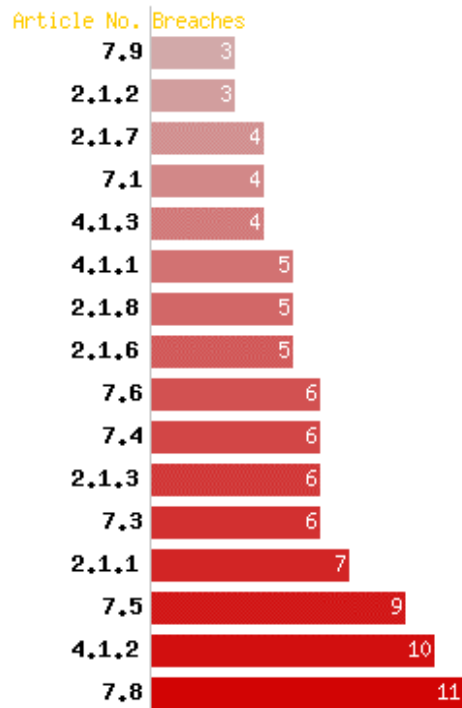


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Executive Summary

Reportedly riled when South African President Thabo Mbeki raised allegations of continued violence against opposition supporters during their meeting in Harare late last month, President Mugabe dismissed them as the "usual accusations" made by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

However, the MDC has provided Mr Mbeki with a substantial dossier of cases of violence against its members. Other aspects of major concern highlighted by the opposition and civil society include the crushing of rallies, meetings and protest marches by riot police, and the politicisation of traditional leaders and food distribution.

According to human rights documentation in the possession of Dr Jendayi Frazer, US Assistant Secretary for State, this year is the worst to date for human rights abuses. On record are about 6 000 instances of abuse, more than 90 cases of politically motivated kidnappings and abductions, and 3 463

detailed cases of torture.

As President Mbeki flew out of Harare, 22 activists from the National Constitutional Assembly were severely tortured by state security agents and ruling party enforcers at the Zanu PF headquarters in Harare.

Although the army has traditionally supported Mr Mugabe, a retired army colonel, Bernard Matongo says the regime is in denial about the violence and the only way the opposition should go for elections is if the Southern African Development Community (SADC) sends monitors six months in advance.

Harare political scientist Eldred Masungure says the new electoral laws that have been published provide a better electoral framework, but free and fair elections will only take place if President Robert Mugabe and his Zanu PF party honour them.

The Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition says there is an urgent need create a conducive electoral environment for all parties and to deal with issues surrounding the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), which is packed with Zanu PF sympathisers.

The Zimbabwe Election Support Network, a civic election monitoring group, notes that legislation alone cannot prevent malpractices. Their recent report cites numerous discrepancies in the registration process, as well as allegations of bribery and corrupt practices.

In a letter to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, the Morgan Tsvangirai-led faction of the MDC says a recent audit shows that the voters' roll is unusable and is full of "dead and ghost voters". The party also says it cannot accept the current flawed delimitation exercise.

Despite requests to shelve the exercise until the conclusion of the current talks, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission insists it will press ahead with demarcation of constituencies.

A national survey conducted by the Mass Public Opinion Institute finds that most Zimbabweans eligible to vote have not received any worthwhile voter education.

The Zimbabwe Peace Project has documented 267 cases in September in which food and other forms of aid, such as the provision of seed, were carried out along political lines.

No changes on the ground as Zanu PF manipulates talks **Source Date: 23-11-2007**

As Zimbabweans debate the progress of talks between Zanu PF and the MDC in South Africa, an analyst working for the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition said Zanu PF is playing games with the opposition.

Pedzisai Ruhanya, the group's Programmes Manager, said Robert Mugabe has managed to use Constitutional Amendment 18 to solve his own succession dilemma. The act allows him to handpick a successor.

He said there was an urgent need to deal with the administrative body that will run next year's election, including the creation of a conducive electoral environment for all parties....

To make matters worse the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, which is packed with Zanu PF sympathisers, has gone on to appoint soldiers, Central Intelligence Organisation members and other party supporters to the Delimitation Commission.

The commission is meant to redraw electoral boundaries and has in the past been used to manipulate voting patterns in favour of Zanu PF.

A lot of issues to do with the composition of the ZEC, the voters' roll, ballot papers and polling stations still remain unclear....

He reiterated that as long as state institutions were not demilitarized, structures like the Border Gezi militia disbanded and a free media created, participation in the election was ill advised.

Violence in the country continues unabated, opposition rallies and meetings are disrupted, as are protest marches, which are brutally crushed by riot police.

Source: SW Radio Africa (ZW)

Link to source: <http://www.swradioafrica.com/news231107/talks231107.htm>

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As Mbeki flies out, CIO tortures 22 NCA activists **Source Date: 23-11-2007**

As South African President Thabo Mbeki flew out of Harare, 22 activists from the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) were severely tortured by state security agents and ruling party enforcers, at Zanu PF headquarters....

The 22 NCA activists had taken part in a demonstration (alongside an estimated 400 others) near Mbeki's motorcade earlier in Harare....

Police arrested ... and later released them after they had paid fines at Harare Central Police station. According to one of the victims it was then that a minibus, suspected to be owned by the dreaded Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO), pulled over and they were forced into it. They were then taken to Zanu PF's Jongwe headquarters.

Fifteen suspected secret service agents and Zanu PF militiamen then submitted them to eight hours of torture. This included being forced to stand on their heads for an hour, being beaten under the feet with metal bars and large wooden planks, cleaning out toilets with bare hands, and being made to roll naked in a mixture of ash and broken glass....

Identified victims: Mr Melusi, an activist from the National Constitutional Assembly

Source: SW Radio Africa (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.swradioafrica.com/news231107/postvisit_torture231107.htm

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Election monitoring group says Zimbabwe Electoral Reform Bill flawed **Source Date: 03-12-2007**

Electoral system reform legislation making its way through the Zimbabwean parliament would effect some "significant" changes but falls short in many respects, according to the Zimbabwe Election Support Network, a civic election monitoring group.

The organisation, which mobilized thousands of monitors in the 2005 general election, has issued a new report which concludes that the "effectiveness of any electoral reforms depend on how electoral laws are applied and enforced in practice."

The ZESN report notes that the legislation introduces provisions to make certain forms of intimidation of participants in elections criminal offences, and also stipulates that an intimidating practice will at the same time constitute an electoral malpractice.

But for this new regimen to be effective, it says, an "independent" electoral commission needs to be given powers to direct the police chief to ensure that proper investigations are conducted. It adds that "legislation alone cannot prevent malpractices."

The organisation said the legislation should ensure there is an impartial, efficient and active electoral commission and that there is rigorous observation and monitoring of all stages of the electoral process. It added that before final delimitation of constituencies such an independent commission should take into account public comments.

ZESN noted that the proposed electoral law amendment bill does not address misuse of state funds for electoral purposes, which it described as a serious defect because it would allow the ruling party to "exploit an unfair advantage."...

Source: VOANews (USA)

Link to source: <http://voanews.com/english/Africa/Zimbabwe/2007-12-03-voa49.cfm>

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MDC accuses ZEC of bias

Source Date: 29-11-2007

The Morgan Tsvangirai-led faction of the MDC yesterday wrote to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) alleging that it (ZEC) was being used by the government to rig next year's harmonised elections on behalf of Zanu PF through the manipulation of the voters' roll and delimitation of ward and constituency boundaries, among others.

In the letter signed by the party's secretary for elections, Ian Makone, the MDC said it had pointed out to ZEC in previous correspondences that the recently concluded mobile voter registration exercise was "opaque, biased in favour of perceived ruling party strongholds, poorly publicised and executed".

The MDC said it would not accept the exercise.

"Given the problems surrounding the exercise and a pittance of new voters who got registered, the MDC would like to disassociate itself from such an exercise which was carried out in disregard of Zimbabweans' democratic right to register as voters," Makone wrote.

He said an audit recently carried out by the MDC shows that not only is the voters' roll unacceptably flawed, but it is also unusable.

"It is full of dead and ghost voters," Makone wrote. "To this should be added a significant number of people who were displaced by Operation Murambatsvina from urban centres, who are predominantly MDC."

He said this had disenfranchised a "whole segment of our society and your commission has a responsibility to ensure that these people are re-enfranchised, wherever they may now be residing."

Makone also alleged that as a result of a poorly-executed voter registration exercise, the delimitation programme would also be ipso facto flawed.

"The MDC cannot be expected to accept a delimitation exercise that is based on inaccurate statistics of registered voters," he complained.

The party said it does not recognise the current delimitation, arguing that this process must await the outcome of the SADC-initiated talks between the opposition and Zanu PF....

Source: Zimbabwe Independent, The (ZW)

Link to source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/200711300804.html>

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Electoral body ignores MDC call on election boundaries

Source Date: 26-11-2007

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) says it will press ahead with demarcation of constituencies for next year's elections despite pleas by the opposition to shelve the exercise until the conclusion of talks with the ruling Zanu PF party.

ZEC public relations director Shupikai Mashereni said the commission had the "legal

mandate" to prepare for the polls including drawing up constituency boundaries, adding it would only stop doing so if ordered by the government.

"We work according to the law and as things stand, we have the legal mandate to draw the (constituency) boundaries," Mashereni told ZimOnline....

"We will only stop when we are told to or if the law changes," the ZEC official said, adding that it was only reasonable that the commission starts its work now or it would fail to meet deadlines....

Source: Zim Online (ZW)

Link to source: <http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=2372>

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Top army officer to head ZEC in Manicaland

Source Date: 29-11-2007

A senior officer in the Zimbabwe National Army, Colonel Moffat Masabeya, has been appointed as the provincial elections officer for Manicaland.

Described as a die-hard Zanu-PF man, Colonel Masabeya lost in the 2005 primaries to represent the ruling party in the Chimanimani constituency, currently held by State Enterprises and Anti-corruption minister Samuel Undenge....

Facing perhaps their biggest electoral challenge from the opposition MDC, Mugabe and his ruling party have become increasingly reliant on the military for political survival.

Mugabe continues to appoint serving and retired members of the armed forces to the ZEC, despite a provision in Constitutional Amendment number 18, barring the military, police and prison officers from any involvement in elections, beyond providing security.

Almost all elections in the country have been tainted by charges of electoral fraud and complaints over the role of the military in the running of the polls.

Source: SW Radio Africa (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.zimbabwesiuation.com/nov30a_2007.html

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Financial irregularities unearthed at Zim elections body
Source Date: 03-12-2007

The Comptroller and Auditor General, Mildred Chiri, has unearthed financial irregularities and mismanagement at the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), casting a dark shadow on the commission's ability to manage large sums of cash it received for next year's polls.

The commission, that runs elections, was last week allocated Z\$209 trillion to cover costs for next year's joint presidential, parliamentary and local government elections. The commission received \$27 billion for the 2005 parliamentary polls.

However, an audit report by Chiri's office dated May 3, 2006 ... revealed disbursements of cash to teams running the 2005 poll were done haphazardly with little or no accountability.

The report says there was no proper financial control of funds and that in some instances people who conducted voter education were paid twice, while in some cases large sums of money were transferred between ZEC teams in different constituencies without proper procedures being followed.

The report did not say how much money exactly could not be accounted for, but noted that due to lack of financial control systems it was difficult to do reconciliations for cash advanced to electoral teams....

Under new constitutional provisions enacted last August, the ZEC oversees voter registration, delimitation of constituencies and the general conduct of elections.

Source: Zim Online (ZW)

Link to source: <http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=2406>

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Corruption and economic crisis mar voter registration
Source Date: 21-11-2007

Rampant corruption and the economic crisis hampered the much-vaunted mobile voters' registration exercise, an independent electoral body has said.

The latest report by the Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) points to numerous discrepancies in the registration process, heightening doubts over the transparency of next year's crucial elections.

According to findings of a ZESN report that came out Wednesday, chances of a free and fair election under prevailing conditions in the country are slim.

Chief among the disparities identified by ZESN are allegations that registration officials were demanding bribes from the rural poor before recording them on the voters' roll. The report attributes the corrupt practices of the officials to the low allowances the registrars receive.

The report also notes that the country's general economic crisis, characterised by power outages and fuel shortages, also affected the mobile voter registration process. In addition findings of the 'Mop-up Mobile Voter Registration Report' state that posters advertising the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission were barely seen in public areas.

ZESN head Noel Kututwa said most people did not participate in the process as lack of publicity and poor selection of the registration centres brought adverse effects.

He said: "Very few people learnt about this process. We observed that the majority of the people were unaware that there was voter registration going on but were aware that national ID cards were being issued...."

Source: SW Radio Africa (ZW)

Link to source: <http://www.swradiofrica.com/news211107/corruption211107.htm>

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Voter education lags far behind

Source Date: 02-12-2007

Although elections scheduled for early next year are only a few months away, most Zimbabweans eligible to vote have not received any worthwhile voter education, according to a survey by the Mass Public Opinion Institute (MPOI).

The national survey on Zimbabwe Electoral Processes and Reforms, conducted in all the provinces and released recently, says 68% of the potential voters in Zimbabwe have not received any voter/civic education....

On voter/civic education by party affiliation, the survey revealed that supporters of the Morgan Tsvangirai-led Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) were the worst affected, with 75% of the sampled supporters saying they had not received any voter education.

Sixty-four percent of the Arthur Mutambara faction said they had not received any voter education.

For Zanu PF, 60% of the members were in dire need of voter education.

Another finding of the survey was that 32% of potential voters had still not registered at the time of the inquiry....

Source: Zimbabwe Standard, The (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/dec2a_2007.html

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Coercion and intimidation? Just the usual election preparations

Source Date: 28-11-2007

With three months still to go before the country's presidential and parliamentary elections, it seems coercion, intimidation and evictions have begun in all provinces.

This week The Zimbabwean talked to activists for the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in Harare, Chitungwiza and Masvingo province.

They told how gangs of Zanu PF hitmen had ordered them to leave the area or be killed.

Munjodzi Mnashe, in Zengeza Two of Chitungwiza, said: "These youths accused us of working for a puppet party which is pursuing the interests of the West. I thought of going to the police for help, but when I realised who was behind these evictions, I knew I would be wasting my time."

In Masvingo, 15 men and their families moved to an MDC safe house after Zanu PF officials evicted them....

Source: Zimbabwean, The (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/nov29_2007.html

SADC standards breached

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Villagers punished for supporting MDC **Source Date: 28-11-2007**

An entire ward in rural Bindura has been denied farming inputs and equipment as punishment for supporting the opposition MDC.

Angry villagers from Ward 18, which comprises 14 villages in Mashonaland, told The Zimbabwean last week that their ward was the only one in the area denied ox-drawn ploughs and other equipment sourced by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe under the government's recent farm mechanisation scheme.

The ward, located within a Zanu PF stronghold under Elliot Manyika, voted overwhelmingly for the opposition during last year's rural council elections. Since then, it has not benefited from any scheme organised by the Government.

"The whole thing is so unfair. Everyone should be allowed to choose a political party of his or her choice. Even criminal is the use of inputs acquired through tax payers' funds for partisan purposes. This is vote buying," said MDC Bindura Rural Acting Chairperson Alfred Chitonho.

Source: Zimbabwean, The (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/nov29_2007.html

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Former military men continue to take over gvt departments **Source Date: 20-11-2007**

A high number of senior Zimbabwe Defence Forces (ZDF) officers continue to take over control of several government companies and departments in a move that has been described by some as a "military coup in the public sector"....

Over the years President Mugabe has been putting faith in the military commanders to make sure they help run the crisis-ridden country, an apparent show of no confidence in civilians around him.

Yesterday former Police Senior Assistant Commissioner Albert Mandizha was appointed general manager of the strategic Grain Marketing Board (GMB), taking over from Colonel Samuel Muvuti, who had been acting for the past four years....

The GMB has in the past been accused of not giving food aid to suspected opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) supporters....

Source: zimbabwejournalists.com (ZW)

Link to source: http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/nov21_2007.html

SADC standards breached

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Bias widespread in food aid distribution, Zimbabwe civic group charges

Source Date: 25-11-2007

Millions of Zimbabweans are depending on distributions of food aid to survive due to a poor harvest last year and the economic crisis besetting the country, but a new report by a nongovernmental organisation says food is being handed out on political lines to reward backers of the ruling party and exclude supporters of the opposition.

The Zimbabwe Peace Project said it documented 267 cases in September in which the distribution of food and other forms of aid, such as the provision of seed, was carried out on political lines.

Such discrimination, which in some cases included harassment and violence, occurred nationally, according to the organisation. But the pattern of discrimination was strongest in Masvingo and Midlands provinces, it said.

It cited "malicious damage to property, physical attack on community members and in a serious case a village head was allegedly shot in a dispute over food aid. For women, some food distributors were demanding sex in exchange for food aid."

In 70% of cases, those denied food or other aid were opposition members, said the civil society group, while 8% of the victims were members of the ruling party, and 3% were penalized for an affiliation with some nongovernmental organisation.

The Peace Project report said instances of discrimination on grounds of political party affiliation or participation in NGO activities "abound in the food distribution process."

The report said such abuses were most commonly associated with distributions by the Grain Marketing Board, the Zimbabwean state cereals monopoly....

Source: VOANews (USA)

Link to source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/Africa/Zimbabwe/2007-11-25-voa13.cfm>

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