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POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT

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OVERVIEW

Even after the disputed Presidential election Run-Off and subsequent swearing in of the ZANU PF candidate Robert Mugabe as the President of Zimbabwe, violence and political intolerance continued in the month of July in most parts of Zimbabwe. Retributive attacks by ZANU PF youths and war veterans on known and suspected MDC supporters continued to occur as characteristic of the period before the 27 June 2008, Presidential election Run-Off. However, the scale at which these violations occurred was significantly lower as compared to the period between April and June 2008.

ZANU PF youth militias launched “*operation red finger*” in both rural and urban areas, an operation that targeted those who did not vote in the Presidential Election Run-off. Those who did not vote were accused of not doing so in protest at the one-man election and were subjected to violent attacks by ZANU PF youth militia. Election observers in the March Harmonised elections who did not assume the same role in the 27 June presidential election run-off were also targeted and accused of being MDC supporters because of their non-participation in the latter.

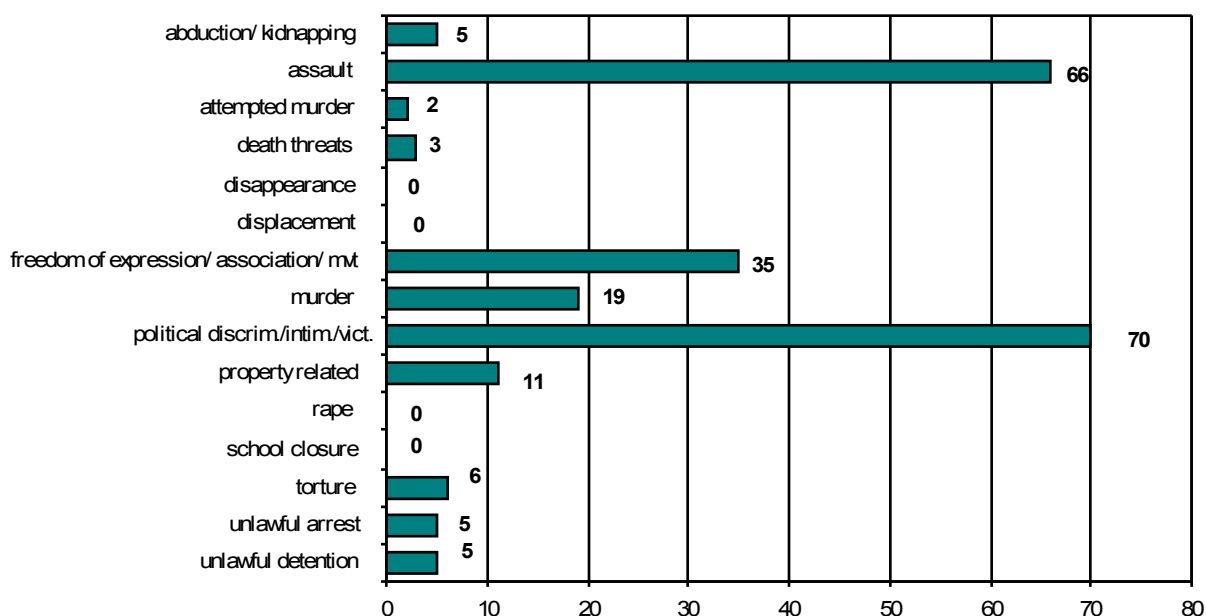
Evidence available to the Human Rights Forum also reveals that the torture bases that were set up prior to the 27 June Presidential Election Run-off by ZANU PF youths and war veterans were still operational after the election, and were being used to terrorise residents in rural areas. In some of the cases documented in this report, the victims were taken to these torture bases and severely assaulted as characteristic of attacks prior to 27 June. The continued existence of these torture bases has relegated some rural communities into no-go areas controlled by ZANU PF youths. This has also exacerbated the crisis of internally displaced persons who fled from violence prior to the Presidential election Run-Off. Many of these people have been attacked after having tried to return to their homes and have been forced to go back into hiding. Other victims of the post electoral violence were also targeted for attack after having reported the incidence to the police.

The number of violations recorded in this report is significantly lower than those recorded in April, May and June. The report documents a total of 227 violations as compared to the June total of 1126. The number of cases of torture recorded 6 against 35, was also significantly lower compared to those recorded in the same period. This can be attributed to the fact that the elections were over and the end that was sought to be achieved by the violence met. While substantially lower than the 60 recorded in June, there were still 19 murders reported in July.

While the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on 21 July 2008 gave some encouragement that the impasse in the negotiation process between ZANU PF and the two MDC formations was being addressed, the will of the political parties to bring a speedy end to the Zimbabwean crisis remained in question. The continuation of violence, including retributive violence and the lack of political tolerance remains worrying. The scorched earth policy of ZANU PF youth and some war veterans particularly evident in June in the rural areas, continued to a lesser extent in July with a slight shift towards peri-urban areas. Equally worrying are some of the incidences reported which showed overt participation of state agents.

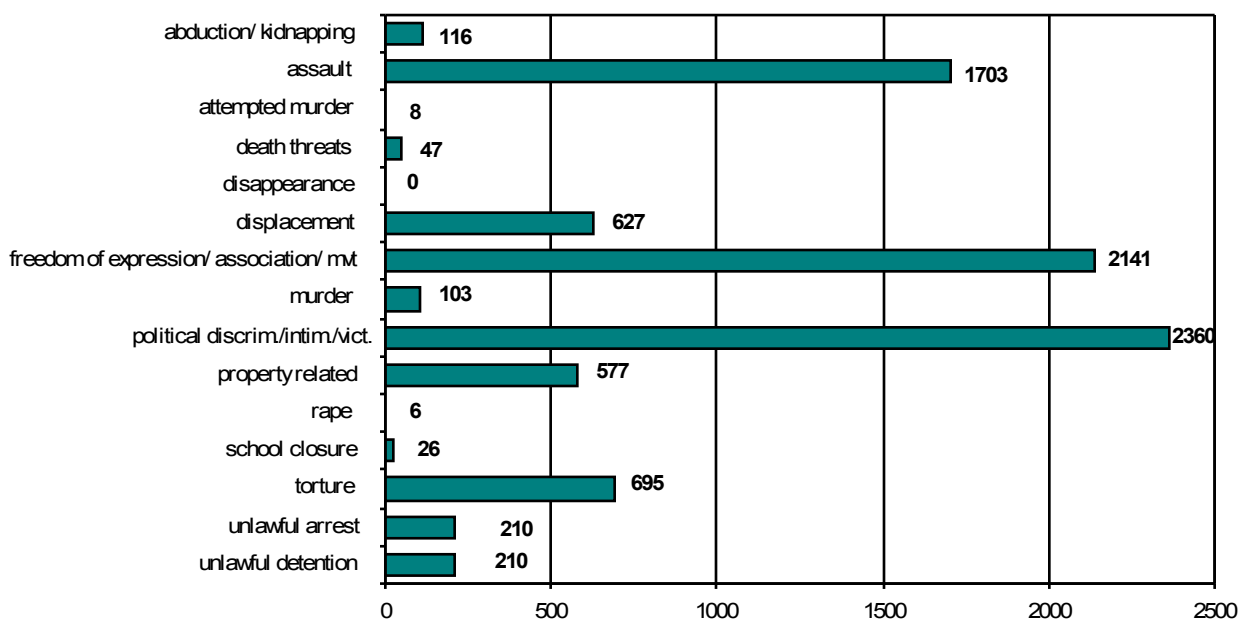
The Human Rights Forum calls upon all parties to the MOU and Power Sharing agreement to honour their commitments and to take steps to ensure the resolution of the Zimbabwean problem. The Human Rights Forum also calls upon the parties to ensure justice for the victims of the pre-electoral and post-electoral violence that occurred in 2008 and prior to this period.

Totals: 1 July – 31 July 2008



Cumulative

Totals: 1 January – 31 July 2008



The graph should be read along with the table depicting the monthly totals of violations for July 2008 on page 20.

Key Abbreviations

AIPPA – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	WOZA – Women of Zimbabwe Arise
CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation	ZANU PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
MDC – Movement for Democratic Change	ZCTU – Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions
MP – Member of Parliament	ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army
NAGG - National Alliance for Good Governance	ZPS – Zimbabwe Prison Service
NCA – National Constitutional Assembly	ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police
OVT – Organised Violence and Torture	ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association
POSA – Public Order and Security Act	ZIMTA – Zimbabwe Teachers Association
PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe	ZUPCO – Zimbabwe United Passenger Company
UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe	ZINASU – Zimbabwe National Students Union

Sources: The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Public Interest Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, its members and statements taken by a network of human rights activists and newspaper reports,

Notes to the tables:

Torture:

All cases of torture fall under the definition of torture according to the general definition given in the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment and Punishment.

The four elements of torture are:

- 1 **Severe** pain and suffering, whether physical or mental
- 2 **Intentionally** inflicted
- 3 With a **purpose**
- 4 By a state official or another individual acting with the **acquiescence of the state**.

Those individuals referred to in point # 4 as state officials include the ZRP, ZNA,

Unlawful arrest and detention:

Arrest by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) with no reasonable suspicion that an offence has been committed. Detention thereafter for a period exceeding 48 hours without access to redress through the courts or subsequent release without charge.

Abduction/kidnapping:

A kidnapping by a member(s) of an organised group that is not the ZRP, ZNLWVA, ZNA, ZPS and the ZNLWVA (as a reserve force of the ZNA).

Disappearance:

Kidnapped persons whose whereabouts remained unknown at the time of reporting.

Property related

Incidents in which property rights have been violated including arson, property damage and destruction and theft.

Cases of Political Violence

Note: The identities of victims whose names have not been published in the press and are not public officials are protected. This is done in order to protect the victim from further violence, intimidation and possible recriminatory attacks.

The purpose of this report is to record the nature of the politically motivated violence and intimidation that continues to prevail in the country. The Monthly Political Violence Reports are primarily based on victims' accounts, accompanied by medical evidence where possible, obtained from member organisations of the Forum and other partner organisations. Use is also made of press reports.

The Report cannot be considered as the exhaustive record of all incidents of politically motivated violence in Zimbabwe in the period under review. Nevertheless, every incident reported to the Human Rights Forum directly or through its members is meticulously documented and included in the reports. Care is also taken to record the incidents in the language in which they were reported to the Forum.

The situation prevailing in the country is such that it has not been possible to verify all of these accounts. The Human Rights Forum has done what it can to verify the reports, and is satisfied that the vast majority of them are substantially true. It is also not possible to rule out whether a victim's account is exaggerated or contains inaccuracies.

All reports derived from the press are denoted with the symbol Σ .

BULAWAYO

Bulawayo Central

28 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted by ZANU PF youths and later arrested and detained by police. ZANU PF youths went to his home and took him to Queens Park Police Station where he was heavily assaulted under the feet and was detained for three days. The officers alleged that he had some information on the operations of the MDC. He was also accused of storing firearms and plotting to wage a war against the Government.

Bulawayo East

22 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by two ZANU PF youths who broke into his house at midnight. The assailants assaulted him with sticks and alleged that he had advocated for people to boycott the 27 June Presidential Run Off.

HARARE

Budiriro

01 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for wearing an MDC t-shirt. He was walking home when he met three ZANU PF youths who asked him why he was wearing an MDC t-shirt and proceeded to assault him before he could respond.

Chitungwiza South

09 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. They destroyed property at his shop. The victim was turned away when he tried to report the incident to the Police. On his return from the police station, the perpetrators further assaulted him with metal objects and he sustained injuries to his left eye and right hand.

22 July 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while he was walking home with his son. The attack was in retribution for fleeing from his home prior to the Presidential Election Run-Off. The victim had fled from his home in the run up to the election for fear of victimisation after having been threatened by ZANU PF youths. They slapped him across the face and punched him with clenched fists. One of assailants also slapped his son. They took his money and cell phone before releasing him.

Epworth

06 July 2008

The female victim reports that she and her mother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. The youths went to her home and took her MDC regalia and asked her to accompany them to their base where they assaulted her with ropes on her buttocks. They told her to bring her mother to the base whom they also assaulted. At the time of the report, the youths were also threatening to destroy her home and property.

19 July 2008

The male victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on returning to his home after he had fled from post election violence. On his return to the village after the elections, he was attacked by ZANU PF youths who questioned him on why he had returned. They assaulted him all over the body with sticks and metal rods.

Glenora

7 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. They slapped him across the face and kicked him with booted feet. He reported the incident at the police.

12 July 2008

The male victim an MDC activist reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. He was ordered to sit down, slapped across the face, and kicked in the chest. The victim managed to escape.

12 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while he was at a bar in Glenora B. They kicked him with booted feet and slapped him alleging that he was an MDC supporter. He reported the incident at Glenora Police Station.

Glenora

06 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and later arrested and detained on allegations that he was storing firearms and preparing for war because the MDC had lost the election.

Harare Central

23 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths for wearing an MDC t-shirt. They dragged him out of a kombi and took him to a bar in Mbuya Nehanda Street where he was assaulted with baton sticks, slapped across the face and kicked all over the body with booted feet. They poured cold water all over him and continued to assault him until he lost consciousness. He reported the matter at Harare Central Police Station and was treated at Parirenyatwa Hospital.

27 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They punched him with clenched fists and smashed an empty bottle on his head. The assailants fled after the attack and he reported the matter to the police.

Harare South

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at his home who were accusing him of being a "sell out" because he was an MDC supporter. They took him to their base, tore his t-shirt and assaulted him for about three hours.

Mbare*01 July 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after an argument with some members of the party's women's league. He tried to flee but the youths caught him and took him to their base. Four of them assaulted him with baton sticks.

07 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They surrounded him and assaulted him with sticks all over his body and then took him to their base where they further assaulted him. They also took ZIM\$1.3 trillion dollars (ZIM\$130 revalued) from his pocket.

Zengeza*09 July 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after he had refused to surrender his MDC t-shirt. They punched him with clenched fists and assaulted him with sticks all over his body. The victim was rescued by the police who arrived at the scene and intervened.

MANICALAND**Buhera North***08 July 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They assaulted him all over his body with sticks and he sustained various injuries as a result.

16 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he had in his possession some MDC campaign materials. They went to his home at around 14:00hrs and asked him to go with them to their base where, they assaulted him all over his body with sticks. He was released the following morning.

Buhera South*04 July 2008*

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because she had refused to attend ZANU PF meetings and had not cast her vote on the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run-Off.

Buhera West

04 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly campaigning for the MDC in the run up to the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off.

04 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by three ZANU PF youths who alleged that he had voted for the MDC in the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off. They assaulted him under the feet for about an hour before releasing him.

06 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him with sticks and metal rods in retribution for being an MDC supporter.

Headlands*04 July 2008*

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They kicked her all over the body with booted feet.

Makoni Central*03 July 2008*

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. He has been living as an internally displaced person as a result.

Makoni North*02 July 2008*

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after she was seen speaking to MDC activists who were on a door to door campaign for the the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off. She received 25 strokes on the buttocks and was detained at the ZANU PF base for two days.

03 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They assaulted him with sticks all over his body.

17 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted, arrested and detained on allegations that he had set fire to the home of the MDC MP for Makoni North. He had gone to inspect damage to the home of the MP when a group of police officers confronted him. They accused him of having set the home on fire and took him to Mayo Police Station. He was later taken to Rusape Police Station where he was assaulted and detained for two days.

Makoni South

06 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted her with sticks all over her body.

Mutare Central

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They assaulted him with sticks all over his body.

17 July 2008

The male victim, the Senator for Mutare Central Constituency, reports that he has been receiving death threats from suspected ZANU PF supporters.

17 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not voting in the 27 June Presidential Run-Off election.

17 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted him all over the body with a rifle butt.

17 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans because he had refused to give them his MDC regalia. They assaulted him with metal rods on his back and buttocks.

Mutare South

01 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted her with sticks all over her body and told her to renounce her MDC membership.

01 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by MDC activists in retribution for supporting the MDC. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body.

01 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to her house and alleged that she was an MDC supporter. They assaulted her with sticks all over her body and told her to renounce her MDC membership.

01 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not voting in the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off election. They assaulted her with sticks on her back and buttocks.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL

Bindura South

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegation that that he had deliberately spoiled his vote for the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off in protest at the holding of the election. He was at his home when seven ZANU PF youths confronted him and summoned him to a meeting. They took him to a bush, suspended him in the air and assaulted him with sticks on his back and buttocks until he lost consciousness. He was left in the bush and had to find his way home late in the evening when he had regained consciousness.

08 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was abducted and assaulted by suspected war veterans. They came to her home, blindfolded her, shoved her into their car and threatened to "slaughter her like a chicken". They told her that they were taking her to Musana in Bindura where she would meet her fate. On the way, one of the tyres burst and they were forced to stop. They then assaulted her and pushed her out of the car. They left her by the roadside where she lay unconscious until a farmer who was passing by took her to the hospital.

Shamva North

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths, police officers and suspected CIO agents for being an MDC polling agent in the 29 March harmonised elections. They confronted him while he was at a bar and assaulted him with sticks. After the beating, they took him to Madziva Hospital and dumped him outside the gate. He did not receive any medical treatment since the hospital was out of drugs and he was transferred to Bindura Hospital. He then went to Harare to seek refuge.

Mt Darwin East

09 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he had been a ZESN election observer during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. They broke into his home and assaulted him with sticks and hoe handles. They assaulted him until he lost consciousness.

12 July 2008

It is reported that a male ZESN election observer was attacked by known ZANU PF supporters at his home. The attack on the victim's home is reported to have occurred around 23:00hrs and is said to have been led by a known Zanu PF supporter. The attack resulted in the victim sustaining multiple fractures to both his arms and lacerations all over the body. At the time of the report his wife was in a critical condition at a hospital in Harare after her abdomen was punctured by sharpened sticks. The rest of the victim's family composing of two minors managed to escape and alert the neighbours of the attack leading to a report being made to the police.

MASHONALAND EAST

Goromonzi North

15 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while she was collecting firewood. They accused her of stealing the firewood and dragged her to a compound. When she told them that she was from Harare, they concluded that she was an MDC supporter and assaulted her with sticks.

Mutoko East

01 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The youths broke into his home and forced him out. They alleged that he had deserted ZANU PF so that he could join the MDC. They assaulted him with thick sticks until he lost consciousness.

13 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after he had reported an incident of political violence to the police. The police had followed up on his report and arrested the perpetrators of the violence. The rest of the youths then launched "Operation withdraw your docket" where they assaulted all the victims of political violence who had reported the incidences to the police. It is reported that the operation affected approximately 17 families.

Mudzi North

19 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home burnt by ZANU PF youths. He had fled his home prior to the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off after he was told that ZANU PF youths were looking for him. When he returned home, he discovered that it had been burnt down and he went to live with his uncle. The youths followed him to his uncle's home and forced him to their base where he was assaulted with sticks on his back and buttocks and threatened with death. He was released after about two hours.

19 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her property looted by ZANU PF youths. On her way back home from a neighbour's home, she was confronted by five ZANU PF youths who tied her hands and went around the village with her so that they could collect other MDC supporters. They were taken to the base where they were accused of working against the government and assaulted with sticks all over her body. She was then taken to a different base where she was further assaulted by war veterans and ordered to pay a fine of two goats, two bags of maize, two bags of nuts, two chickens and a packet of salt. She was released after the intervention of the ZANU PF MP for the area who took her to Kotwa Hospital.

20 July 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for fleeing to Mozambique prior to the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off after violence had erupted in the area. When he returned he discovered that his home had been burnt down and was forced to seek shelter at his father's home, who is a ZANU PF supporter. ZANU PF youths went to the home and with his father's consent, took him to their base where he was assaulted with sticks on his buttocks.

20 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They took him to their base in Chimukoko and four of them took turns to assault him with sticks. They forced him to the ground and assaulted him on the back and buttocks. He was detained overnight before being released the following morning.

25 July 2008

Voice Of the People (29 July 2008)

Σ. A Zimbabwe Republic Police Officer in Mashonaland East died from injuries sustained after being severely assaulted by ZANU F militia and war veterans. Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition said in a statement by King Muteta, a police officer in Mudzi North, who was heavily assaulted by war veterans after visiting his home to check on the welfare of his parents, died on Friday 25 July 2008. "The incident reportedly occurred on 17 July 2008 at Chimukoko base in Muteta village under Chief Chimukoko, Mudzi where Muteta was attacked by 12 war veterans who were led by two men who could only be identified as Kangora and Gafa. The hooligans were allegedly sponsored by Newton Kahepa and Peter Nyakuba, ZANU PF MP and Councillor respectively," reads part of the Crisis Coalition of Zimbabwe statement. Muteta had allegedly visited his parents who had been assaulted by war veterans in the area during the wave of the state organized violence that preceded the hotly disputed 27 June Presidential Run Off.

Mudzi West

19 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone back to his home to collect the remainder of his property from the home after it was burned down by ZANU PF youths. The assailants saw him on his way and attacked him that night. They dragged him to their base and punched him with clenched fists. One of them poured hot water on him and scalded his right leg.

Murehwa West

24 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not attending a ZANU PF rally at Bora and for displaying her late husband's MDC t-shirts. Four of them took turns to assault her with tree branches. She sought refuge in Harare fearing further victimisation.

MASHONALAND WEST

Chinhoyi

08 July 2008

The male victim, a ZESN election observing the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not observing the Presidential Election Run-Off on 27 June 2008. The assailants alleged that he did not observe the elections in protest against the one man election.

Hurungwe East

22 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They kicked him with booted feet and assaulted him with iron bars and screw drivers.

MATEBELELAND NORTH

Nkayi South

10 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for failing to recite the ZANU PF slogan. She was at a bus stop waiting for the bus when a truck full of ZANU PF youths stopped. The youths asked her to recite the ZANU PF slogan which she did not know. She and three other people she had been waiting with were assaulted with sticks all over their bodies

MATEBELELAND SOUTH

Insiza North

02 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by two war veterans who were alleging that she had voted for the MDC candidate in the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off. They assaulted her all over her body and took her 13- year-old daughter to their base where they threatened to rape her.

03 July 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by war veterans and ZANU PF youths. They took him to their base, tied his hands with a piece of rope and assaulted him. One of the perpetrators clipped his ears with a pair of pliers and he sustained injuries as a result.

30 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by seven ZANU PF youths who alleged that she had refused to attend ZANU PF meetings. She was hit on the left eye with a knobkerry.

MIDLANDS

Gokwe Nembudziya

01 July 2008

The male victim, who was an MDC polling agent in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and suspected police officers. He was forcibly taken from his home at around 16:00hrs by gun wielding ZANU PF youths. They dragged him to Chitakate Police Post and assaulted him on the way. When they arrived at the Post, he was further assaulted by men in plain clothes who alleged that he was part of a group of MDC supporters who had carried out reprisal attacks on the ZANU PF youths. ZANU PF youths had earlier gone on a rampage in the village attacking all known and suspected MDC supporters. They assaulted him and interrogated him on the identity of the MDC supporters who had carried out the reprisal attacks.

01 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They took him to a river where there were war veterans and suspected CIO agents waiting for him. They accused him of being a "sell out". They told him to denounce his MDC membership if he wanted peace. He was then assaulted with sticks and bicycle chains.

01 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while he was visiting the home of the MDC Youth Chairman in the area where he was recording details of property that had been destroyed by suspected ZANU PF youths. While he was carrying out his task, a group of ZANU PF youths confronted him. He tried to flee but they caught him and assaulted him with sticks all over the body. They then proceeded to the victim's home and set some of his property on fire and looted the rest of it.

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths and police officers who took him to Simchembo 2 Primary School and accused him of turning the villagers against the government and ZANU PF. They assaulted him with baton sticks and logs until he was prostrate.

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and tortured by ZANU PF youths and suspected CIO agents for being an MDC supporter. They went to his home at night and took him to Manoti DDF Camp where they accused him of selling the country by supporting the MDC and took turns to assault him. They tied his hand and feet and at around 01:00hrs they took him to a pit where they dumped him.

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened by the ZANU PF youths. He had gone to visit fellow MDC supporters who had been hospitalised after an attack by ZANU PF youths. While he was there, the assailants arrived and tried to manhandle him. He managed to escape but as he was running, he fell into a ditch and injured his right leg.

02 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he is an MDC supporter. He was forced to flee his home a few days before the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off when he was informed that the youths were looking for him. He returned home after the election and the youths went to his home at around 22:00hrs and assaulted him with sticks all over his body. The victim eventually escaped but he sustained injuries as a result of the attack. He went to Gokwe to live with a relative.

03 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while had gone to rescue his son after he had been told that his home had been invaded by ZANU PF youths. The victim found the youths assaulting his son with baton sticks, alleging that he was an MDC supporter. He tried to rescue him but the youths turned on him. He managed to escape but fell into a ditch as he ran. He fractured his right leg as a result.

5 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths, who were in the company of police officers, for being an MDC polling agent during the March 29 2008 harmonised elections. They accused him of working against the government and being a "sell out". They asked him to name other MDC supporters and assaulted him while the police officers watched. He was detained at their base for the whole night.

16 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were looking for a well known MDC activist in the area. They approached him at around 01:00hrs at the school where he works as a guard and asked him to tell them where the MDC activist was. The youths were angered when he told them he did not know where she was and proceeded to carry out a man hunt for their targeted victim. When they did not find her they turned on the male victim accusing him of being an MDC sympathiser. They assaulted him with booted feet, metal objects and clenched fists until he lost consciousness.

Gokwe Mapfungautsi

15 July 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were looking for her husband who they alleged was an MDC supporter. When they failed to find him, they turned to assault her with sticks all over her body.

17 July 2008

The male victim who is an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him because he had fled his home during their "cleansing exercise" prior to the 27 June 2008 Presidential Run Off during which retributive attacks were being carried out on known and purported MDC supporters.

Gweru Urban

18 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured, arrested and detained by police officers on allegations that he was peddling lies about violence in Zimbabwe. He was in possession of documents and photos of political violence victims. He was denied access to legal counsel and was instead handed over to Colonel Kahuni, an army officer and one Mr Dube who is a CIO agent. They stripped him naked and interrogated him while at the same time kicking him. He was ordered to stand on his head and was detained in a filthy cell for three days. He was finally given permission to contact a legal practitioner who facilitated his release

18 July 2008

Peter Muchengeti, the *National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations* (NANGO) Midlands Province representative and programs officer for *Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust* (ZIMCET) Gweru was arrested on allegations of publishing false information about politically motivated violence in Midlands. He was released on a \$ZW 2 Trillion bail and remanded out of custody to 25 August 2008.

Gweru Rural

06 July 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. They kicked him all over his body with booted feet and took 100 billion dollars from his pocket.

Monthly totals of human rights violations from 1 January 2008 – 31 July 2008

Table 1

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Abduction/ kidnapping	3	11	3	31	26	37	5	116
Assault	56	45	270	550	435	281	66	1703
Attempted murder	0	0	0	4	1	1	2	8
Death threats	1	0	5	17	9	12	3	47
Disappearance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Displacement	0	0	0	412	160	55	0	627
Freedom of expr/ass/mvt	94	410	108	712	600	182	35	2141
Murder	0	0	0	10	14	60	19	103
Political Discrim/ intim/vict	67	410	287	783	466	277	70	2360
Property related	1	0	8	280	195	82	11	577
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
School closure	0	0	0	11	5	10	0	26
Torture	2	10	24	560	58	35	6	695
Unlawful arrest	56	42	19	26	18	44	5	210
Unlawful detention	56	42	19	26	18	44	5	210
Monthly Totals	336	970	743	3422	2005	1126	227	8829

	MAIN EVENTS 2008
January	
22	MDC ' <i>Freedom March</i> ' is banned by the police.
23	Morgan Tsvangirai is picked up and detained by the police from his home in the early hours of the morning.
	MDC members are assaulted and arrested as they march towards Glamis stadium for a rally.
25	Members of <i>Restoration of Human Rights Zimbabwe</i> are arrested and detained following a peaceful demonstration.
February	
13	Student leaders are arrested and assaulted for demonstrating in Harare and Bulawayo.
	The MDC Tsvangirai faction Mabvuku Parliamentary candidate is arrested outside the party's headquarters allegedly for planning a demonstration.
19	Nine members of the <i>Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe</i> are abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters before being handed over to the police.
24	The MDC (Tsvangirai) Parliamentary candidate for Mhondoro/Ngezi is detained at Mubaira Police Station for 34 hours on allegations that his campaign team had used abusive language during a campaign session.
March	
8	WOZA demonstrates on International Women's Day. Three members are assaulted and fifty are injured in the assaults by anti-riot police.
10	Seven women are assaulted in Epworth while coming from an MDC rally. Two of them are stripped of their party regalia leaving them half naked.
29	Voting in the Harmonised General, Home of Assembly, Senate and Local Government elections take place.

April 13	MDC claims that that 10 of its supporters had died as a result of political violence.
18	Zimbabwe celebrates Independence Day. The main celebrations take place at Gwanzura Stadium in Harare.
19	Zimbabwe Election Commission starts the recount of the harmonised election votes in 23 constituencies.
May 2	Official Presidential Election results are announced.
13	Tonderai Ndira an MDC activist is abducted from his home in Mabvuku by suspected state agents.
22	The body of Tonderai Ndira is discovered in a Harare morgue.
28	MDC Offices at Jerera Growth Point in Masvingo are set on fire by armed men killing two people.
June 4	Social Welfare Minister orders international aid groups to suspend operations
12	Tendai Biti is arrested and charged with treason and communicating falsehoods prejudicial to the state.
22	Tsvangirai pulls out of 27 June Presidential Run Off citing violence against his supporters.
27	The Presidential Run Off takes place.
29	Election results are announced and Robert Mugabe is declared winner and sworn in for a sixth term.

July 17	King Muteta a police officer in Mudzi North is allegedly severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans and dies on 25 July 200 due to injuries sustained in the attack.
21	A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to begin interparty talks is signed by ZANU PF and the two MDC formations.

APPENDIX 1

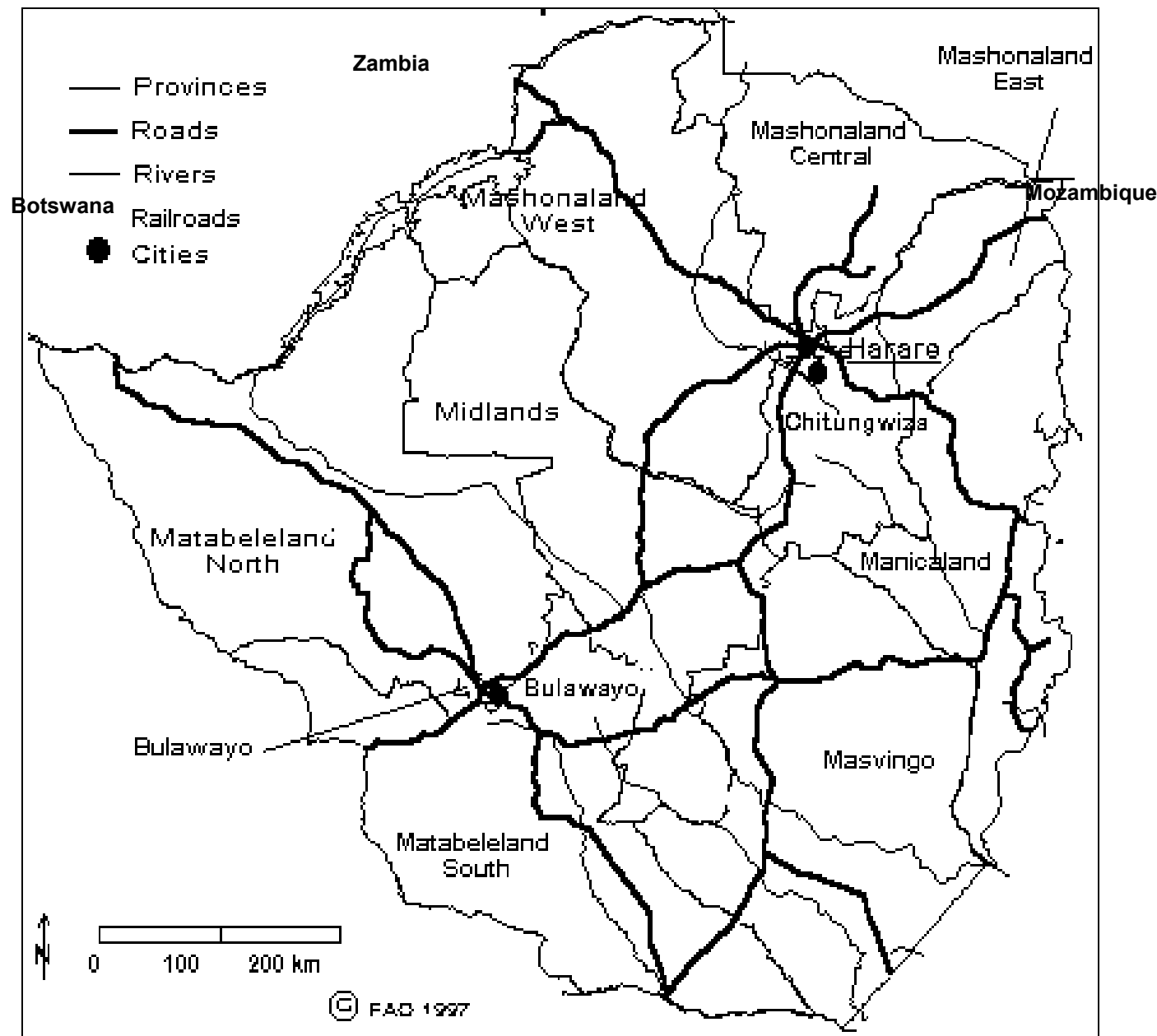
List of alleged murders of ZANU PF and MDC supporters in July 2008.

NAME	DISTRICT	DATE OF DEATH	DETAILS OF INCIDENT
1. Francis Phiri	Mashava	02 July 2008	He was beaten to death by Zanu PF supporters at the mine compound. The Zanu PF militia are reported to have come from rural areas of Chivi.
2. Amos Moyounotsva	Chitungwiza	02 July 2008	He was murdered by Zanu PF supporters in Chitungwiza
3. Munoda Mushaike	Guruve	02 July 2008	He died after attacks by Zanu PF youth at his homestead.
4. Daniel Gundo	Gokwe	03 July 2008	Local Zanu PF youths attacked Daniel at his home and beat him to death
5. Dickson Sibanda	Buhera	03 July 2008	Murdered by armed war veterans and ZANU PF youth militia at 22:00 hrs at his home. He had earlier on during the day paid a goat as a fine for supporting the MDC.
6. Maxwell Marangwen da	Buhera	05 July 2008	He was beaten to death by Zanu PF supporters at Bika Scholl in Buhera .
7. Takawira Muzondiwa	Mberengwa	05 July 2008	He died after being assaulted by over 10 Zanu PF supporters at his homestead.
8. Mark Chiradzwa	Mukumbura	05 July 2008	He was beaten by ZANU PF youths with logs and sticks and he died on the spot.
9. Chrispen Chimusoro Chigaga	Mhondoro	05 July 2008	He died after he was beaten on 22 June 2008 by ZANU PF youths

10. Maxwell Machasi	Buhera	06 July 2008	Murdered by war vets and Zanu PF youths in Mararakuenda village chief Nyashanu.
11. Alex Kazembe	Makoni	06 July 2008	Alex died at Dekeya village after severe assaults by Zanu PF youths at Nyazura river.
12. Method Chabuka	Makoni	06 July 2008	He was assaulted by Zanu PF youths on the 26 June he lost a lot of blood and died from the injuries
13. Irene Runzirwai	Harare	07 July 2008	Died in hospital in Harare from injuries sustained after she had been assaulted , raped and thrown into a fire.
14. Gwindiri Mutadza	Mudzi	08 July 2008	Gwindiri was allegedly assaulted by Peter Nyakuba and Aquiline Katsande The MP elect for Mudzi West. He died on the spot.
15. Gift Mutsvungunu	Harare	12 July 2008	His body was found decomposing in Kuwadzana, Harare suburb. He was reported missing on July 12 2008, after he had been abducted by State security agents in army uniform. When his body was found it showed signs of severe torture.
16. Livingstone Dzenga	UMP	12 July, 2008	He was assaulted by Zanu PF youths and militia and he was admitted into hospital where he died a few days later.
17. Reuben Mutewe	Buhera	12 July 2008	He was assaulted by paratroopers Patrick Chimbare, Enos Chimbare, Funny Mambare. The three are ZANU PF supporters.
18. Kingswell Muteta	Mudzi	25 July 2008	Kingswell Muteta was a serving member of the ZRP based in Harare. His brother in law passed away after being assaulted by Zanu PF youths in Mudzi in May 2008, When he thought the situation was

			back to normal he went to convey his condolences. He found out that his mother had previously been assaulted by the same gang for attending her son inlaw's funeral. This did not go down well with Kingswell he confronted the militia on 17 July . He was also accused of going to an enemy's home and about 20 militia abducted him and was taken to Chimukoko base where he was severely assaulted all over the body. He was taken to Kotwa Hospital on Friday 18 July and later transferred to The Avenues clinic on 21 July 2008, He died from the injuries on Friday 25, July 2008 at the Avenues Clinic.
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