The widely criticised ‘Operation Restore Order’, also known in the vernacular Shona language as ‘Operation Murambatsvina’ no doubt was the talking point for the greater part of the month of June, with local and international stakeholders voicing their concerns over the breaches of human rights and the perceived politicisation of the issue.

The timing of the exercise, in which the government was at great pains to defend as a necessary ‘clean up’ of urban and semi-urban areas of vice and dirt through demolitions of the so-called ‘illegal’ structures left a lot to be desired.

Reports reaching the ZPP indicate that the exercise, which was essentially supposed to be carried out by town and city councils nationwide, was perceived as having been literally hijacked by the national authorities as a form of retribution against the majority of urban dwellers who voted overwhelmingly for the country’s major opposition political party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

The incidents outlined briefly below serve to buttress the above assertion.

The government descended on Porta farm near Harare despite two high court orders barring the state from interfering in the affairs of the farm.

The ZPP witnessed on June 29, a gross disregard for human dignity by the authorities on the second day of demolitions of structures at the farm. Three suspected youths from the national youth training service allegedly assaulted AC, a twelve year old boy who was trying to retrieve stray chickens in the commotion. Five people including a pregnant woman, CK a five year old boy and RM a terminally ill woman died during the demolitions.

Reports from the Midlands have it that the clean up campaign sucked in the MDC in political violence. For example in Gweru Urban, it was alleged on 20 June that SC, a...
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Zanu PF councillor coming from one of his party’s meetings was intercepted and assaulted by unidentified youths believed to be MDC supporters who accused the victim of organising the demolition of houses.

On 12 June in Masvingo Central, it was reported that ‘squatters’ who had been forced to leave the Mucheke riverbanks as a result of the clean-up exercise returned to the area after failing to secure alternative accommodation only to be assaulted by police details who went on to burning their property.

Again in Masvingo Central it was reported that on 29 June, in an unnerving incident at Gomba Business Centre, SN an MDC activist allegedly stabbed CZ, a Zanu PF supporter with a knife after a heated argument concerning perceptions of the Murambatsvina campaign. The alleged perpetrator, according to reports, is still on the run from the police who are said to be diligently investigating the matter.

In Nyanga on 20 June, kraal head JH of Hondo village under Chief Saunyama reportedly denied AM, an MDC activist and his family entry into the village after his dwelling in Mutare was destroyed during the Operation Murambatsvina. It is said the victim’s relatives who sought to take him in were threatened with unspecified action if they did. It is said the victim and his family spent two days in the open before returning to Mutare.

In Zengeza, on 8 June, a group of suspected MDC supporters allegedly attacked police officers who were ordering people to demolish their illegal structures. The lawmen, it is said, managed to escape during which time the attackers were accusing them of assaulting an innocent man.

An allegation of the politicisation of residential and commercial stands allocations surfaced in Chinhoyi at the end of June in which Zanu PF and council officials led by one Chipunza, a security officer were reportedly allocating the stands only to people with a confirmed allegiance to the ruling party. According to reports, perceived and known MDC supporters were left in the buff after it was reported that prospective ‘flea market’ operators could only ‘qualify’ to pay a ‘permission fee’ of $2.7 million per head after satisfying the local ruling party officials that they were conversant about structures and operations of Zanu PF.

In the same connection, the Zanu PF District Coordinating Committee chairperson only identified as Makumbe, ward 1, 5, and 7 councillors a Magureyi, Foster Mahwani, and Prosper Mavhunga respectively, a Mrs. Chadehumba and Kamupiro, a local Zanu PF district official who also doubles up as an employee of the Chinhoyi municipal police have been allegedly carrying out ‘vetting’ exercises in which non-Zanu PF supporters have been ‘blacklisted for evictions under the guise of the ‘clean up’ campaign.

The spate of political violence sparked by the contentious clean up campaign left many scars and a trail of human rights violations by such groups like state arms, the main opposition party, ruling party and peripheral players like youth militias and war veterans.

The ZPP strongly condemns the haphazard manner in which the operation was carried out. We also revile the gross violation of human rights that the process came with and strongly urge the relevant authorities to seriously plan mitigation strategies in wide consultations with all stakeholders to avert a further deterioration of the humanitarian crisis the country is currently enmeshed in.

Figure 2: Graph showing numbers of different incidents of human rights violations recorded for the month of June 2005.
METHODOLOGY

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 monthly monitoring reports that are used to come up with this report-the ZPP monthly monitoring report.

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Harare North

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13 June 2005
At Sam Levy village T, an MDC youth was allegedly assaulted by A of the ruling party for wearing a Zanu PF t-shirt.

14 June 2005
NS was allegedly assaulted by FC, a Zanu PF youth chairman after he refused to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

16 June 2005
In Hatcliffe Extension, T, a Zanu P.F. youth was allegedly assaulted by MDC youths led by T who
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accused the said victim of supporting the clean up campaign.

26 June 2005

In Westgate MD was allegedly assaulted by a police officer Sgt. MM for denouncing the government sponsored Operation Restore Order.

27 June 2005

In Haig Park an MDC supporter N was allegedly harassed and displaced by K, who accused him of having supported the MDC in the past.

Highfield

7 June 2005

In the Engineering section, BS was allegedly harassed and intimidated by Zanu P.F. members led by an old woman M who, it was reported, tasked her ‘lieutenants’ to extort $10 000 per household as contributions towards the ruling party’s electoral victory celebrations.

16 June 2005

In Old Canaan K was allegedly assaulted by three Zanu P.F. members Z, N and A for refusing to attend a Zanu PF meeting.

17 June 2005

At Machipisa shops, F and M were allegedly assaulted by five Zanu PF supporters led by M for denouncing the contentious clean up exercise.

22 June 2005

At OK Machipisa IC was allegedly assaulted by two Zanu PF youths for the same reason.

Mabvuku

1 June 2005

At St. Fidelis Catholic Church people displaced by the government-sanctioned wave of displacements who had sought shelter from the church were allegedly chased away by Father D who reportedly accused them of being Zanu P.F. supporters.

2 June 2005

At Chishawasha Redemption House, an unnamed Roman Catholic priest was allegedly harassed by twenty-five Zanu P.F. youths who claimed the church was giving relief shelter to MDC supporters only.

3 June 2005

In Shashe Crescent H was allegedly assaulted by fourteen Zanu P.F youths who were angry about the removal of their colleagues from the Roman Catholic Church.

9 June 2005

In Mabvuku Drive Mr Machumi Zanu P.F. member was allegedly assaulted, harassed and his bicycle was taken away by fifteen MDC youths who asserted that the victim’s party had fuelled the city’s transport problems.

22 June 2005

It was reported that Methodist church members in Tafara were allegedly assaulted and had their food worth $42 million looted by Zanu PF activists who accused the church of choosing to feed MDC supporters only.

Zengeza

8 June 2005

A group of suspected MDC supporters allegedly attacked police officers who were ordering people to demolish their illegal structures. The lawmen, it is said, managed to escape during which time the attackers were accusing them of assaulting an innocent man.

10 June 2005

C, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters at Zengeza 2 shops after being accused of celebrating the MDC’s electoral victory over Zanu PF in the constituency.

St Mary’s

11 June 2005

It is alleged that at Mbizi Night Club, MC (28), an MDC supporter was assaulted by three war veterans for wearing an MDC t-shirt.

14 June 2005

It was reported that B, a female MDC activist was assaulted by M a ruling party female supporter following a disagreement over the clean up operation.
Mashonaland East

Chikomba

1 June 2005

At Sengwe Business Centre it was reported that ST, an MDC supporter was harassed by AM of Zanu PF who subsequently denied the victim access to maize which was being distributed because of his political affiliation.

6 June 2005

It is alleged that at Mupambi Township, headman C was harassed by a Zanu PF councillor who threatened not to give the village any government assistance because the victim, together with his villagers was conniving with the MDC.

Marondera East

6 June 2005

KM an MDC youth was reportedly forced to renounce his MDC membership by two Zanu PF supporters EM and VR at Cherutombo shops.

9 June 2005

C, an MDC supporter was allegedly illegally detained and tortured by a local Zanu PF councillor J for refusing to set on fire huts belonging to MDC supporters at Danse farm.

10 June 2005

In Rujeko it was reported that W was harassed by a group of ruling party supporters led by an unnamed Zanu PF councillor who subsequently held a kangaroo court in which the victim was ‘charged’ with supporting the MDC.

14 June 2005

At Chirasauta Township it is claimed that headman Z was harassed by CC, a Zanu PF who threatened him with displacement for supporting the MDC.

22 June 2005

RM, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted at Chinhowa village by two Zanu PF youths EN and TT who accused the victim of supporting the ‘wrong political party’.

11 June 2005

In Marondera town it is purported that two war veterans K and B kidnapped PA to a Zanu PF office where they accused the victim of ‘selling out’. The victim served as a ZESN observer during the March parliamentary elections.

12 June 2005

At Suffolk farm, M, a widow and her family were allegedly displaced and had their property burnt by M and C of Zanu PF. The principal victim, who served as a ZESN local observer in the March poll was resultantly accused of supporting the MDC.

15 June 2005

At Dorset farm, PM, an MDC supporter and his family were reportedly displaced and had their huts burn down by four Zanu PF

16 June 2005

Mrs C, a Zanu PF supporter alleges that she was assaulted by two MDC youths led by I. It is alleged that the perpetrators told the victim that St Mary’s was an MDC territory therefore no ruling party regalia was to be worn. The victim’s ruling party wrapping cloth was torn in the process.
It was reported that TT a suspected MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by eleven Zanu PF youths led by RD.

**Murewa South**

9 June 2005

At Muza’s homestead LM and his wife were purportedly displaced by twenty-three Zanu PF supporters led by war veterans M, M and C. The victim was accused of supporting the MDC.

16 June 2005

TT, a Zanu PF youth was reportedly tortured by more than a dozen fellow party youths who accused him of selling new look Zanu PF membership cards to MDC supporters.

**Mutoko South**

18 June 2005

For denouncing the ruling party MD, an MDC supporter was reportedly assaulted by MT, a Zanu PF youth.

23 June 2005

In village 47, SN was allegedly harassed by headman DK who refused to accept him in the village after he was displaced in the capital by the clean up exercise.

In village 22, Mr. J was purportedly displaced by his son PJ, a Zanu PF youth on allegations of supporting the MDC.

**Seke**

1 June 2005

At Murape Secondary School, JM was threatened with unspecified action by RM, a Zanu PF supporter for denigrating the ruling party.

10 June 2005

NM was allegedly assaulted by two Zanu PF supporters DK and PM at Gombe shops for criticising the clean up operation.

13 June 2005

At Dunstan estate, FS, an MDC youth was reportedly assaulted by WM, a Zanu PF supporter for denouncing the government.

15 June 2005

At Ruwa Beer Garden, PM (Zanu PF) was allegedly harassed and assaulted by a fellow party supporter RG for criticising the widely discredited clean up operation.

23 June 2005

In Seke District, war veterans HP and others are said to be harassing teachers and civil servants working in the District by forcing them to contribute $30,000.00 each towards the Heroes celebrations.

**Uzumba-Maramba-Pfungwe**

3 June 2005

At Chidodo Primary School, MM a Zanu PF supporter was reportedly assaulted by other Zanu PF supporters NZ, GM and SM for failing to pay Heroes Day contributions.

4 June 2005

LK and MG (MDC) were branded ‘sell-outs’ before being assaulted allegedly by four Zanu PF supporters IC, M, IM and PM at Katiyo Business Centre.

**Mashonaland Central**

**Mazowe West**

11 June 2005

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Two female MDC supporters, GM and H were allegedly assaulted by M, (also known as ‘Take two’) and C who accused the said victims of frequently attending MDC meetings in Harare.

**Rushinga**

4 June 2005

SC and TG of the MDC were reportedly harassed by NC after they were ‘caught’ denigrating the controversial Operation Murambatsvina.

6 June 2005

TS, an MDC supporter was reportedly harassed by BK, a ruling party supporter who accused the said victim of criticising the clean-up campaign.

10 June 2005

NC, a staunch Zanu PF activist reportedly harassed JR of an unclear political affiliation after the latter was heard listening to the USA-based Studio 7 which the alleged perpetrator perceived as an MDC appendage.

It is alleged that TM was harassed by G, a Zanu PF local leader who accused the former of spying for the MDC. This was after it was reportedly discovered that the victim had an MDC t-shirt underneath the Zanu PF t-shirt he was wearing at a ruling party meeting.

12 June 2005

In an act of intolerance, BK, the notorious ruling party and clean-up campaign supporter (see incident on the 6th of June above) allegedly harassed and assaulted RG a female MDC supporter for discussing media reports about the death of a toddler in Tafara (Harare) with her brother.

14 June 2005

LS, an MDC supporter as reportedly harassed by G, another said Zanu PF terror activist after they were found supporting the boycotting of the opening of Parliament by MDC MPs.

19 June 2005

In a bizarre incident, OC, a ruling party supporter reportedly harassed and physically attempted to ‘block’ the ears of two MDC activists TM and RM after he ‘caught’ the two listening to the recently launched National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) audio cassette.

**Muzarabani**

2 June 2005

Z, a ruling party activist allegedly assaulted TS, an MDC youth ostensibly for ‘disrespecting the constituency’. This was after the said victim refused to renounce his MDC membership.

4 June 2005

GC, a teacher at a local school was reportedly threatened with unspecified action by GC, a Zanu PF activist for failing to ‘declare’ his visitors (who the alleged perpetrators asserted were MDC spies) to the local village head. The victim was reportedly rescued by the District Administrator who censured GC for compromising education standards at the school.

5 June 2005

TM, an MDC youth was reportedly harassed by SG a Zanu PF activist after he (victim) refused to be forced to attend regular ruling party meetings in the constituency.

8 June 2005

CG and BP who were forced to relocate from Harare to the rural constituency as a result of the clean-up campaign were reportedly denied access to food aid by G, a headman and ruling party activist who demanded that they be vetted and ‘cleansed’ first of any possible MDC traits. Reports have it that the victims reported the matter to the local police who were quick to warn...
the said perpetrator against such discriminatory acts.

11 June 2005

R, a Zanu PF activist allegedly assaulted TC and his sister JC after he accused the two of discussing MDC activism with unknown men he claimed were MDC agents.

26 June 2005

In a disturbing occurrence, a church gathering in Kazembe village was forcibly turned into a Zanu PF meeting commandeered allegedly by GC and TM. It is said the ‘meeting participants’ were instructed to ‘convert’ instead those people affected by the clean-up exercise in urban areas migrating to rural areas, into supporting the ruling party.

Mt. Darwin North

2 June 2005

IM, a Zanu PF activist allegedly assaulted KK, an MDC youth for having played host to fellow party supporters driving a vehicle emblazoned with MDC insignia at his homestead.

5 June 2005

Two Zanu PF activists MK and BY reportedly assaulted two siblings FC and IC of the MDC after accusing them of entertaining top MDC officials based in Harare at their home “without seeking authority from local Zanu PF leaders”.

7 June 2005

In an act of intolerance, CM, a Zanu PF supporter allegedly harassed and assaulted JM, an MDC supporter in a bar after the victim had refused to join Zanu PF supporters dancing to the ruling party’s National Commissar, Elliot Manyika’s propaganda songs. It is further alleged that the Zanu PF activists present proceeded to strip the victim before force marching him to his home in a state of undress. The victim was said to have made a police report, but to date, no action has been taken.

17 June 2005

AJ, a Zanu PF activist reportedly harassed MN, LT and BM of the MDC in an effort to bar them from accessing maize which he stressed was meant for Zanu PF supporters only.

Mt Darwin South

9 June 2005

BM, an MDC youth was allegedly assaulted by ID and JM after refusing to defect to join the ruling party.

15 June 2005

ON of the MDC was reportedly harassed by MM after he was heard probing the possible causes of the clean-up campaign. It is said the perpetrator warned ON against discussing perceived underlying reasons for the campaign.

Mashonaland West

Sanyati

16 June 2005

It is alleged that an unnamed Military police officer assaulted SM and eleven other MDC supporters, accusing them of propagating MDC political dogma in the district.

In another case, G and C of the opposition MDC were reportedly threatened with starvation by Zanu PF’s M who accused the victims of having served as MDC polling agents during the March elections.

19 June 2005

R of the MDC was allegedly harassed and assaulted by unidentified soldiers who accused the victim of discussing political issues in public.

24 June 2005

SG and BM of Zanu PF reportedly harassed D and AM of the MDC for attending the late MDC District Secretary GN’s funeral.

Kadoma Central

3 June 2005

It is alleged that a group of Zanu PF youths led by SC assaulted MDC’s UM, KS and PA for printing t-shirts written, “Pasi neMurambatsvina” (Down with the clean up campaign).

9 June 2005

VK of the ruling party is reported to have been assaulted by TM, SM and PM after the alleged assailants caught the said victim snooping on their party’s ward meeting.

Ngezi

4 June 2005

It is alleged that two unnamed Zanu PF youths harassed and assaulted VC and SM accusing them of attending MDC meetings.

14 June 2005

The MDC’s S was said to have been evicted from his home after he attempted to lure M, a member of the ruling party’s Women’s League to join the opposition MDC.

Makonde
27 June 2005

The ongoing operation saw the allocation of flea market stands allegedly being done in a highly discriminatory manner. All the people had to go through the vetting process which was being done by the Zanu PF councillors PM, M, LM and Mrs. M.

29 June 2005

Makonde Council Chairman, S is alleged to have harassed and displaced SK, OK, JR and MG in an effort to weed out all MDC supporters in the area. It is said the police advised the victims to seek alternative accommodation elsewhere.

Chinhoyi

17 June 2005

Ward 5 councillor FM allegedly harassed and evicted FZ of the MDC. The perpetrator reportedly told the victim to denounce the MDC first in order to get a residential stand.

18 June 2005

GC of the MDC was purportedly harassed by C of Zanu PF as he was going through the vetting process in order for him to be allocated a flea market stand. GC was asked to buy a Zanu PF membership cards, pay $120,000.00 as a licence fee and $2,7 million which was not documented.

Manicaland

Buhera South

5 July 2005

ST of the MDC was allegedly tortured in a darkroom at Birchenough Bridge police post by a ZRP official who also doubles as a ZANU PF political commissar. The victim who sustained serious head, hands and feet injuries was subsequently charged with theft.

16 June 2005

Two police details EM and KK based at Birchenough bridge were allegedly assaulted by two MDC supporters AS and one M in apparent retaliation for the destruction of the perpetrators property during the clean-up raids.

21 June 2005

SM, a civil servant was reportedly victimized by kraal head Z and G, a school headmaster at Devuli school who they accused of supporting the MDC.

ST, an MDC activist was allegedly assaulted by a ZRP detail only identified as N with a baton stick during an Operation Murambatsvina at Birchenough Bridge. It is said the victim was labelled an opposition member by the assailant.

Chimanimani

3 June 2005

Two brothers KB and JB who served as MDC polling agents during the March elections were reportedly forced to leave their home at Zvekuitirwa village (ward 5) by a group of Zanu PF activists led by WM and TC. It is said the victims were accused of belonging to an “illegal” organisation. The said victims now live as displaced persons at an undisclosed place in Mutare.

10 June 2005

An MDC member HM reportedly had her MDC wrap over that she was wearing confiscated by a Zanu PF activist BM in the old location section of Chimanimani.

18 June 2005

CR, an MDC councillor for...
ward 12 was reportedly arrested after he was falsely accused by JC, a Zanu PF activist of having celebrated the state President’s rumoured death. The matter was reported to a ZRP Sgt CM.

24 June 2005

At Charleswood farm Zanu PF and ARDA officials including S, M and M allegedly sold 18 head of cattle belonging to Roy Bennett without his consent for around $200 million. The farm still legally belongs to the former constituency legislator despite it having been invaded and occupied by the Zimbabwe Defence Forces and ARDA.

Chipinge South

23 June 2005

More than 50 dwellings belonging to, inter alia, SM, JM and TK were destroyed by the police at Checheche growth point rendering more than 150 people homeless. Most of the displaced victims are living in open spaces at the growth point.

At Chibuwe business centre suspected Zanu PF supporters reportedly assaulted SM of the MDC after she was overheard denouncing operation murambatsvina.

Chipinge North

31 May 2005

Zanu PF agents led by DC, a war veteran with the aid of ward 6 (Chipinge urban) Councillor S, reportedly invaded Redsands Farm owned by Bruce Rector, whom they threatened with a pistol if he did not move off the farm immediately. The farmer left hurriedly, leaving behind everything at the farm.

31 May 2005

It is also alleged that on the same day, the same group invaded Destiny farm owned by Dr P and her husband RC who they subsequently assaulted, leading to RC sustaining a broken arm. It is said the couple was then ordered off the farm.

On the same day, at Mvurachesa Primary school, R the school head was allegedly assaulted thoroughly by a militant Zanu PF gang led by the notorious DC and Councilor S who branded the said victim an unrepentant white MDC agent bent on sabotaging the government.

In a related development, a Zanu PF group led by a quartet namely Njobo, Chikwanda, Gurai and an unidentified war veteran again invaded Chibenge and Viljon farms owned by H and V respectively claiming the two farms were on council land marked for housing developments. It is said the two white farmers and their families were forced off their properties by the marauding gang.

14 June 2005

More than 50 families from the New Stands section in Chipinge who were living in legalised temporary houses pending the conclusion of the construction of proper houses had their temporary structures destroyed by the police during the widely controversial Operation Murambatsvina.

29 June 2005

It is said N, C and G, the trio that invaded Chibenge and Viljoen farms forcibly took over Chipinge country club, after accusing the club’s owners of having built the club on council land. The alleged perpetrators, some of whom were fingered as Chipinge Town Council officials reportedly proceeded to make an inventory of items in the club in preparation for a full takeover.

30 June 2005

Three Roman Catholic Church

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nuns, Srs. F, R, M and a priest, Fr Mark were reportedly harassed and barred from giving blankets and food aid to victims of the clean-up exercise by the Acting District Administrator for Chipinge, KM, the ward five councilor and an unidentified ZRP member in charge for Chipinge urban. The alleged perpetrators, reportedly claimed that the RCC was using the donations for unspecified political purposes.

30 June 2005

Bangazani farm, owned by T was reportedly invaded by two Chipinge Town Council officials who also double up as Zanu PF officials. It is said the alleged perpetrators then demanded keys to the Chipinge hotel citing their intention to ‘claim’ the establishment’s property before ordering the said victim off the farm.

3 July 2005

N, a claimed war veteran, with the aid of Zanu PF youths reportedly tortured and forced JM, the owner of farm 28 (Chipangayi estates) to chant Zanu PF slogans in the nude before illegally evicting him from the farm. It is claimed the victim had his cattle stolen by the same gang in May.

Makoni East

3 June 2005

Zanu PF activists led by JM, MK and MT allegedly forced RG, an MDC activist and village health worker to surrender all drip assistance kits and any other materials she may have had from Link –Age (ZimAhead) and to stop practicing as a health worker due to her political affiliation. The victim, it is said, however stood her ground with the support of fellow MDC activists.

4 June 2005

NS of Zanu PF allegedly harassed fellow party members PK and JC for holding a meeting for ex political detainees at Gwizda Secondary School instead of attending the victory celebrations for the Zanu PF MP, Shadreck Chipanga.

10 June 2005

JM, a police detail based in Rusape was reportedly assaulted and labelled an MDC member by PM, a well known Zanu PF activist after the said victim stopped the perpetrator from engaging in corrupt activities in a fuel queue. Although police officer managed to arrest PM, he was made to release him allegedly on orders from the Makoni North MP, Dydimus Mutasa a feared ‘war lord’ in Makoni district.

Mukumba, a female MDC activist of Haisoswi village was reportedly barred from participating in a food for work programme (hunger mitigation) by MK of Zanu PF as ‘punishment’ for supporting the MDC in the area.

15 June 2005

Zanu PF activist and councillor GM (ward 22), in connivance with DZ reportedly barred LN, an MDC activist from participating as Chief Gandanzara’s court aide claiming he would influence the chief into subscribing to the MDC’s ideologies.

18 June 2005

“Taxi”, an infamous Zanu PF activist in Rusape allegedly prevented MT, an MDC supporter from accessing the elusive sugar in a queue at TM supermarket because the said victim supports the MDC. “Taxi” reportedly told the victim to instead buy sugar from (Morgan) Tsvangirai the MDC President.

19 June 2005

A quartet of unidentified police details on bicycles allegedly confiscated OM’s two 50kgs of maize which she was ferrying to feed her family in Bulawayo as she waited for transport at Rusape terminus. The law enforcement agents reportedly accused the victim of intending to feed MDC supporters in Bulawayo who rejected the ruling party in March.

20 June 2005

Councillor GM (ward 22) was reportedly harassed by an MDC activist GM after the councillor tried to stop the latter from giving a public announcement at a relative’s funeral because of his MDC connections.

Makoni North

3 June 2005

TM and his family were barred from living with their mother at Chinyika village 56 by the village chairman M after his (TM’s) shack in Sakubva was demolished during the Operation Murambatsvina. M claimed all people hailing from the high density suburb of Mutare were MDC supporters and therefore it was taboo to let MDC and Zanu PF supporters mix.

12 June 2005

TM of the MDC was reportedly prevented from accessing maize by an unidentified GMB official based at Chinayude depot after the official reportedly retorted that “machinja munonetsa (you MDC supporters are trouble makers)” to victim’s request.

16 June 2005

A group of suspected ZANU PF youths allegedly assaulted TC, an MDC supporter in village 48B Chinayika East whom they accused of blocking a link road I a bid to prevent the police from driving through the area on reportedly on Operation
19 June 2005

SP, a Zanu PF supporter reportedly had to scurry for cover after courting the wrath of farm workers at Chibaya farm when he uttered his support for the controversial clean up operation.

25 June 2005

In an unsettling incident in Village 56, Chinyika resettlement scheme, AMM, a soldier and a strong Zanu PF supporter was allegedly assaulted by a group of suspected MDC youths who accused him of being the son of the late village headman ST who they asserted was a “very cruel” chief campaign agent for the MP, Dydimus Mutasa.

26 June 2005

NC, a Zanu PF supporter was allegedly assaulted by her husband SN, an MDC supporter after arguing on the merits of the clean up campaign during a discussion in which the assailant’s brother revealed that he had been displaced from Epworth by Operation Murambatsvina.

Makoni West

28 May 2005

For calling upon people to resist demolition of their dwellings by the police in Tsanzaguru Township, MD, an MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted and had property worth $6 million looted by a group of Zanu PF youths led by two women, PN and GM.

30 May 2005

Ruling party supporters led by DM and NM allegedly looted household goods worth at least $4 million belonging to MC ostensibly because they wanted to get even with her for having actively supported the MDC in the run up to the March general polls.

2 June 2005

SM a Zanu PF member of the Women’s League reportedly barred MG, LT and JT from buying GMB maize because of their political affiliation.

Mutare Central

20 June 2005

FM of the MDC was allegedly assaulted by S and a group of Zanu PF youths after they over heard him denouncing Operation Murambatsvina. It turned out that the assailants had been participating in the demolitions that were taking place.

21 June 2005

SH of Chirimutstitu was allegedly assaulted thoroughly by a group of suspected Zanu PF activists after they spotted the victim wearing an MDC t-shirt as he drank beer with a friend.
It is alleged that EM was exhaustively assaulted by unidentified police details who accused her of sabotaging the clean up exercise after she took long to remove her property from her dwelling which was poised for destruction in Danagmvura.

Mutare North

9 June 2005

It was reported that EM, an MDC activist had his grinding mill set on fire by police details during Operation Restore Order despite the mill having been properly registered. The police are said to have apologised claiming the act was an accident. The victim was yet to receive compensation by the time the report was made.

12 June 2005

SC, an ex-Zanu PF councillor for ward 3 reportedly collapsed with a stroke after police demanded goods from his tuck-shop, (his only source of livelihood) which he had salvaged and was keeping in his house. Reports say after the police saw him demolishing the tuck-shop, they harassed him saying as a former Zanu PF councillor he should have led by example and demolish his tuck-shop before the police arrived.

22 June 2005

A Zanu PF activist and war veteran CM reportedly took advantage of the clean up campaign to evict EM his tenant, an MDC supporter he had long wanted to get rid of. The victim it is said, was still living in the open.

24 June 2005

EC of Maonde in Sakubva was reportedly arrested and detained at Chisamba police station for threatening to stone police details conducting operation restore order if they dared touch her dwelling.

Mutare South

6 June 2005

LM who had visited Munyararari village was reportedly assaulted severely by a group of suspected youths after they saw him wearing an MDC t-shirt.

15 June 2005

A ZRP detail Cst S and a graduate of the national youth service reportedly labelled PL an MDC activist and illegally locked him up for a day after the said victim was involved in a fist fight with SS a Zanu PF official who reportedly left the police station after refusing to pay an admission of guilt fine.

20 June 2005

An MDC activist IM was reportedly harassed by ‘Cdes’ M and M of Zanu PF at Mt. Dangare as the victim who was clad in an MDC t-shirt was coming from his party’s meeting.

A ZRP officer, Sgt PC based at Munyoro police post allegedly struck PM an MDC official once at Kitsiyatota business centre for blaming the government for undertaking the widely discredited clean up exercise. It is said the alleged perpetrator threatened onlookers with detention if they shared the same view as victim.

Mutasa North

1 June 2005

At Ruchera business centre, Nyanga MP Paul Kadzima reportedly instructed his body guards to assault ES (22) of the MDC who he accused of working to reverse the gains of the land reform by working in cahoots with western governments.
**Bulawayo**

**Bulawayo East**

26 June 2005

Alleged Zanu PF supporters forced their way into V’s home after accusing him of having organised victory celebrations for the MDC MP. It is also alleged that the unidentified perpetrators dented the victim’s walls with unprintable graffiti denigrating the MDC.

**Pumula/Luveve**

6 June 2005

In Cowdray park residential area, ten unidentified police officers allegedly assaulted PM after he had resisted the destruction of his tuckshop.

At Makhoni Shopping centre, M, GM and other MDC supporters had their wares destroyed allegedly by unidentified police details who accused them of vending in undesignated selling points.

8 June 2005

RM of old Luveve was reportedly arrested by the police who are said to have branded her an MDC activist. This was after the said victim had reportedly urged Luveve residents to embark on a stay away in protest against the government.

10 June 2005

About eight suspected Zanu PF supporters allegedly assaulted MN at Mpofo shops in Luveve after accusing him of supporting the MDC.

14 June 2005

More than a dozen suspected ruling party youths allegedly harassed and assaulted PM, an MDC supporter before tearing his MDC t-shirt in the process.

15 June 2005

MM, a villager from the Methodist village in Old Pumula was reportedly threatened with severe assaults by suspected Zanu PF youths who accused him of supporting the MDC.

18 June 2005

At least fifteen police details allegedly harassed resident of Pumula before confiscating their wares. This was after some of the said perpetrators had openly claimed that all MDC supporters would no longer be allowed to make a living by selling various goods on the proposed government market.

24 June 2004

In New Luveve, MT was reportedly harassed by unidentified Zanu PF supporters who accused him of supporting the MDC.

**Matabeleland South**

**Insiza**

23 June 2005

At Thandanani, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism Andrew Langa, who is
also the constituency’s MP allegedly threatened to starve the Tshazi people for having arranged a function at Tshazi Primary School which e termed an MDC stronghold. The school served as a poling station during the March poll, and the MDC received an overwhelming vote at the school.

Matopo
4 June 2005
At Mahetshe it was reported that MT, a notorious female Zanu PF supporter who was in March taken to court for tearing MDC posters, was barred by fellow party activists from taking part in the food for work programme for having defected to the MDC.

6 June 2005
At Mako village, ward 4 councillor S, reportedly barred S and A from buying maize from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) after accusing them of being MDC supporters.

Mangwe
28 June 2005
It was reported that at Vukantengane Complex, unidentified police details rounded up and assaulted eight youths around 1900 hours before whisking them to the local police station where they forced them to do physical exercises before releasing them. Reports have it that the reasons the police gave for their actions were that the victims had been found idle.

Umzingwane
11 June 2005
At Mazhowe, a group of Zanu PF supporters reportedly harassed and threatened RGN for supporting the MDC. It is said the victim was ordered to leave the area and is now believed to be staying somewhere in Bulawayo.

21 June 2005
VM and DN were allegedly evicted out of Sigodo farm by five Zanu PF supporters despite having been allocated pieces of land by the District Administrator’s office. It is said the alleged perpetrators claimed the victims were MDC ferrets.

Matabeleland North

Hwange West
6 June 2005
In an interesting development, RD, a senior provincial Zanu PF cadre and businessman was reportedly arrested by the police for destroying a Zanu PF t-shirt and membership card and labelling the ZRP an MDC appendage in protest against the closure of his business under the controversial clean-up campaign.

Tsholotsho
14 June 2005
### Midlands

#### Gweru Urban

8 June 2005

It is alleged that R, an MDC activist was assaulted by Zanu PF supporters after he was found distributing flyers calling on people to heed the stay away call by the MDC, and Labour groups.

10 June 2005

PK, an MDC supporter was reportedly unlawfully detained by the police who wanted to know about his involvement in mobilising people to heed the call for a two day stay away.

20 June 2005

It is alleged that SC, a Zanu PF councillor who was coming from one of his meetings was intercepted and assaulted by some youths believed to be MDC supporters who accused the victim of organising the demolition of houses.

#### Mkoba

5 June 2005

GC of Mkoba 9 was labelled an MDC agent before being allegedly assaulted by unidentified police details who accused the said victim of spreading the rumour that President Mugabe had died.

16 June 2005

Suspected Zanu PF supporters allegedly stoned the house of AC, the MP for Mkoba, damaging his vehicle in the process.

21 June 2005

HM was reportedly harassed and labelled an MDC activist for refusing to attend Zanu PF meetings.

28 June 2005

It was reported that Zanu PF supporters demanded from Z, a Zanu PF membership card in order that they ‘officially’ allocate a market stall to him.

#### Bubi-Umguza

20 June 2005

FK and CT (MDC) were allegedly accused DK of Zanu PF and his colleagues, of causing the clean up exercise because of their incessant complaints about the lack of the rule of law together with fellow MDC members. threatened to deal with the victims.

23 June 2005

It is said that kraal head HM of the MDC, who announced that no one was to engage in illegal vending in his village was threatened with unspecified action by two Zanu PF supporters TB and CC who accused the traditional leader of supporting the MDC.

#### Chirumanzu

4 June 2005

It was alleged that a group of war veterans led by CM, JS and BD denied ward 5 residents the right to buy GMB grains at Sipepa Rest Camp as ‘punishment’ for having voted for the MDC in a ward by-election held on the 11th.

15 June 2005

In Mtetshwa village, DM of the MDC was allegedly assaulted on the head by RS who accused him of contributing to the opposition party’s electoral victory on the 11th.

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Three old ladies, Mrs. K (70), Mrs. C (82) and Mrs. P (86) were allegedly denied maize by councillor C who accused them of living in an MDC infested residential area.

18 June 2005
AC of Chirumanzi School was reportedly harassed by SS of Siyaihokwe Township for denouncing the 'clean up' operation.

21 June 2005
A Zanu PF supporter, TS reportedly harassed SC of Marimba kraal who he accused of supporting a 'sell-out' party which advocates for sanctions in the country.

24 June 2005
FN of Rusere village who was 'caught' selling MDC membership cards was threatened with unspecified actions by unnamed Zanu PF supporters.

30 June 2005
It was alleged that M, the owner of Mapfumo hair saloon in Mvuma had her beauty establishment torched by the police who reportedly refused to give her enough time to retrieve her equipment, under the auspices of the clean up exercise.

Zvishavane

9 June 2005
Two residents of Old Eastlea, MM and TM were allegedly beaten up by members of the Support Unit for refusing to demolish their house during the 'clean up' operation.

12 June 2005
H and his family was reportedly evicted by MM of Zanu PF who claimed the victims were all MDC activists denouncing the clean up operation.

21 June 2005
It was reported that TS and other residents of Zvishavane’s high density areas were assaulted by unidentified members of the ZRP Support Unit who were forcing people to attend a meeting which was to address the clean up operation.

24 June 2005
JH of the MDC youth wing was allegedly assaulted by the Support Unit ostensibly for wearing a red cap which they claimed would incite public commotion if worn in a public place.

Shurugwi

9 June 2005
C, a female MDC supporter was allegedly assaulted by M, a female ruling party activist after she spotted the victim passing through her yard wearing an MDC t-shirt.

22 June 2005
FM, a ruling party supporter of Makusha Township, was reportedly beaten up by a fellow Zanu PF supporter PM for denouncing the clean up operation.

24 June 2005
It is reported that CM, a local youth from Ruchangu Secondary School was beaten up by N of Zanu PF for passing negative comments about ‘Operation Murambatsvina’.

Kwekwe

1 June 2005
It is reported that MJ an MDC supporter was forced to attend a Zanu PF restructuring meeting by Zanu PF youths AG, RM and SF.

5 June 2005
SK (55) was reportedly harassed by JM, a suspected Zanu PF youth for wearing a red cap which he (the assailant) claimed was part of the...
MDC’s regalia.

Zhombe
4 June 2005

VH of the MDC was allegedly assaulted by JN and AD of Zanu PF after failing to account for their absence from their village as required by the headman on the polling day in March.

10 June 2005

DZ, an MDC supporter of Sielakeni Primary School was reportedly assaulted by BM and JN after refusing to be forced to join the ruling party.

Gokwe Central
16 June 2005

KM, a widow in Chief Njelele’s area was allegedly assaulted by her late husband IJ’s brothers who demanded that she return to her maiden home in Matebeleland after refusing to be involved in political discussions with her in-laws.

Gokwe South
23 June 2005

Z of Mareve Primary School and a ruling party member was reportedly beaten up by two MDC supporters after refusing to attend the party’s meetings.

Gokwe East
1 June 2005

SM (Zanu PF) of Zvenyika village was allegedly assaulted by two MDC youths M and T after the said victim refused to be forced to join the MDC.

5 June 2005

NM, an MDC supporter of Wachekwa village who served as a local observer during the March poll was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF youths led by TC who asserted that all observers during the poll were in fact MDC agents.

8 June 2005

It was reported that WM of Chikaka village and a Zanu PF youth was assaulted by two unidentified MDC youths who wanted the said victim to renounce his Zanu PF membership in favour of the MDC.

Masvingo

Bikita East
10 June 2005

It is believed that most MDC supporters in Murimba village were denied food by their MP who says he is punishing the villagers because they voted for the MDC. Reports say the MP also threatened villagers with evictions.

20 June 2005

Headman M was reportedly threatened by a Zanu PF supporter CC who ‘advised’ the headman to seek food assistance from (MDC leader) Morgan Tsvangirai or better still, to go with his followers and settle in Britain.

Bikita West
15 June 2005

It has been reported that ruling party supporters, with the blessing of the MP Claudius Makova are targeting perceived or known MDC supporters and forcing them to pay up what they termed heroes’ fees or face such consequences like evictions and starvation.

16 June 2005

M, a Zanu PF activist is reportedly denying villagers without Zanu PF membership cards permission to construct houses in the constituency. GC and MM, who were displaced from Harare by the clean-up exercise, are among the villagers who have been barred from settling in the constituency supposedly because they support the MDC.

Chiredzi North
18 June 2005

MM, an MDC activist allegedly had her two roomed house at Buffalo Range destroyed by unidentified ruling party supporters who subsequently ordered her to return to her rural home.

In the same connection, it was also reported that DM, an MDC supporter at Buffalo Range had his two huts destroyed by the same group of assailants who also instructed the said victim to go back to his rural home.

Chiredzi South
5 June 2005

For allowing friends wearing MDC t-shirts to watch a soccer match in his house, MM, a teacher was allegedly assaulted by suspected Zanu PF activists who declared that the victim’s contract as a teacher had terminated.

11 June 2005

Two MDC supporters KJ and LS were reportedly denied the chance to buy food from the GMB by the village head, BC who claimed the grain was meant only for ruling party supporters.

16 June 2005

It was reported that eight police officers on a clean up exercise assaulted RM and LM for wearing MDC t-shirts at Chikovo Business Centre.
18 June 2005

At a church gathering, DM a Zion Christian Church (ZCC) member was allegedly assaulted by Zanu PF supporters led by TH and JM who accused him of working for the whites and the MDC. He was told to vacate the area and the church members were chased away.

23 June 2005

It is reported that Council and Arex officials led by MN were involved in a discriminatory recruitment of prospective Arex employees by selecting card carrying Zanu PF members only. According to reports, MN asserted that MDC supporters could only benefit from who they voted for.

25 June 2005

Five members of the youth brigades helping in the clean-up operation allegedly assaulted a female MDC activist SC whose party they claimed had caused the controversial campaign.

Chivi North

8 June 2005

In a decidedly nasty clean-up operation, Chivi police details in Makari reportedly destroyed all clay pots on display belonging to JM who they exhaustively assaulted when he tried to protest. It is said the victim sustained a broken arm as a result.

15 June 2005

PP, a victim of the Murambatsvina operation in Harare was reportedly chased away by headman M who claimed the victim, by virtue of having emerged from an MDC stronghold, could spread MDC activism in the area.

Chivi South

1 June 2005

Three informal traders SS, GT and TI reportedly assaulted three Zanu PF supporters MR, CC and ZT for failing to protect them from the clean-up campaign. The said perpetrators, it is said, claimed the victims had forced them to vote for the ruling party in the March elections.

29 June 2005

It is alleged that ruling party activists led by SA and NF threatened three MDC supporters, MN, NR and MT who wanted to buy maize from the GMB, with death for buying maize designated for Zanu PF supporters only.

Gutu North

3 June 2005

SV is said to have had her tobacco barn burnt by people she believes are those who accuse her of going to Masvingo often to attend MDC meetings.

11 June 2005

It was alleged that new farmers at Estdel farm have become homeless after being evicted under the clean up operation.

Gutu South

12 June 2005

FS was allegedly barred from participating in the food for work by Zanu PF supporters led by JT who claimed the victim was an MDC secret supporter.

Masvingo Central

12 June 2005

It is said that squatters who had been forced to leave the Mucheke riverbanks as a result of the clean-up exercise returned to the area after failing to secure alternative accommodation only to be assaulted by police details who went on to burning their property.

29 June 2005

In an unnerving incident at Gomba Business Centre, SN an MDC activist allegedly stabbed CZ, a Zanu PF supporter with a knife after a heated argument concerning perceptions on the Murambatsvina campaign. The alleged perpetrator, according to reports, is still on the run from the police who are said to be diligently investigating the matter.

Masvingo North

14 June 2005

Mrs. M was allegedly denied the chance to buy GMB food by Mr. M and other Zanu PF supporters who accused her of being an MDC supporter.

24 June 2005

JM was reportedly made to pay a $500,000.00 ‘permission fee’ by the village head RZ in order for him to be accepted in Zimuto village. JM was forced out of Harare by the clean up exercise in Harare.

28 June 2005

SM who was spotted wearing a Zanu PF t-shirt was allegedly assaulted by a group of suspected MDC activists led by SM. The assailants were heard remarking before the assault that the victim was supporting people who were causing untold suffering for many Zimbabweans.

Masvingo South
6 June 2005

It is alleged that TT and PC of Gozho village had their tillage land reduced by Zanu PF officials who asserted it was a form of punishing them for participating in the March general elections as local observers.

Zaka West

24 June 2005

27 June 2005

It is reported that RC was prevented from buying food at Zishiri Township by IR and other Zanu PF supporters who accused the victim of being an MDC supporter. The perpetrators, it is said, ‘advised’ the victims to buy from the MDC.

It is alleged that victims of the clean up operation found themselves unwanted in Mutsigudo village as they were told that since they came from town they were MDC members.