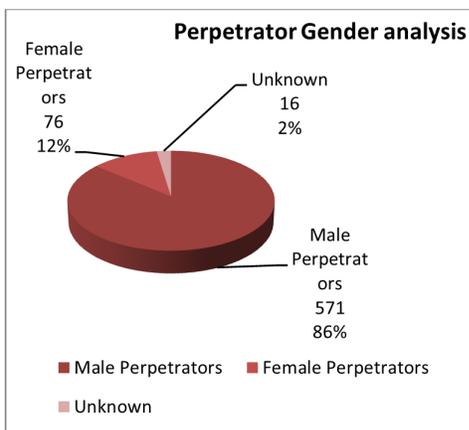
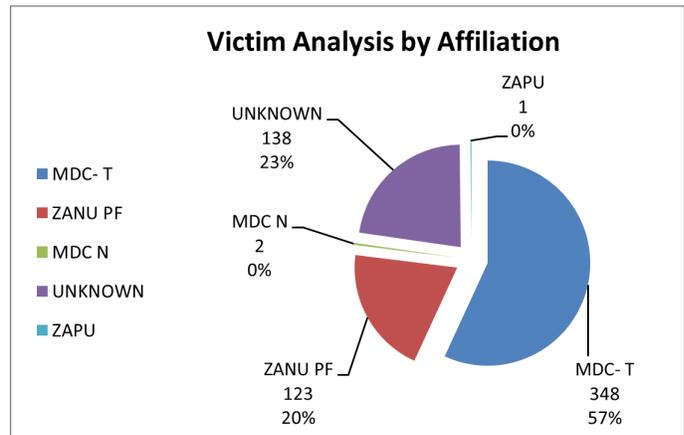
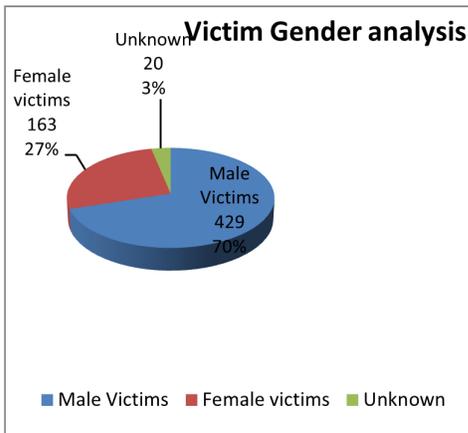
Figure 2 Graph showing aid related violations recorded in June 2012 by province

## INCIDENCES OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLATIONS

PROVINCE	TYPE OF VIOLATIONS	COUNTS	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONFLICT
<b>Manicaland</b>	Unlawful Detention	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The failure of internal process within the major political parties has fuelled conflict within Manicaland province. Zanu PF had to disband its district coordinating committees (DCC) after the election of these structures turned into a turf war marked by running battles and stone-throwing incidents between members of opposing factions.</li> <li>➤ The MDC-T also had its internal problems with party leaders engaged in physical fights at the party's Mutare offices leading to arrests.</li> <li>➤ Misappropriation and outright theft of donated food aid meant for drought-hit villagers is another issue fuelling tension in Manicaland.</li> </ul>
	Harassment/intimidation	89	
	Assaults	23	
	Theft/looting	2	
	Discrimination	13	
	Malicious Damage to property	5	
	Displacement	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>		
<b>Midlands</b>	Harassment/intimidation	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Political violence continues to be recorded in the Midlands Province with the highest number of aid related human rights violations.</li> <li>➤ From Mberengwa North, an MDC-T member was assaulted by a war veteran identified as Stanley Shumba using a shovel full of sand, for wearing a red T-shirt associated with the MDC-T.</li> <li>➤ At Chumusenda primary school in Mberengwa south, an MDC-T activist was denied government subsidised food from the G.M.B which was being distributed by Siviko Dube of Zanu PF because he failed to chant the party's slogan properly.</li> </ul>
	Assault	11	
	Theft/looting	3	
	Discrimination	5	
	Displacement	3	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	
<b>Mash Central</b>	Harassment/intimidation	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The abduction and assault of a farmer from Date Village by suspected Zanu PF supporters for selling his cotton in defiance of the cotton embargo. The victim had sold his cotton to Linsing Cotton Company at a price of 45c per Kilogram.</li> <li>➤ Obediah Msindo of the Destiny of Africa church has been blessing Zanu PF rallies while the Families of God (FOGO) church has reportedly ordered its followers to attend Zanu PF meetings and rallies.</li> <li>➤ The arson attack on the house of an MDC-t activist from Limbeck Farm in Mazowe Central by suspected Zanu PF youths, after the victim was seen at an MDC-T rally at Tsungubvi stadium on 8 June 2012.</li> </ul>
	Assault	3	
	Theft	3	
	Torture	1	
	Discrimination	6	
	Malicious Damage to property	1	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	
<b>Mash East</b>	Harassment/intimidation	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mass intimidation of villagers at a Zanu PF meeting held at Dendera Business centre in Mudzi. Mr. Chari of Zanu PF threatened the villagers with death and displacement from the area, citing the death of Cephas Magura as a sample of what is to come if they kept on supporting the MDC-T.</li> <li>➤ The month also witnessed an arson attack on the homestead of Maria Maorera on the night of 20th of June 2012. Zanu PF youths are suspected to be behind the attack as the victim had had a disagreement with them at a village meeting called by the headman to decide on beneficiaries of the Government subsidised Food.</li> </ul>
	Assault	12	
	Discrimination	7	
	Displacement	1	
	Malicious Damage to Property	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>		

<b>Mash West</b>	Assault	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The province has continued to witness cases of politically motivated human rights violations being perpetrated by serving members of the army.</li> <li>➤ Several members of the public were assaulted by soldiers from the Presidential Guard unit after a convoy escorting the President was involved in an accident at Lydiate along the Zvimba-Norton road.</li> <li>➤ Michael Gore an MDC-T councilor in Kadoma was severely assaulted and injured by soldiers for working with a Non-Governmental organization (NGO) called NEST.</li> </ul>
	Discrimination	3	
	Harassment/Intimidation	34	
	Unlawful Detention	1	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>Masvingo</b>	Harassment/Intimidation	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Former Masvingo provincial governor, Willard Chiwewe threatened and attempted to displace war veterans from Maranatha farm on 6 June 2012. A stand-off ensued as the war veterans refused to leave. The former governor was accompanied by two soldiers in military attire.</li> <li>➤ An information official in ZANU-PF denied four MDC-T supporters food aid alleging that it was for ZANU-PF supporters only.</li> <li>➤ A teacher at Matara School in Zaka East was threatened with grievous bodily harm by Tivatye Maphias of ZANU-PF for failing to attend a party meeting on 8 June 2012.</li> </ul>
	Assault	4	
	Discrimination	7	
	Displacement	1	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	
<b>Harare</b>	Assault	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members of the notorious Chipangano gang chased away ZESA employees who were installing a transformer at a Service station construction site near Matapi Police station alleging that the owner, Alex Mashamhanda, is affiliated to the MDC-T.</li> <li>➤ Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) members demonstrating outside Parliament with Police escort, demanding the release of the draft Constitution.</li> <li>➤ A female Zanu PF supporter was allegedly assaulted by two soldiers, Oliver Dube and William Svondo for wearing a Zanu PF T-shirt near the Zengeza 4 Service Station.</li> </ul>
	Harassment/Intimidation	8	
	Discrimination	2	
	Displacement	1	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Mat North</b>	Unlawful Detention	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The arrest and unlawful detention of three members of the National Youth Development Trust- BhekumusaMoyo, Meleluki Dube and Prosper Ndlovu at Mtshiya, Lupane west constituency by CIO operatives and the police on the 29th of May. The three were being accused of holding illegal meetings and mobilizing youths to vote for MDC-T.</li> <li>➤ The harassment and interrogation of Mr. Nyahunzi- a PTUZ officer by CIO operatives on the 4th of June 2012 at the Progressive Teachers' Union of Zimbabwe (PTUZ) offices in Hwange central. The operatives promised to visit all the NGOs in Hwange.</li> </ul>
	Harassment/Intimidation	6	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Bulawayo</b>	Harassment/Intimidation	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The arrest of WOZA members in the city centre during a demonstration calling on COPAC to include the devolution of power in the new constitution.</li> <li>➤ The arrest of eight Zimrights members at the Presbyterian City church during a meeting held to commemorate the International Day against torture on 26 June 2012.</li> </ul>
	Unlawful Detention	1	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Mat South</b>	Harassment/Intimidation	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A female traditional leader- Chief Sinqobile Mabhena is proactively ensuring that her subjects are receiving Government subsidised food by sending her secretary to meet villagers under her domain to maintain transparency in the distribution of the food aid.</li> <li>➤ On 12 June, an acting Kraal head and ZANU-PF Chairman- Mr. Masuku of Nyema village in the Umzingwane area was arrested by police after he failed to account for 17 bags of maize which was meant for the villagers.</li> </ul>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>421</b>	

## VICTIM ANALYSIS BY GENDER AND ASSOCIATION



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