

## FORTNIGHTLY MONITORING REPORT

Weeks 3-4 (16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March 2005)

**Zimbabwe Peace Project** 

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Despite assurances and claims by the government that peace would prevail in the run up to the March 31<sup>st</sup> general elections, the situation on the ground is completely at a tangent with this these claims.

According to reports from the ZPP's community-based primary monitors the political tension currently permeating the country's legislative electoral constituencies is a sure indication that the prospect of a free and fair election being held is highly questionable.

**Manical and** recorded a sharp increase in cases of harassment,

intimidation, assault and arson. At least 200 cases of harassment and intimidation were recorded, while 41 cases of assaults surfaced. Monitors' reports have five cases of arson attacks while unlawful detentions mostly perpetrated by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (**ZRP**) and Zanu PF adherents were reported as having increased.

In **Mutare South** on 19 March 2005, Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) youths guarding the venue of their party's rally at Munyarari were allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF youth militia led by war veterans M and MN. It is alleged that

after the assault, the assailants urinated in the victims' cooking pots, food stuffs and ripped open bags of mealie-meal before relieving themselves into the bags.

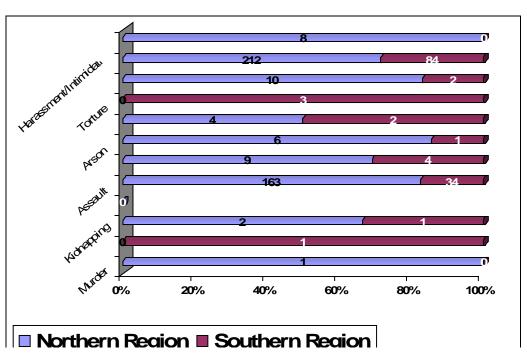
It was reported that on the 24<sup>th</sup> in **Mabvuku,** T, an MDC supporter was kidnapped along Guzha Street before being systematically tortured by three unidentified Zanu PF youth militia who accused the victim of being aligned to the MDC.

Arson attacks, though having occurred negligently, were employed by rowdy political activists in the capital. It was

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Figure 1: Comparison chart showing the human rights violation cases received from the Northern and Southern regions during the last two weeks of March 2005.



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

reported that on the 17<sup>th</sup> in **Mutasa South**, Zanu PF activists, DG, LT, TS and others set fire to houses belonging to MDC members IP, LK and CM destroying property worth more that \$8 million in the Muchena area.

It is alleged that on the 16<sup>th</sup>, in **Mabvuku** SG, an MDC supporter was thoroughly assaulted and had his car torched by six Zanu PF youths belonging to the notorious *Chipangano* militia group after they accused him of supporting what they called a 'sell-out' party at Matongo shops.

**Midlands** recorded an unusually high number of violence cases, most of which were allegedly perpetrated by Zanu PF supporters. In **Gokwe** (**Kana**), a Zimbabwe Electoral Commission official, MT was, on the 17<sup>th</sup> allegedly harassed by SM, a Zanu PF supporter who was inexplicably angry after having been informed that the March 31<sup>st</sup> ballot boxes would be transparent.

The ZPP would like to urge relevant electoral bodies to put measures in place to ensure that such elements are brought to book, as well as ensure that voter education programmes are done extensively with the sole aim of providing correct information to the electorate, especially those in remote

areas.

The country's main opposition party, the MDC also made a 'contribution' to irregular acts. In Colume (Nombudgiya) for example, three MDC supporters M, C and another identified as Chikara, on the 21<sup>st</sup> allegedly harassed two Zanu PF members M and M after demanding that the two 'reform' by joining the MDC.

The ZPP finds it quite worrying to note that the country's uniformed forces, who are essentially supposed to be impartial, continue to portray themselves as partisan. In **Gokwe**, an AB of Mapfungautsi residential area was alleged forced by police details to join a Zanu PF slogan drill in which some members of the uniformed forces were alleged to have participated on the 16<sup>th</sup>. In **Harare North** on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, two police officers allegedly harassed RN, JP and T for putting up campaign posters in **Mabelreign**.

Intra-party clashes have been occurring sporadically. In **Dzivarasekwa**, on 17 March, RC, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by fellow party members KD and TS who were riled at the said victim's election as a local Chairperson.

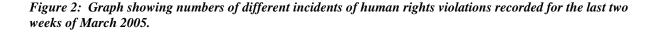
Displacements have also occurred as a result of political differences. In **Seke** for example, JR, an MDC supporter was reportedly displaced from Brenton farm

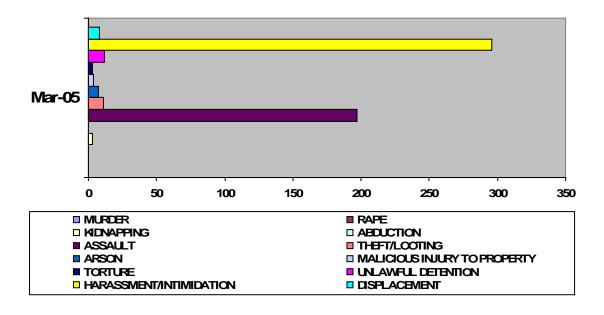
on the 16<sup>th</sup> by five war veterans led by NM and CM

Incidents of kidnapping have also been reported as having been rife. It was reported that on the 16<sup>th</sup> in **Buhera South**, JC, a Zanu PF activist from Chapanduka was kidnapped and severely assaulted by three MDC activists MA, AJ and CM.

Politicisation of food has been a countrywide phenomenon. In **Buhera**, two MDC supporters, M and M were allegedly assaulted by three war veterans, M, MN and M who are also said to have barred the two from accessing maize from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) at Zangana Business Centre.

The ZPP urges all political parties to exercise tolerance especially after the polls. We also commend the country's law enforcement agencies for reacting in good time to resolve some of the violent situations associated with the elections. The police must at all times exercise their duties in a non-partisan manner to remain credible.





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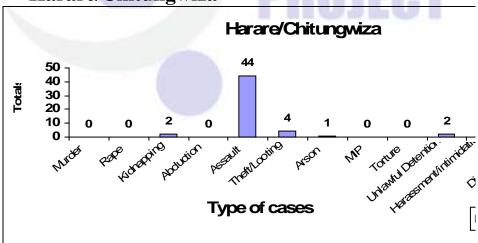
This report is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based primary peace monitors who observe, monitor and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 240 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each 120

electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). These monitors reside in the constituencies they monitor. The monitors compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who lead ZPP offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. After receiving and

verifying reports from the monitors, the provincial coordinators compile provincial fortnightly monitoring reports that are used to come up with this report-the ZPP fortnightly monitoring report.

## **NORTHERN REGION**

## Harare/Chitungwiza



#### **Budiriro**

#### 14 March 2005

It is alleged that SC, an MDC supporter was assaulted by JS and MS, Zanu PF youths after they spotted him wearing a red cap which the youths claimed was an MDC garment. This is said to have occurred at Budiriro Shopping Centre.

#### 16 March 2005

In Budiriro 4 it is believed that JH was harassed and intimidated by his TKM, a neighbour who is also a war veteran. It is alleged that the war veteran accused the said victim of receiving money from the MDC.

#### 20 March 2005

JT, WC and unnamed youth, commuter omnibus workers were

allegedly forced to don Zanu PF tshirts and to house a Zanu PF campaign poster in their bus. It is further claimed that they were threatened with a ban from plying the Budiriro-town centre route if they refused.

#### 26 March 2005

LK was reportedly assaulted by her sister and a friend GK and LG (Zanu PF) for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

#### Dzivaresekwa

## 14 March 2005

In a case of unlawful detention, three youths namely, W, T and D were purportedly harassed and forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting by nine ruling party youths.

## 17 March 2005 In Westlea residential suburb, it is

reported that RC, an MDC supporter was assaulted by fellow MDC supporters KD and TS who were riled at the said victim's election as a local Chairperson.

## 20 March 2005

At Pfukwa shops four people were allegedly beaten by thirteen Zanu PF youths dressed in police uniform on allegations of displaying an 'unbecoming behaviour'. The alleged assailants, it is said, underwent two-week training courses to front as police officers.

#### 26 March 2005

In Warren Park D, it is reported that many people including A, A and MN were harassed and intimidated by a group of twelve Zanu PF youths who were forcing the victims to attend a ruling party

meeting and to register as voters.

In a separate incident, it was reported that four MDC youths, JM, ST, RT and BM assaulted TM in Dzivaresekwa after having been seen wearing a Zanu PF t-shirt.

#### **Harare Central**

#### 11 March 2005

It was reported that three MDC youths JM, SM and CC were assaulted by NC, an ardent Zanu PF activist at the Ximex Mall for commenting on the large turn out at an MDC rally the previous day.

#### 13 March 2005

At the Main Post Office it is alleged that six MDC youths harassed and assaulted four Zanu PF youths who were coming from a Zanu PF meeting.

#### 25 March 2005

AT Copacabana terminus, two commuter omnibus operators M and T were reportedly harassed and intimidated by three Zanu PF youths T, J and G after they refused to stick up a Zanu PF campaign poster on their vehicle.

#### Harare East

#### 21 March 2005

At Kamfinsa Shopping Centre, it is alleged that vendors and patrons of a Portuguese restaurant were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

#### 23 March 2005

Zanu PF youths were allegedly intimidating and harassing residents of Rhodesville, especially women, to register and vote for the ruling party.

## 27 March 2005

At Msasa shops it is reported that AN (Zanu PF) was harassed and beaten by MDC youths for wearing Zanu PF

regalia.

Also, at Chisipite Shopping Centre, SN (MDC) was reportedly harassed and beaten by a Zanu PF youth who accused the said victim of preferring to don MDC garb to Zanu PF t-shirts.

For wearing an MDC bandana, JK (MDC) was allegedly harassed and beaten by three Zanu Pf youths TK, GC and J.

#### **Harare North**

#### 17 March 2005

AM (Zanu PF) was reportedly beaten up by three MDC youths PR, WM and LG for denouncing the MDC.

#### 22 March 2005

Two police officers allegedly harassed RN, JP and T for putting up campaign posters in Mabelreign.

#### 26 March 2005

It is alleged that AB, a Zanu PF activist harassed and forced a Mrs. B to attend a ruling party rally in the constituency.

#### 27 March 2005

Two Zanu PF youths, B and S allegedly assaulted S at the Fort Concrete complex after they discovered the said victim supported the MDC.

## Highfield

#### 16 March 2005

It was reported that at Machipisa Shopping Centre, eight suspected Zanu PF youths assaulted PS and four others after the said victims declined the 'offer' to close their flea-markets and attend a Zanu PF rally.

18 March 2005 In the Lusaka residential area, it was reported that people were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting by about thirty Zanu PF youths.

#### 23 March 2005

At Machipisa Shopping Centre it was also reported that people were forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting by four Zanu PF youths.

#### Kambuzuma

#### 18 March 2005

It is alleged that in Section 5, members of the public were harassed, intimidated and forced to chant Zanu PF slogans by four men claiming to be war veterans.

#### 26 March 2005

In Section 2, it is said that three Zanu PF activists were engaged in acts of intimidation, forcing residents to produce Zanu PF membership cards. It is further alleged that those who failed to produce the cards were either assaulted or threatened with unspecified action.

#### Mabvuku

#### 16 March 2005

It is alleged that SG, an MDC supporter was thoroughly assaulted and had his car torched by six Zanu PF youths belonging to the notorious *Chipangano* militia group after they accused him of supporting what they called a 'sell-out' party at Matongo shops.

#### 24 March 2005

In Gudza Street it is said that T, an MDC supporter was kidnapped and tortured by three Zanu PF youths for his allegiance with the MDC.

26 March 2005

For wearing an MDC t-shirt, N, an MDC youth was reportedly kidnapped and tortured by three unidentified Zanu PF youths along Shambare Street.

#### Mufakose

18 March 2005

At Zvevatsunga shop, it is reported that RG was harassed by NM (Zanu PF) for increasing the volume of his television set every time an MDC campaign advert was flighted.

23 March 2005

SK was supposedly harassed by two Zanu PF youths, TK and JM for failing to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

26 March 2005 JG was allegedly assaulted by two MDC youths who were forcing him to wear an MDC t-shirt.

## St Mary's

19 March 2005

MJ, a Zanu PF supporter was allegedly assaulted by TP, an MDC activist who demanded that the victim should cease campaigning for Zanu PF.

24 March 2005

Ten MDC women who were campaigning for their party were reportedly harassed by an unidentified Zanu PF youth.

Along Chaminuka road, the outgoing MP, JS's driver was allegedly attacked by three Zanu PF youths.

27 March 2005

At Chigovanyika shops it is alleged that five MDC youth who were campaigning for their party were harassed and intimidated by two war veterans.

## Zengeza

17 March 2005

MC was reportedly threatened and harassed by more than ten Zanu PF youths calling for a meeting along Nhungu Street.

21 March 2005

It is reported that more than twenty-five Zanu PF youths barred MDC youths from campaigning in Unit D, following clashes between the two groups.

## **Mashonaland East**

#### Chikomba

17 March 2005

At Marindamashanu shops it is reported that a driver belonging to the MDC was assaulted by a group of thirty Zanu PF youths led by CM and PM. The victim was accused of supporting the MDC.

19 March 2005

Twelve people including Mrs. C were reportedly harassed, intimidated and chased away from a Zanu PF meeting by local Zanu PF leaders led by Mr. Z, who had accused the more than dozen Zanu PF supporters of having attended an MDC rally.

20 March 2005

An unnamed woman was reportedly evicted from her lodgings by K for supporting the MDC.

21 March 2005

SP was said to have been harassed and intimidated by ten Zanu PF youths who accused him of ferrying MDC supporters to the small town of Chivhu for their campaigns. 24 March 2005
In Chivhu it was reported that 'top five' Zanu PF youths were

remanded by a Chivhu magistrate for harassing MDC supporters and tearing MDC posters.

#### Goromonzi

17 March 2005

A Zanu PF youth, MM, ostensibly harassed and assaulted NS at Mungate shops for putting on an MDC t-shirt.

Four Zanu PF youths allegedly assaulted RC and CK with an electric cable after being accused of supporting the MDC.

18 March 2005

LM, TM and Z (MDC) were reportedly harassed and intimidated for wearing MDC t-shirts at Mverechena shops by suspected Zanu PF supporters.

19 March 2005

At Juru growth point, EM (MDC) was allegedly harassed by JM a Zanu PF supporter for supporting the MDC.

#### Hwedza

16 March 2005

It is alleged that TM, an MDC supporter was assaulted for attending an MDC rally by TM a Zanu PF youth at St. Joseph's School.

17 March 2005

At Mutiweshiri shops, it is alleged that FG, a Zanu PF member had his t-shirt torn by two MDC members, FG and JG following a political misunderstanding.

20 March 2005

At Mapumbu School, it is alleged that two MDC supporters, TM and FG were assaulted by three Zanu PF members MJ, PN and FG who accused them of spying for the MDC.

Marondera East 17 March 2005

## **Mashonaland East**

It is alleged that teachers in

Maronara were forced to attend a

Zanu meeting at Nehanda hall in

Domb mbo by a war veteran K,

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Zanu PF provincial

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teachers were strictly ordered to

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18 March 2005

It was also reported that members of the Roman Catholic Church were harassed and forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting at Nehanda hall in Dombotombo by LK and Mrs. G who claimed that their priest, by virtue of being white, was an MDC supporter and therefore should be expelled from Marondera.

In Nyameni residential area, three Zanu PF members reportedly harassed and intimidated EM, the wife of a late MDC activist before attempting to force her to join Zanu PF.

19 March 2005

It was reported that AM was harassed and beaten up by two MDC members, ZM and PG who accused him of spying for Zanu PF at Marondera Country Club.

22 March 2005

It is purported that Mrs. J and her family were harassed and intimidated by three Zanu PF Women's league members at her house who accused her of supporting the MDC.

23 March 2005

At Cherutombo shops, VM, an MDC supporter was allegedly harassed and intimidated by two Zanu PF supporters WG and EG for reading MDC pamphlets.

Marondera West

19 March 2005

Headman N was reportedly taking down villagers' names and threatening them with death if they chose not to vote for Zanu PF in the parliamentary elections.

21 March 2005

It is alleged that in Mahusekwa, Zanu PF youths led by AM forced people to a rally and denied all known MDC supporters access to free medical treatment.

#### **Murewa North**

17 March 2005

At Chikupo shops it is alleged that VM who was putting up MDC posters was harassed and assaulted by two Zanu PF youths, AM and DZ.

In Chitongo village it is alleged that SC was assaulted by two Zanu Pf youths GM and TM who accused the said victim of supporting the MDC.

18 March 2005

At Mahachi shops three MDC supporters who were putting up campaign posters were reportedly assaulted by five Zanu Pf youths, TZ, PK, AM, JC and TZ.

19 March 2005

It is alleged that Chakanyuka villagers were threatened with assaults by three Zanu PF youths, JM, DM and FK for failing to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

20 March 2005

Ward 9 residents were reportedly harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF youths on door-to-door campaigns.

21 March 2005 FN, an MDC member was reportedly assaulted by three Zanu

PF youths MG, MR and CC for not having a Zanu PF membership card.

#### **Murewa South**

#### 19 March 2005

It is reported that MK and her family were denied access to GMB maize being given to other villagers by Zanu PF youths who accused them of supporting the MDC.

## 23 March 2005

ON was reportedly harassed and had MDC membership cards confiscated by eight Zanu Pf youths led by LZ at Chemapango shops.

#### **Mutoko South**

#### 18 March 2005

TM, an MDC supporter was reportedly assaulted by ZM and PM (Zanu PF activists) for attending an MDC rally.

#### 19 March 2005

PH, a suspected MDC supporter was allegedly harassed by ZK a Zanu Pf youth for refusing to be elected into the Zanu PF structures.

#### Seke

16 March 2005

At Brenton farm it is alleged that JR, an MDC member was harassed and displaced by five war veterans led by NM and CM.

#### 18 March 2005

JM, an MDC supporter was reportedly forced to attend a Zanu PF rally by ruling party youths led by BM and WM.

#### 19 March 2005

DC and other three Zanu (Ndonga) supporters were reportedly harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF youths led by EC for putting up their party's campaign posters.

#### 20 Mach 2005

At Golden Acres farm it is alleged that RM, a Zanu PF supporter was harassed by MDC supporters who attempted to force him to attend an MDC rally.

22 March 2005

CM, an MDC member was allegedly harassed and intimidated by suspected Zanu PF youths at his homestead for being actively involved MDC activism.

## Mashonaland Central Mazoe West

## 26 March 2005

Zanu PF youths are alleged to have clashed when GJ (29) and T J (34) waved at their relatives while travelling on a bus. This was said to have irked M, a fellow party member who allegedly attacked the two. It is said an unnamed police constable had to be called to quell the situation.

#### 27 March 2005

CG (28) of Zanu PF was reportedly assaulted by CM (32) of the MDC after the former refused to remove campaign posters for his party.

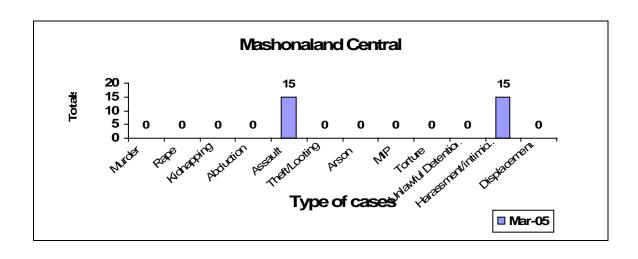
#### Mazoe East

#### 17 March 2005

CM (30) a suspected MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by GM (25), a Zanu PF activist after he came upon CM discussing with an unnamed friend about the country's economic woes. It is said GM took it as an affront against the ruling party.

#### 20 March 2005

KZ (30) allegedly assaulted MM (25) at Tsungubvi Beerhall in Glendale for wearing an MDC tshirt. The police intervened and detained the assailants for a while





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and released them after cautioning them.

#### 23 March 2005

For having three sons actively involved in MDC activities Mrs Z (45) allegedly suffered victimisation from KZ (30) of Zanu PF. She is said to have been resultantly denied a stall at the market to sell her wares.

#### 24 March 2005

At a Zanu PF rally, G (50) of the ruling party allegedly harassed former farm workers at Villa Franca farm in Glendale and threatened to evict them if the ruling party loses in parliamentary elections in the constituency.

## **Guruve South**

#### 18 March 2005

M (45) and SJ (25) of the MDC were reportedly harassed and assaulted by some suspected Zanu PF youths after they refused to attend a Zanu PF meeting which the youths were calling for.

#### 19 March 2005

P (35) and C (25) were reportedly harassed by C (30) and K (20) of the Zanu PF at Shinje Business centre for displaying MDC posters at the business centre.

#### 20 March 2005

One M (30) of Zanu PF is alleged to have harassed and threatened C (25) and GC (30) with death after he saw them putting up MDC campaign posters.

#### 23 March 2005

K (40) and G (50) are suspected to have harassed K(35) and S (40) who did not remove MDC posters from their shops' walls.

They were subsequently labelled MDC apologists.

#### Mt Darwin South

#### 19 March 2005

Headman GG (50) of Kamundati village was reportedly harassed by PC (50) at Kumundati Business Centre for letting his people attend an MDC rally

## 20 March 2005

TN (62) was allegedly harassed by BM (54) and BK (34) staunch Zanu PF supporters. T was suspected to be instigating the youths in the area to leave Zanu PF and support MDC the allegation he refuted. 21 March 2005

An unnamed training officer and war veteran (60) seemingly harassed and insulted Mr M Headmaster of Nyamazizi Primary School who is not affiliated to any political party accusing him of being one of the organisers of an MDC rally that had taken place in the area.

#### 25 March 2005

An unidentified war veteran allegedly harassed DK (25) an election observer demanding to know why he wanted to observe and what he would do with the results of his observation.

#### 26 March 2005

PC (50) and VD (35) of Zanu PF allegedly led a group of Zanu PF youths to harass and bar three MDC supporters, SM (30), NM (25), and TM (50) from attending an MDC rally.

SM (46) a CIO, MM (48) war veteran and SP (46) a soldier allegedly harassed JM (35) and OM (40) accusing them of having the knowledge of people who had put up MDC campaign posters in the area.

#### 28 March 2005

LC (35) and CK (30) of the MDC were allegedly harassed by Zanu PF youths led by J (35) after they were spotted erecting MDC campaign posters at Mutungagore Business Centre.

#### **Mashonaland West**

## Manyame

18 March 2005

PZ (38), the Zanu PF candidate for the constituency, with two sidekicks S (27) and (29) allegedly threatened teachers in Norton that they would lose their jobs if the ruling party were to lose in the elections.

#### 24 March 2005

Mrs N (36) of the MDC is reported to have been assaulted by J (29) and three others who accused her family of supporting the MDC.

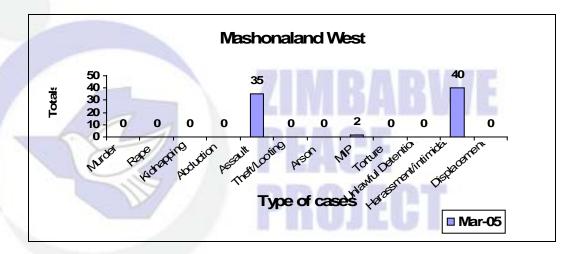
## Makonde

#### 16 March 2005

EM (45), RP (38) and AM (35) of the MDC reportedly had food items worth \$150,000 confiscated by DG (35), JK (30), EK (29) and TM who were suspected to be state agents on a door-to-door campaign harassing people. It is said the police managed to record statements from the victims.

## 19 March 2005

B (40), C (40), PM (30) allegedly harassed OJ (25), JP (25), V (23) and an unidentified youth aged 26 who intended to attend an MDC rally. It is said after the said victims reported the matter to the police, they (police) arrested and detained



the MDC supporters and only released them after the MDC rally.

#### 21 March 2005

T (20), KC (25) and MZ (20) of the MDC are said to have assaulted CK (21) and WM (25) of the ruling party accusing them of denying MDC supporters the right to campaign freely in the area. The MDC youths were arrested and were later released on \$100,000 bail each.

## 25 March 2005

It is reported that CM (35) and unidentified two others lost kapenta fish worth \$100,000 to MM (35) and LB (40) who confiscated the goods after accusing the trio of campaigning for the MDC under the guise of selling fish.

## 26 March 2005

It is alleged that MM (27) and SM (30) harassed ZR (32), LM (35), SK (37) and AM (20) of the MDC, who they accused of supporting the MDC.

#### Kadoma - Sanyati

## 24 March 2005

It is reported that DM (30) and other villagers in ward 24 were harassed by GH (39) and M (47) of the ruling party who attempted to get all

villagers to agree to vote for Zanu PF.

## **Hurungwe West**

#### 17 March 2005

D (49) of Zanu PF reportedly intimidated villagers and ordered all kraal heads to accompany villagers to the poling stations so they could point out to them, the ruling party candidate before they cast their votes.

#### 18 March 2005

B and J allegedly intimidated Zebra Downs residents at a meeting where they threatened to 'deal' with all MDC supporters in the area. The are further alleged to have threatened to deny suspected opposition supporters access to food aid in the area,

## **Hurungwe East**

## 16 March 2005

It is alleged that GM (36) of Zanu PF harassed and assaulted PC (41) of the MDC in an effort to force him to withdraw his participation in the polls as an MDC party agent.

## 21 March 2005

T (32) and R (36) of the ruling

party reportedly harassed and assaulted the former Hurungwe West MP, PM (55) after he agreed to hire out his vehicles to the MDC for their campaign activities.

## Kadoma - Ngezi

#### 21 March 2005

TT (27) and BL (29) were allegedly assaulted by four unidentified Zanu PF youths who were accusing them of withdrawing from the campaigning team.

#### 25 March 2005

Six Zanu PF youths aged between 20 and 29 allegedly assaulted CK (19), MP (24) and RM (21) who failed to attend a party meeting.

## Sanyati

#### 17 March 2005

M (48), an MDC supporter was allegedly harassed by N (27) and S (30) of the ruling party after the said victim refused to join the ruling party.

#### Kariba

25 March 2005

SC (29) was reportedly harassed by NM (39) of the ruling party for organising a ZESN public meeting in Kariba, which the alleged perpetrator reckoned was an MDC meeting being held under the guise of civic education.

#### **Zvimba North**

26 March 2005

TC (28) and EC (25) were reportedly intimidated and harassed by TM (32), M (43), DC (46) and I (27) of the ruling party on accusations of being MDC activists.

#### Kadoma Central

16 March 2005

EM (22), TM (29), JM (32) and JB (49) of the MDC were allegedly assaulted by Zanu youths RC (19), CS (21), HD (32), RM (29) and RM (19) for wearing MDC t-shirts.

17 March 2005

KK (32), TM (49) of Zanu PF were reportedly harassed by eight MDC youths led by KM on allegations of pulling down MDC posters.

20 March 2005

It is alleged that FM (29), SM (21) and ET (34) of the MDC were assaulted by five Zanu PF supporters for painting Zanu PF posters black.

22 March 2005

For refusing to attend a Zanu PF rally CS (33) and WT (29) were attacked by thirteen Zanu PF women's league members at their market place.

#### Manicaland

#### **Buhera North**

16 March 2005

A group of Zanu PF youths are said to have fallen upon WM, an MDC activist from Makumbe village, who was allegedly stabbed with a knife by SZ. The injury was said to be minor and a police report was not made.

20 March 2005

DC, a soldier based in Gweru reportedly harassed and threatened to assault BHS for wearing an MDC t-shirt at Matimba Township.

## **Buhera South**

16 March 2005

It is alleged that JC, a Zanu PF activist from Chapanduka was kidnapped and severely assaulted by three MDC activists MA, AJ and CM.

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17 March 2005

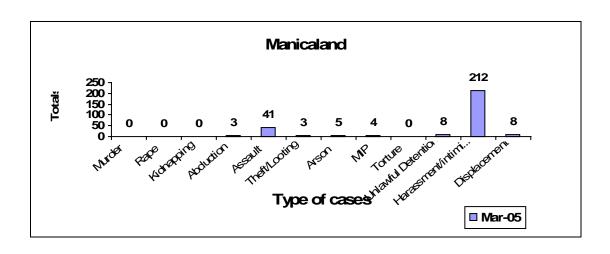
SM of the MDC was allegedly assaulted with a sjambok by two Zanu PF activists TN and EM at Dowe village.

19 March 2005

EM of Zanu PF was allegedly beaten by his two sons A and EM, supporters of the MDC after he had repeatedly wooed them to join Zanu PF.

#### Chimanimani

19 March 2005 At a campaign rally at Bumba Centre, Zanu PF aspiring member of parliament SM, AZ, PS, SM and others reportedly threatened to assault and evict those who



would have voted for the MDC, claiming that it would be easy to tell as the ballots would be counted at the polling centre.

22 March 2005

MDC activists who wanted to attend the funeral of a colleague were reportedly harassed and barred from doing so by ZC, the deceased's sister who is also a known Zanu PF member.

24 March 2005

At a campaign rally at Bvumbura, SM, PS, M and DK of Zanu PF reportedly threatened MDC members and those who did not attend the rally with assault and expulsion from the area.

26 March 2005

At a funeral at Kuretu homestead (Bvumbura), JK, the headman allegedly threatened all those who did not vote for Zanu PF during the elections with evictions.

## **Mutasa South**

17 March 2005

For not attending a Zanu PF rally addressed by JM at Watsomba, PS, TM, RM and FM were reportedly harassed by KM, KB and LB of Zanu PF.

19 March 2005

It is alleged that at Muchena, Zanu PF activists, DG, LT, TS and others set fire to houses belonging to MDC members JP, LK and GM destroying property worth more that \$8 million.

22 March 2005

At Manica Bridge, MDC supporters, SD, GS, EM and GS were harassed by Zanu PF supporters, CT, PC, TM and others, who were on a door-to-door campaign.

## **Chipinge North**

16 March 2005

PC, BK and other workers at Lowveld Trading company were reportedly forced to close down their business and attend a Zanu PF rally at Gaza Stadium which was addressed by the Zanu PF leader RGM. The perpetrators were named as GC and C.

19 March 2005

EN was allegedly victimised by DC and EM of Zanu PF for allegedly masquerading as a Zanu PF member. The victim was threatened with assault after the elections.

20 March 2005

At Mutema, Mrs. M was purportedly injured in a stampede for Zanu PF campaign t-shirts after she and others were forced to attend a Zanu PF rally that was addressed by JM, the second Vice President.

23 March 2005

M and S of Zanu PF reportedly harassed and threatened to evict MS from her house after she was seen campaigning with MM of the MDC.

26 March 2005

Mrs. M of the MDC was allegedly harassed by a group of Zanu PF youths who wanted to ostensibly search her house for weapons.

## **Chipinge South**

17 March 2005

NC of the MDC was reportedly evicted from his lodgings at Checheche complex by JDC and M after he coordinated an MDC meeting at Myanyisa School. EP, the Zanu PF aspiring MP owns the complex

20 March 2005

At Musapingura Business Centre,

SM f the MDC was reportedly forced into a truck to attend a rally that was addressed by the second Vice President JM at Mutema.

21 March 2005

HK was allegedly assaulted by unnamed Zanu PF youths who accused him of wearing an MDC t-shirt at Mwacheta village.

#### Makoni East

16 March 2005

Mrs. T, R and C of Zanu PF allegedly harassed F, who is also a Zanu PF supporter for supporting MM, whose faction opposed the 'imposed' candidature of SC.

18 March 2005

WS, headman of Shambira village purportedly victimised his villagers by labelling them MDC members. It is also alleged that WS communicated to the District Administrator KM to set up a polling station in his village so he could closely monitor his subjects' voting preferences and behaviour.

19 March 2005

Nyabadza village headman allegedly told villagers that they were to go with him to the polling station so he could determine the number and names of those who voted for the MDC. It is said he further threatened MDC supporters with evictions if Zanu PF won in the constituency.

20 March 2005

MC, a village Health worker at Rugoyi was reportedly dismissed from work by two Zanu PF women's league

members GM and AW who accused her of supporting the MDC.

20 March 2005

FM and family were reportedly evicted from their home by Zanu PF activist PM and DZ after being accused of supporting the MDC.

21 March 2005

Mr M and M of the MDC were reportedly barred from buying maize (GMB) at Nyamatanda by Councillor GM and DZ of Zanu PF.

#### Makoni West

17 March 2005

J K of the MDC was allegedly assaulted and had property valued at over \$3 million destroyed by three Zanu PF activities, HJ, D P and MK.

19 March 2005

DM and TM of Zanu PF allegedly broke into LH and EG's (MDC) house and stole blankets, plates and other household goods claiming the move was part of a 'reorientation' exercise to all MDC supporters.

20 March 2005

HM of MDC was allegedly assaulted and unlawfully dentained by two Zanu PF activists, FB and an unnamed accomplice at Chinyadza Village.

21 March 2005

For failing to attend a Zanu PF rally at Mavhudzi Primary School, JM and CM of the MDC were reportedly harassed by SM , ZN and PJ of Zanu PF.

26 March 2005

NC, GC and family were

allegedly threatened with death by CC of Zanu PF after he accused the of supporting the MDC.

#### **Mutare Central**

19 March 2005

EM of Mupfumi Commuters allegedly victimised Dangamvura residents by withdrawing his fleet of buses after accusing them that they were boarding his buses to attend an MDC rally at Sakubva Stadium.

CM, a City Council employee was purportedly assaulted by unknown suspected Zanu PF youths, who accused him and other workers of preparing Sakubva Stadium for an MDC rally which they also attended.

21 March 2005

For wearing an MDC t-shirt AM was allegedly assaulted and threatened with further punitive action by two Zanu PF women LG and MSJ who also confiscated her MDC t-shirt.

25 March 2005

At Boka junction in Dangamvura, PK of the MDC was reportedly assaulted by a group of Zanu PF youths for having organised a tour of Dangamvura for the MDC leader MT and his entourage. It is also alleged that the assailants made off with the said victim's money amounting to \$250,000.00.

28 March 2005

BM and M of the MDC were reportedly harassed by Z and AB after attending an MDC rally in Dangamyura.

31 March 2005

Zanu PF youths allegedly went around areas designated as polling stations singing liberation war songs and intimidating voters who were in the queue in an attempt to disrupt the voting process.

**Mutare North** 

16 March 2005

For supporting the MDC, JN of Odzi was said to have been threatened with eviction, before being barred from buying maize.

OB, a primary school child was allegedly forced off a bus carrying school children by Zanu PF women's league members from Marange where they had attended a Zanu PF star rally. It is alleged that the women branded the child an MDC supporter because his father is a well-known MDC activist.

17 March 2005

DC and 15 other MDC youths who intended to attend an MDC rally at Odzi were allegedly arrested and detained by Sergeant C.

Zanu PF members were reportedly barred from holding a campaign meeting at Kennedy farm by farm workers. The farm owner is now under investigation by the District Administrator and has been threatened with eviction from the farm.

BM of Zanu PF (Mupfumi faction) was allegedly intimidated by members of the C.I.O and other Zanu PF youths who visited her home in Sakubva and accused her of decampaigning SB, the ruling party candidate. She was threatened with 'disappearance'.

Police at Odzi under the command of Sgt. C reportedly unlawfully arrested and detained MDC supporters, JN, Mrs. B and others, it is claimed, coerced them to pay unreceipted fines.

18 March 2005

SS, a house owner in Odzi was

reportedly victimised by Zanu PF agents led by SM and M for allowing MDC members to stay at his house as tenants. He was also allegedly threatened with death.

23 March 2005

DC and 12 other travellers in a Harare-Mutare train were reportedly victimised and reportedly forced to roll on the train's dirty floors at Rusape station by members of the Zanu PF youth militia who accused them of 'public drinking' before labelling them MDC activists.

#### **Mutare South**

19 March 2005

A number of MDC youths guarding the venue of their party's rally at Munyarari were allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF youth militia led by war veterans M and MN. It is alleged that after the assault, the assailants urinated in the victims' cooking pots, food stuffs and ripped open bags of mealie-meal before relieving themselves into the bags.

20 March 2005

It is said that JRS of the MDC and a colleague were illegally detained by ZRP details while they were on their way to attend an MDC rally at Munyarari.

MN and a Zanu PF colleague were reportedly assaulted by unnamed MDC youths on a revenge mission after they (victims) had allegedly assaulted MDC youths before spoiling their food the previous night. It is alleged that Mrs. MK, a Zanu PF activist masqueraded as an MDC official, took down people's names ostensibly for an MDC food handout programme. It is further alleged that she submitted the list to FK, the Zanu PF parliamentary aspirant and war veterans who added it to a 'hit

list' targeted against MDC supporters.

More than 50 villagers from Madziwana villages were reportedly forced to attend a Zanu PF meeting at kraal head M's homestead by M and G.

24 March 2005

A war veteran and Zanu PF activist M reportedly pulled down MDC campaign posters at Ngomasha village.

Mr M of Mambondiyani village was purportedly harassed and threatened with eviction from his home for supporting the MDC by unnamed Zanu PF youths who came to his home at night and sang liberation songs at his home.

26 March 2005

WN of the MDC was purportedly victimised and had his MDC t-shirt torn by M, a Zanu PF activist at Tamisai Business Centre.

## **Mutare West**

18 March 2005

An unnamed Zanu PF convict on community service at Marange hospital, RPM allegedly harassed and threatened NM an MDC activist with death for supporting the opposition party.

19 March 2005

MDC members SM and RM were allegedly harassed and threatened with eviction by Zanu PF agents JM and AM who warned them against furthering MDC political activism in the area.

20 March 2005

GM an MDC supporter and a bottle store attendant at Katsidzira bottle store was allegedly victimised and assaulted by AM of Zanu PF after the perpetrator saw MDC posters pasted near the victim's bottle store. The victim, it is alleged, was made to sit on top of AM's moving vehicle to instil fear into him.

21 March 2005

AC, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by three Zanu PF activists SZ, CM and CM at Shawambiri village. MDC posters he was carrying were reportedly confiscated and destroyed. It is said the viictim was also threatened with death for carrying out MDC activities.

28 March 2005

TJ, an MDC activist purportedly had his tobacco ban set on fire by TC and a group of Zanu PF youth militia for supporting the opposition party.

29 March 2005

ST and TM of the MDC were reportedly assaulted by EC and F, a war veteran after they were spotted at an MDC rally at Mhangaureve.

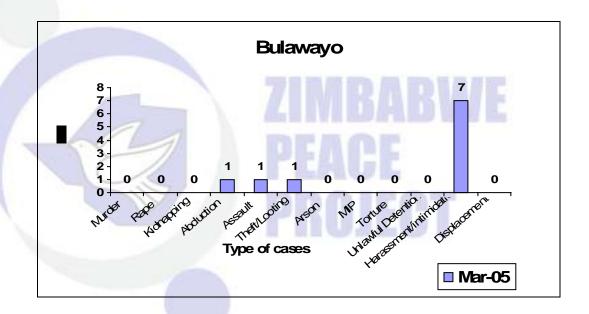
## Nyanga

16 March 2005

Zanu PF activists led by KM, T, SK and JC allegedly ejected MDC members SC, MN and SM off their flea market stalls at Sedze Business Centre.

17 March 2005

Mr. and Mrs. T were allegedly assaulted and evicted from a shop they were leasing at Nyamuumba Centre after they were labelled MDC members by KM, T and SK, notorious Zanu PF activists in the area.



## **Bulawayo**

## Lobengula/Magwegwe

#### 15 March 2005

It is alleged that three Zanu PF supporters accosted Mr N at his home and ordered him together with his family to accept Zanu PF t-shirts they were distributing.

#### 19 March 2005

N.M and ZM were reportedly ordered to undergo terror campaigns organised by the ruling party so they could be enrolled to train as nurses.

## 23 March 2005

VB and EL, both MDC supporters were reportedly asked to cook at a Zanu PF rally scheduled for Masotsha Secondary School. However, the two declined after which they were threatened with unspecified action by four unidentified Zanu PF youths.

## Pumula/Luveve

#### 18 March 2005

IM of Gwabalanda was allegedly manhandled and harassed by suspected Zanu PF supporters at Chigumira shopping Centre after they accused him of being an ardent MDC supporter.

#### 20 March 2005

Suspected Zanu PF supporters allegedly attempted to disrupt an MDC meeting in Cowdry Park residential area when they threw stones at the participants.

#### 21 March 2005

ET of Gwabalanda was allegedly assaulted by suspected MDC youths after they accused him of being a Zanu PF informer.

#### 23 March 2005

DM of Pumula East reportedly woke up in the morning to find Zanu PF posters posted all over her house including. It is said she had to seek alternative accommodation in fear, after she was warned not to remove the poster.

#### 26 March 2005

Suspected Zanu PF supporters allegedly harassed BN who was wearing an MDC t-shirt at Ingwegwe Shopping Centre in Pumula East.

#### 27 March 2005

Mr M, a Zanu PF campaign manager was reportedly harassed and assaulted by some suspected Zanu PF youths after she failed to 'dutifully' provide them with money, t-shirts and food.

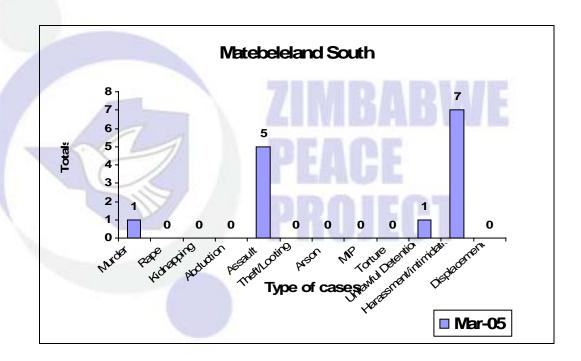
## **Bulawayo East**

#### 25 March 2005

JM was reportedly assaulted by TM at Glengarry Shopping Centre after he was accused of provoking the Zanu PF campaign team.

#### 26 March 2005

Some suspected Zanu PF supporters in Mahatshula and allegedly bundled unsuspecting people into their trucks before



driving them to Ntabazinduna where there was a Zanu PF star rally. It is further alleged that the said victims were forced to wear Zanu PF t-shirts.

## Matebeleland South Umzingwane

#### 18 March 2005

It was alleged that DG and NN of Mahwanke were harassed by MDC youths as they were coming from preparatory meeting for the Independence Celebrations, and had their bicycles confiscated for about 2hours.

#### 20 March 2005

It was reportedly that 3 Zanu PF activists accosted TH of the MDC at his home where they confiscated 4 bags of maize after claiming that the victim did not deserve the maize because of his political affiliation. It is said the local police only promised to look into the matter after the elections.

At Mtshabezi turn-off, it was reported that a meeting was held by the ruling party to devise more effective ways of intimidating and coercing MDC supporters into voting for Zanu PF. It

is alleged that soon after the meeting, the participants clashed with MDC supporters, leading to three people being injured.

#### 23 March 2005

At Wabayi Sofa Business Centre it is alleged that all known MDC supporters were denied access to cash, food, and benefits from the government resources and the Social Welfare programmes

## Gwanda

#### 26 March 2005

MM and a number of teachers in the district had their names reportedly removed from a list of those undergoing polling officers/presiding officers' training programmes after they were accused of secretly belonging to the MDC.

#### Insiza

#### 19 March 2005

At Silisa beer hall, CMS, a Zanu PF supporter was allegedly assaulted by fellow party activists he failed to identify. This follows a spate of intra-party clashes and suspicions

within the ruling party in the constituency.

## Beitbridge

#### 26 March 2005

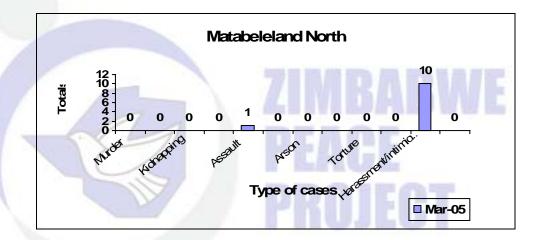
At Chabhili Primary School it is alleged that the Headmaster EN and teachers, were victimised and denied the chance to participate in the March 31<sup>st</sup> elections as monitors, polling officers, presiding officers because their school was in the vicinity of the MDC candidate SM's home area.

#### **Matebeleland North**

#### 19 March 2005

M of the MDC was reportedly subjected to harassment by the Estate Manager of Hwange Colliery Company and the Zimbabwe Republic Police allegedly for carrying out an MDC rally after the Colliery had denied them entry into any of their stadium. The rally was said to have been later held outside the stadium.

An 'emergency' road block was



reportedly mounted at Cross Dete in Hwange West to trap K and AN who were searched and harassed. It is further alleged that the two were accused of spying for the American government after having been seen talking to NGO employee.

#### 22 March 2005

At Spot-On Supermarket, a group of people in a bread queue discussing the state of the country's economy was harassed, and AK, who declared his intention not to vote for Zanu PF in the up coming parliamentary elections was reportedly arrested by plain clothes policemen who made him pay a fie of \$200,000.00 despite having failed to lay any specific charges against the victim.

## Nkayi

#### 16 March 2005

Gwelutshena members of the community were allegedly harassed and threatened by Zanu PF members led by MM who accused them of supporting the MDC. This followed a poor attendance of the Zanu PF rally that was held in the area.

#### 23 March 2005

YM, a kraal head of Gezekhaya village reportedly went round the village demanding to know every villager's political affiliation. He is alleged to have a notebook in which in records their details before harassing some of his subjects including SJ.

#### **Midlands**

#### Mkoba

#### 15 March 2005

A group of MDC supporters was accosted by Zanu PF activists led by Mrs F who allegedly proceeded to harass the MDC supporters while demanding that they produce Zanu PF cards.

#### 20 March 2005

It is alleged that Mr M, a tuck-shop operator of Mkoba 18 reportedly lost business after refusing to allow Zanu PF youths to stick their party's posters on his shop. The youths are then said to have chased away buyers in the shop.

#### 22 March 2005

National Youth Service-trained Zanu PF youths allegedly mounted a barricade along the Mambo-Mkoba road where they demanded motorists to produce Identification and Zanu PF membership cards.

## Silobela

19 March 2005

Mr N and MB and other Ministry of Transport workers reportedly had their company vehicle stopped by a group of Zanu PF who allegedly made them chant ruling party slogans. It is said those who failed were beaten up.

Mr LK and SS of Torwood, who were heard expressing their optimism that the MDC would win the general elections are said to have riled M and M of Zanu PF who allegedly harassed them and warned them against ever making such statements.

#### 20 March 2005

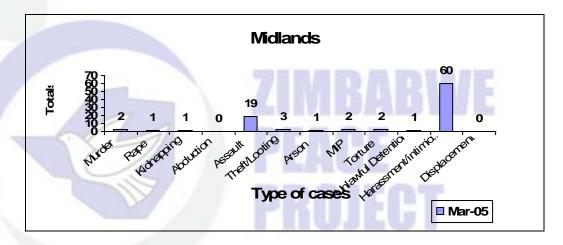
Residents of Rutendo suburb were allegedly coerced into attending a Zanu PF rally where they were promised 'project grants' by the ruling party.

In another case, CM of Gobo Primary School was allegedly assaulted by Mrs R and Mrs M who admonished for failing to attend a well publicised Zanu PF meeting.

#### Chirumanzu

#### 18 March 2005

JZ of Zanu PF was reportedly harassed by the Provincial District Administrator who denied him access to Zanu PF resources after he was accused of having been seen in



the company of known MDC supporters.

20 March 2005

Mr PK, the MDC's Midlands spokesperson was allegedly harassed by the DA who accused him of abandoning Zanu PF to 'join' (British Premier) Tony Blair. This was after PK had put up the MDC's campaign posters in Mvuma.

#### Kwekwe

15 March 2005

KM and SM of Phoenix Mine were allegedly harassed by suspected Zanu PF activists who are said to have accused the duo of supporting the MDC's campaign activities in the area.

19 March 2005

Intolerance reared its ugly head when the MDC's parliamentary candidate for Kwekwe, BC and his assistant SM were threatened with unspecified action allegedly by Zanu PF youths for sticking MDC campaign posters on trees and walls in the town. It is claimed that the youth subsequently destroyed some of the posters in full view of members of the public.

#### **Zhombe**

16 March 2005

Two Zanu PF activists, EC and JN (female), allegedly kidnapped NM at night, before force-marching him to an unknown place, where they are said to have taken turns to assault and interrogate him, demanding to know what campaign strategies the MDC has up its sleeve. The alleged kidnappers are said to have released the victim after three hours. The local police are said to have refused to act upon the mater after it was reported to them.

17 March 2005

It is alleged that unidentified MDC youths thoroughly assaulted JN, a Zanu PF militant supporter who, it was claimed attempted to prevent the youths from erecting MDC campaign posters throughout the constituency.

18 March 2005

Zanu PF allegedly harassed a group of youths after accusing them of snubbing Zanu PF meetings and rallies and opting instead to support the MDC's campaign activities in Zhombe.

20 March 2005

Two Zanu PF activists, LM (52) and DM ( a woman aged 48), after hearing TN sing songs they

perceived as anti-government, threatened her with unspecified action if she failed to sing what they termed Zanu PF music which was 'more inspiring'.

#### Gokwe

15 March 2005

In an act of gross intolerance, J, an uncompromising Zanu PF supporter allegedly prevented churchgoers GM and EC from attending a church service and demanded that they instead attend Zanu PF meetings.

16 March 2005

In an unfortunate incident, AB of Mapfungautsi residential area was alleged forced by police details to join a Zanu PF slogan drill in which some members of the uniformed forces were alleged to have participated.

In a separate event, Zanu PF activists led by a SC (female), who is said to be a notorious party cadre, allegedly assaulted LM (female) in the Gwehava-Muyambo area for showing a keen interest in an MDC poster. The alleged assailants are reported to have reminded the said victim that Zanu PF was still in power, and therefore it was 'incorrect' for anyone to support any other political party in Gokwe.

## **SOUTHERN REGION**

#### 18 March 2005

It is alleged that supporters of BM the losing Zanu PF parliamentary candidate for the constituency threatened to assault DC of Mapfungautsi if he refused to attend Zanu PF meetings and rallies in the area.

#### 20 March 2005

A ZS allegedly threatened kraal heads with unspecified retribution at a Zanu PF meeting in Kariangwe village, if they allowed their subjects to attend MDC meetings and rallies in the area.

## Gokwe - Nembudziya

#### 15 March 2005

Zanu PF youths are alleged to have forced three girls only identified as V, F and C, and a young man S to join in the creation of a ruling party campaign base.

#### 18 March 2005

A rally scheduled to be held by the MDC at Kasuwe Primary school was said to have been cancelled following a spate of intimidations and threats allegedly by Zanu PF supporters led by PM, a local Zanu PF 'heavyweight'. It is also alleged that villagers in the area were forced to register their names with their kraal heads 'for electoral purposes'.

A Roman Catholic Church priest, Fr. Antonio was allegedly barred from continuing with a building project at Chitekete by a group of about 20 Zanu PF activists, who accused him of being financed by either (US leader) George Bush or the British government.

#### Gokwe - Kana

#### 16 March 2005

Maize distribution is allegedly being done selectively in the constituency. It is alleged that Headman M, of

Mutenda village struck off names of people he was convinced were MDC supporters, from a list of villagers who had paid to receive maize at a cheaper price.

#### 17 March 2005

A Zimbabwe Electoral Commission official, MT was allegedly harassed by SM, a Zanu PF supporter who was visibly angry after having been informed that the March 31<sup>st</sup> ballot boxes would be transparent.

In a related event, Kraal heads at a Zanu PF meeting held at Gawa Business Centre were allegedly warned by Zanu PF activists not to reveal to villagers that the ballot boxes would, this time around, be transparent, instead of the traditional wooden ones.

#### 19 March 2005

SN of Magwizi village was said to have been exhaustively assaulted by unidentified Zanu PF youths after uttering sentiments to the effect that the ruling party was responsible for the country's economic woes.

In the same connection, PB, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by war veterans led by N, after the said victim's father TB beseeched the alleged assailants to discipline PB's 'wayward' political inclinations.

#### Gokwe - Nembudziya

#### 15 March 2005

Zanu PF activists allegedly harassed AM, a District Secretary of the party in the Chinyenyetu area, after 'discovering' that he was clandestinely passing over party secrets to the MDC.

In an act of gross political intolerance, Zanu PF supporters led by RC and RH allegedly harassed G, a 68 year old blind man and S (57) whom they accused of supporting the MDC.

Two families from the Mazungunyu and Dzore clans were reportedly denied access to food by the local Zanu PF leadership who accused them of supporting the MDC.

#### 16 March 2005

Two Zanu PF activists, TC and TN allegedly threatened RM of the MDC with unspecified action if he refused to renounce his support for the opposition party.

## 17 March 2005

Two teachers at Chinyenyetu School were threatened with assault by alleged Zanu PF supporters who accused them of supporting the MDC after a soccer tournament at Nembudziya School.

#### 21 March 2005

Three MDC supporters M, C and another identified as Chikara allegedly harassed two Zanu PF members M and M after demanding that the two 'reform' by joining the MDC.

## Gokwe - Chireya

## 18 March 2005

Fifteen Zanu PF supporters allegedly assaulted EG of the MDC who was putting up MDC campaign posters before accusing him of working for the British.

#### 29 March 2005

EG, an MDC youth was reportedly assaulted by Zanu PF youths after distributing MDC flyers to interested members of the public.

## Shurugwi

## 18 March 2005

FW, a Zanu PF supporter was reportedly threatened with evicted from his home by LS, a war veteran after the said victim refused to buy opaque beer for the war veteran.

#### 22 March 2005

LC, an MDC supporter was reportedly harassed by unnamed Zanu PF supporters after pointing out that people were free to wear their parties' symbols without fear.

#### Zvishavane

16 March 2005

PS, suspected MDC supporter was assaulted for seemingly being MDC members by unknown five suspected Zanu PF youths.

17 March 2005

SH and SD suspected MDC supporters were reportedly harassed by Zanu PF youth who approached them and while they were putting up MDC campaign posters. The two were told to stop putting up posters and leave the area immediately.

18 March 2005

Two suspected MDC supporters were purportedly assaulted on allegations that the two, AN and MM had attended an MDC rally.

In a separate incident, it alleged that for putting up MDC campaign posters T was arrested and detained overnight by police.

19 March 2005

FH was reportedly assaulted by KV of MDC when they were attending one the Destiny For Africa meetings. FH had commented that the scheme was good yet KV took it to be campaign gimmick by Zanu PF.

27 March 2005

TD (18) was reportedly assaulted by members of the support Unit and was wounded and later died from the injury incurred in the beating. It is alleged that TD had attend a Zanu Pf rally but had decided to go and fetch some water and that when the police thought he was leaving the meeting before it had officially ended and started beating him up.

## Mberengwa East

16 March 2005

TM of Chief Mapiravana and headman under the same Chief was reportedly harassed for having attended an MDC rally in the area. The chief is said to have summoned for the headman to his court and quizzed on why he had attended the MDC rally.

19 March 2005

It is alleged that TS of MDC was defrauded of her money by GMB officials after she had paid money in advance for the maize knowing very well that the opportunity to purchase maize from GMB was only accorded to the Zanu PF members only. It is reported that when the maize came the victim was denied access to acquire the commodity and was not refunded.

## Mberengwa West

18 March 2005

Two MDC supporters PM and RZ were forcibly made to buy party cards from Zanu PF in a bid to make them denounce and renounce MDC.

20 March 2005

It is alleged that a member of MDC MS set on fire the home of MM of the Zanu PF as a matter of fixing the party and at the same time showing the strength of MDC.

24 March 2005

SS, Zanu PF is alleged to have been beaten up by his fellow party members for questioning the meeting organising strategies employed by Zanu PF. He was labelled a member of the MDC.

29 March 2005

ST of Nyanyani Village 60 was reportedly harassed by two Zanu PF youths AS and his friends. It is alleged that ST was organising a party meeting when he was approached by the Zanu youths who then disrupted the whole process by threatening ST with physical assault.

## **Masvingo**

#### Bikita East

17 March 2005

It is alleged that VV was assaulted by AM who accused the victim of supporting the MDC. This was after VV had attended a ZESN election observers' training workshop.

21 March 2005

OM was reportedly assaulted by AK after he had refused to join a Zanu PF campaign team.

31 March 2005

The Presiding Officer at Uteke Primary School Mr M was said to have barred MC, a ZESN observer from observing the electoral process citing the observer's accreditation was invalid.

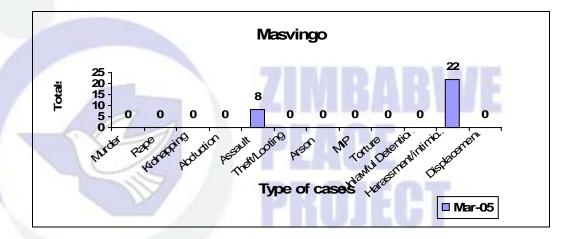
#### Bikita West

31 March 2005

At Gumunyu Primary School, Zanu PF candidates were reported to be singing as the votes were being counted, while their candidate CM allegedly threatened to expel all MDC supporters from the constituency in the event that he won.

31 March 2005

At the Bikita Chief's hall, Zanu PF activists were reportedly driving



voters to polling stations while 'urging' them to vote for Zanu PF or face beatings.

#### 31 March 2005

At Hozvi Primary School, the incumbent Zanu PF MP CM is reported to have quizzed KM, a ZESN observer how he had been given an observer status and what he would do with the reports.

#### 31 March 2005

At Pfupajena Clinic, MDC agents were reportedly chased away from the polling station after their names were found missing from the gazetted list of names.

#### Chiredzi North

#### 19 March 2005

The Zinyani village head M reportedly threatened to deny villagers access to food if the MDC won in the area.

## 20 March 2005

An ex-combatant and Zanu PF supporter M together with his cronies allegedly approached members of the MDC holding a rally at Chisambiyi and harassed them. It is also said they threatened them with starvation.

#### 25 March 2005

Chief Tshovani was allegedly harassed by his driver, C after the chief had refused to let him stick a Zanu PF poster on his car, leading to his driver labelling him an MDC sympathiser.

#### Chireddzi North

#### 18 March 2005

War veterans at Bolie allegedly assaulted MM who was wearing an MDC campaign t-shirt. The assailants are said to have used knobkerries in the assault.

## 21 March 2005

Police Special Constabularies led by IM reportedly assaulted and arrested EM, VM and PM who were putting up MDC campaign posters and distributing flyers.

#### 22 March 2005

MDC youths EZ and BN who were wearing MDC T/shirts and caps were seemingly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters DZ, TZ and others who were going to an Zanu PF rally.

#### 26 March 2005

Two CIOs ME and AM allegedly cannoned into an MDC polling agents meeting and demanded that participants disband, despite the police having had sanctioned the meeting earlier.

#### Chivi North

#### 18 March 2005

Kraal head M reportedly warned villagers not to campaign for the MDC as this would mean being barred from accessing food from the GMB.

#### 21 March 2005

JH and CM who were found spray painting the road by Zanu PF supporter WM were reportedly threatened with assault unless they erased the markings and that other Zanu PF youths would be called to deal with them.

## **Chivi South**

#### 18 March 2005

Headman SH who is allegedly MDC was reportedly arrested by Chief MM and charged a fine of \$50,000.00 after failing to attend a Zanu PF meeting held at Musvosvi Business Centre.

#### 19 March 2005

Zanu PF youths led by AM and CT allegedly confiscated MDC campaign flyers from GT and HD before burning them.

#### **SOUTHERN REGION**

#### 22 March 2005

NT and DM were reportedly assaulted by fellow Zanu PF supporters HT and AM after they reportedly tainted the President's portrait emblazoned on Zanu PF t-shirts they had been given.

## 27 March 2005

Zanu PF supporters MH and RT allegedly assaulted fellow Zanu PF supporters RC and NG who they accused of being too ambitious.

#### **Gutu North**

#### 31 March 2005

NV was reportedly barred from witnessing the vote counting process at Chikosha Primary School despite being an accredited observer.

#### **Gutu South**

#### 24 March 2005

It is a alleged that members of the Zimbabwe National Army allegedly addressed a gathering at Chopumu township were they threatened to unleash their military abilities against the people if the MDC won in the constituency.

#### **Masvingo Central**

#### 18 March 2005

In Mazanhi Village GMB maize was sold to card carrying Zanu PF supporters only. This happened moments before the arrival of the senior Vice President JM's visit.

#### 21 March 2005

A group of men garbed in military fatigue allegedly assaulted civilians who were critising the ruling party's aspiring MP for Masvingo Central for Zanu PF, SU for distributing food at her rally.

#### 30 March 2005

An ex-soldier, DR together with TM and others of the Zanu PF reportedly moved around Sisk area intimidating people as well as urging them to vote for Zanu PF. Well known MDC members TN, MZ and CN were harassed.

#### 31 March 2005

It is alleged that at most polling stations in places in Masvingo Central at about 2030 hours, observers were being told by presiding officers to move off as counting was about to begin.

#### 31 March 2005

A war veteran and kraal head TM reportedly urged his people to come and vote with him so that the elders and suspicious people would be assisted to vote so as to ensure Zanu PF emerges a winner. Failure to do so would be calling for expulsion from the village.

## **Masvingo North**

#### 23 March 2005

AM of Zanu PF allegedly threatened JT who had attended an MDC rally in Masvingo town to leave the town after the elections or face unmentioned actions.

#### 27 March 2005

SM who was distributing Zanu PF tshirts and other campaign material was reportedly threatened and later assaulted by RZ who had been denied one following accusations that he was an MDC supporter.

#### 29 March 2005

Two people, JM and Mrs Z who were among people forced to attend a Zanu PF rally at Maranda were reportedly severely injured when the lorry they were travelling on that its doors suddenly opened by Zanu PF supporters.

#### 31 March 2005

It is alleged that people at the Charumbira Primary School (a polling station), who included the Presiding Office, Polling Officers, monitors and police details were assaulted by unknown people late into the night. It is said they fled, leaving ballot boxes unattended for some time. Three of them had to be admitted at the hospital including a policeman.

## **Masvingo South**

#### 16 March 2005

TC was allegedly assaulted by his uncle TC for wearing an MDC t-shirt while visiting him in Chani Village.

#### 18 March 2005

Zanu PF youth militia allegedly donned MDC t-shirts and went on the rampage ina bid to tarnish the opposition party's image.

#### 19 March 2005

An army officer CM was seen removing MDC posters and was allegedly arrested by police. The suspect denied the charges.

#### 27 March 2005

The Zanu PF candidate, WM allegedly warned people at Rupiko shopping centre that a pro-MDC vote meant no food assistance from the government. It is further alleged that he went on a 'voter education' campaign, informing the rural voters that computers donated by the President in the area had an ability to trace who would have voted for the MDC.

## **SOUTHERN REGION**

#### 31 March 2005

GM was reportedly assaulted by her brother HM, an MDC activist after she revealed that she had voted for the ruling party.

## 31 March 2005

WM, the Zanu PF candidate allegedly distributed Zanu PF campaign materials in polling stations during the voting process.

#### Zaka East

20 March 2005

EM, an MDC supporter was reportedly assaulted and seriously injured on the eye by BB, a Zanu PF supporter who accused her of 'advertising' the MDC's existence by wearing the party's t-shirt and badge.

24 March 2005

SN and EN who attended a ZESN local observer training workshop in Masvingo were reportedly accused of attending an MDC training programme by kraal head MG.

26 March 2005

BM, an MDC female supporter allegedly beat up Mr M whom she accused of not trying to work for change of government.