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POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT

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OVERVIEW

Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 21 July 2008 and subsequent signing of the power sharing agreement between the two MDC formations and ZANU (PF) on 15 September 2008, attention has largely been diverted from the gross human rights violations that occurred post the 27 June 2008 Presidential run-off. However, it is of paramount importance that the Human Rights Forum and other organisations documenting human rights violations continue to highlight these atrocities and to ensure that these violations are not shelved or forgotten about. This May MPVR serves these purposes among others.

The month of May saw a continuation and further escalation of the of post-election violence that erupted in April following the announcement of the results of the House of Assembly elections in the 29 March harmonised elections. For the first time since independence in 1980, the opposition won the majority of seats in the House of Assembly. The violations continued to further expose the Government of Zimbabwe's failure to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of its citizens which were being violated by private actors and state agents such as the police, army and intelligence officers. The violations encroached on such internationally protected human rights as the right to participate in one's own government, the right to associate, assemble and express freely; freedom from torture, assault and cruel inhuman and degrading treatment.

The politically motivated violence continued in May following the announcement of the Presidential election results, more than a month after the harmonised elections. The leader of one of the MDC formations, Morgan Tsvangirai obtained 47.8 percent of the vote, while the ZANU PF candidate Robert Mugabe obtained 43.2 percent of the vote. Simba Makoni, an independent candidate, obtained 8.3 percent of the votes. In accordance with the Zimbabwean electoral laws a run-off election was to be held as none of the candidates had obtained an out-right majority of the votes. The imminent run-off election saw a rise in political tensions resulting in some of the worst violence and human rights abuses ever witnessed in an election year.

As with the violence that took place in the month of April, the incidences reported to the Human Rights Forum in May occurred predominantly in the rural areas. The majority of incidences reported occurred in Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland East. Most of the reported violence from both provinces was preponderantly retributive attacks on known and perceived MDC supporters by alleged ZANU PF youths and war veterans. These attacks were rife in areas that were purported ZANU PF strongholds

in which the opposition either won or obtained a significant number of votes as compared to other elections. Such areas include Mazowe, Muzarabani and Mudzi.

A notable characteristic of the violations that took place in the month of May is the highly organised and systematic nature in which they occurred. The majority of violations reported to the Human Rights Forum were allegedly perpetrated by organised groups of ZANU PF youth militias and some members of the Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association (ZNVVA) on MDC supporters and officials. These groups are reported to have set up bases in schools and townships in the rural areas, which were used to inflict harm on known and purported members of the opposition. ZANU PF rallies which villagers were forced to attend were also allegedly held at these bases. The evidence available to the Human Rights Forum reveals that politically motivated violence in the month of May was mainly but not exclusively committed by these organised groups.

Notwithstanding the Human Rights Forum notes that even though non-state actors predominantly perpetrated most of the violations in this report, the Government of Zimbabwe must take liability for most of the acts committed during this period. Human Rights law imposes positive obligations on states to protect their citizens or individuals in their jurisdiction from the harmful acts of others. Thus an act by a private individual can generate responsibility of the State, not because of the act itself, but because of lack of diligence to prevent the violation.

The ZANU PF youths and war veterans destroyed the homes of known and purported MDC supporters by setting them on fire. They also destroyed crops and food stores leaving the victims displaced and without a food source. There have also been allegations of looting by the ZANU PF youths and war veterans of MDC supporters' belongings including livestock. Many of those displaced through the destruction of their homes slept in the open exposed to the cold and vulnerable to further victimisation by ZANU PF youths having witnessed the destruction of their homes and property. Many of those displaced were sleeping in the open even before their homes were destroyed. This was due to fear of victimisation by the groups of ZANU PF youths who were carrying out attacks at night. Of the incidences documented in this report, 195 property related violations and 160 displacements were reported. Many of the displaced went to seek humanitarian assistance and shelter at the MDC Headquarters in Harare. However in most instance they were subjected to further harassment by the police and CIO who carried out raids on the MDC offices arresting some of the displaced

In terms of the violations, assault was the main form of punishment used against known and purported MDC supporters. These assaults were also carried out in a systematic manner. The evidence available to the Human Rights Forum reveals that most of those assaulted were beaten on the back

and buttocks with large sticks. Many of the victims were assaulted in retribution for being MDC supporters, purported MDC supporters, spouses or children of MDC activists. According to some of the reports received by the Human Rights Forum, villagers were also assaulted for being late for ZANU PF meetings or not attending the meetings. This report documents 435 assaults. Many of the victims who were assaulted also had their homes destroyed or property looted. Some of the incidents reported indicate that the victims were prohibited from seeking medical attention or making police reports. They were warned that this would lead to further victimisation.

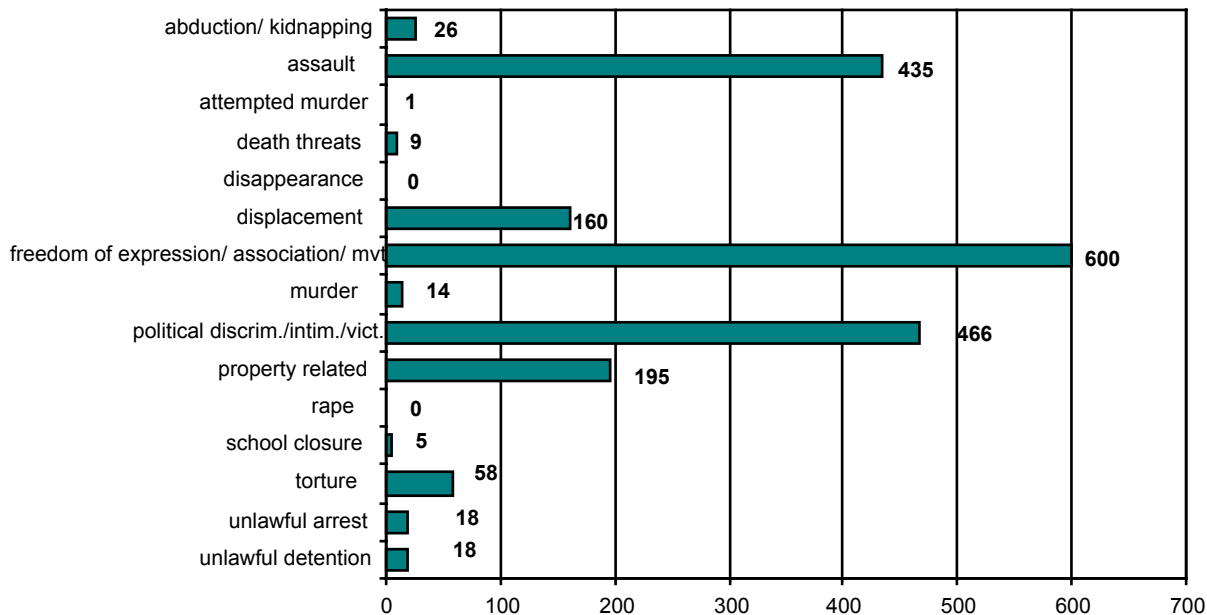
This report also documents 58 incidences of torture. Like assault, torture was used as punishment. It was also used as a means to force the victims to name MDC supporters in their area or as a means to force relatives of those in hiding to divulge their whereabouts. The evidence available to the Human Rights Forum reveals that the assailants mainly used blunt violence and falanga (beating on the soles of the feet). Other forms of torture that were used were submersion and suspension. Some of the incidences of torture reported to the Human Rights Forum allegedly resulted in death. This report documents 14 alleged politically motivated murders. These murders were reported in Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland East Provinces. The crime of torture because of its nature holds different levels of liability for the state, due to the fact that state agents or people who were using government resources, such as police trucks were occasionally the perpetrators. In the crimes that occurred in the month of May, the Human Rights Forum is convinced that the state can be held vicariously liable because of the involvement of its officers.

In instances reminiscent of the 2002 Presidential Elections, of note was the targeting of teachers and other Civil Servants for retributive attacks. They have been accused of campaigning for the opposition as well as causing disaffection for the government among the rural population. Furthermore, in some instances it was noted that the assailants would confiscate National Identity Cards from MDC supporters and destroy them. This was a way of disenfranchising the people whose IDs were lost and who were perceived to be MDC supporters.

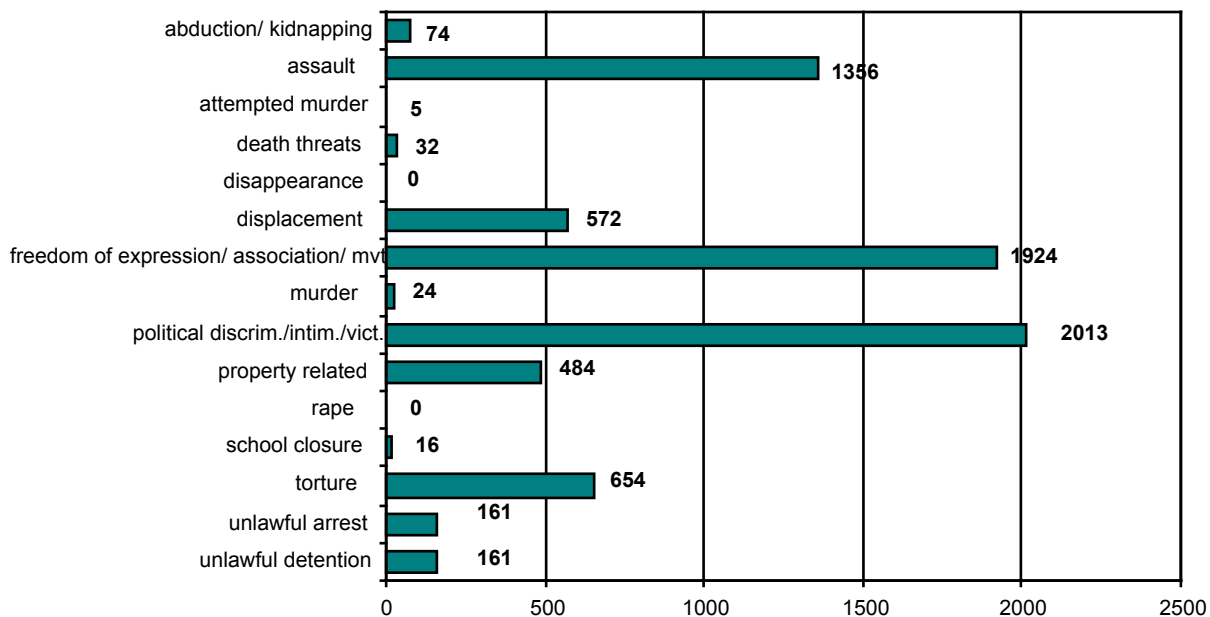
In the month of May, the Human Rights Forum recorded 2 005 politically motivated violations and these were significantly lower as compared to 3 422 recorded in April. This can be attributed to the removal of some cases that did not have full details such as dates and constituencies, and not to the reduction of violence per se. Very few cases were also received from the provinces furthest from Harare. This can also be attributed either to low levels of violence in these areas, or the inability of victims to make reports to the Human Rights Forum and its members.

NB: As in the month of April 2008 the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum apologises for the late publication of this report

Totals: 1 May – 31 May 2008



Cumulative Totals: 1 January – 31 May 2008



The graph should be read along with the table depicting the monthly totals of violations for May 2008 on page 94.

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

These are incidents in which property rights have been violated. This includes 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

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was stabbed in the chest by suspected ZANU PF supporters. He was on his way home from his brother's home when he was approached by four men who ordered him to remove his MDC t-shirt. He refused and tried to break free from the hold of one of the assailants who then stabbed him

in the chest with a screwdriver. The assailants then fled from the scene after the attack.

HARARE

Chitingwiza North

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by suspected war veterans while on his way home at around 02:00 hours. He sustained injuries on the buttocks and thighs.

Epworth

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his National Identity Document (ID) and MDC t-shirt set on fire by suspected ZANU PF supporters. He reports that the assailants came to his home at night armed with large sticks and forced open the door. They alleged that he is an MDC supporter because he had failed to attend a ZANU PF meeting.

Harare Central

28 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was tortured while in police custody. He was arrested on allegations of participating in the burning of a bus in Warren Park on 15 April 2008. While in custody he was assaulted with open hands and baton sticks. He was in custody from 14 April 2008 to 29 May 2008.

28 May 2008

Thirteen women and one man were arrested during a demonstration by WOZA and MOZA in Harare. The demonstration was held to commemorate Africa Day and to protest against politically motivated violence around the country prior to the Presidential election run-off on 27 June 2008. Approximately 200 protestors were stopped by the police as they marched in the street in Central Harare carrying placards and distributing flyers. Specific members were targeted for arrest, including Jenni Williams the National Co-ordinator for WOZA and her deputy Magodonga Mahlangu. Three of the arrested were assaulted during interrogation but did not sustain serious injuries. All were first brought to court on Friday 30 May 2008, several hours after the 48-hour limit, where they were remanded until the following day to make a bail application. On 1 June 2008 they were granted bail by magistrate, Rusinhamu. Jenni Williams' bail was set at Z\$10,000,000,000 and for the other 13 at Z\$5,000,000,000. All were also ordered to surrender their passports. However, the prosecutor then announced that the state would appeal against bail, leading to further remand to June 6, 2008. While the sole male protestor was being held at Harare Remand Prison, the women were all held at the women's remand section of Chikurubi Prison. All 14 of the arrested were charged under section 37 1c (ii) of the Criminal Law Codification and Reform Act. Some of those arrested were not participating in the demonstration, but were arrested at gunpoint while inside a vehicle. They included the driver of the vehicle, which was seized. Jenni Williams also has two other charges pending under the same Act; section 30 - "Causing disaffection among the Police Force or Defence Forces", and under section 31 (a) (i) "Publishing or communicating false statements prejudicial to the State". Jenni Williams and Magodonga Mahlangu were finally granted bail on 4 July 2008. The whole group of 14 was further remanded to 17 July 2008 and the state set a date for trial on 29 July 2008.

Hatfield

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was chased by ZANU PF youths while passing their headquarters in Highfield. He was an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. As he was passing by someone in the group identified him as an MDC polling agent and four youths started chasing him. As he fled from the four, he tripped and injured his leg and knee. He was not assaulted by the youths.

22 May 2008

A male MDC security officer reports that he was assaulted and threatened by suspected ZANU PF youths. He was coming from a meeting in the Mhondoro-Mubaira constituency. Army personnel who reportedly threatened the residents of the area with violence if they voted for the MDC addressed the meeting. On his return to Harare, two men approached him as he was about to open his gate. The two men forced him to sit on the ground. He was questioned on when the MDC leader was to return to the country and what the MDC was planning. He was kicked in the face by one of the assailants and they threatened to return to finish him off.

Kuwadzana

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was called to a ZANU PF meeting but did not attend. After the meeting, ZANU PF youths went around the neighbourhood alleging that all those who did not attend the meeting were MDC supporters. The victim fled his home and hid in the bushes. That night, a group of ZANU PF youths went to his home and broke down the door. They destroyed his furniture and took his solar panel and blankets.

13 May 2008

Σ. The Independent 2 June 2008

Tonderai Ndira, an MDC activist was reportedly abducted from his home by suspected state agents and his mutilated corpse found days later. It is reported that a group of about 10 men, some masked and carrying Kalashnikov AK-47 rifles, appeared at Ndira's home and demanded to see him. His wife called out to him and he asked the visitors to call back later. Instead, they burst into the activist's home and beat him in front of his two young children, before dragging him outside and into a truck, bloodied and still in his underwear. In the weeks that followed his abduction, his family made frantic efforts to obtain any details about what happened to him. What took place can only be surmised by the unidentified, broken body that was found in a field in Goromonzi, 20 miles outside the Harare, and taken to the mortuary at Harare's Parirenyatwa hospital.

Mabvuku-Tafara

21 May 2008

The female victim was on her way home from church when she was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths asking why she had not attended the ZANU PF meeting held the previous day. The youths then destroyed her home using stones and logs. As they were doing so, she received news that her children had been assaulted and had been taken to the police station. Her son (21) had sustained injuries to his ankle and her daughter's (15) teeth had been loosened. One of the ZANU PF youths was taken into custody in connection with the assault but was released the following day. The victim reports that the ZANU PF youths continued to harass her and she was forced to flee her home.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting in his area by a group of armed ZANU PF youths who went around the neighbourhood forcing all men to attend the meeting. The police came and arrested some of the youth leaders. The remaining youths then forced the victim and the other men to march around the area chanting ZANU PF slogans. They were then assaulted with iron bars and logs for allegedly supporting the MDC. The youths also went around destroying property.

Mbare

1 May 2008

A male MDC activist reports that the police and ZANU PF youths assaulted him. He was apparently confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who accused him of being involved in mobilising people for the Stay Away in April. A police officer on Patrol in the area then came to the scene and arrested the victim. He was taken to the mobile police post at Mbare Musika where the officers there identified him as an MDC activist. One of the officers identified as Masvingo, assaulted the victim alleging that he was a traitor because of his political affiliation. He was assaulted with open hands and booted feet. The victim managed to escape after he had asked the officers for permission to relieve himself.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was chased by a group of ZANU PF supporters who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. He injured his leg while fleeing from the youths.

21 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while waiting for a relative at the Mbare bus terminus. The victim had fled to Harare from Muzarabani after his home had been set on fire by ZANU PF youths. On the day of the incident he met one of the ZANU PF youths who had set his home in Muzarabani on fire. He confronted him. The ZANU PF youth member then went to Mbare Police Station and to the ZANU PF base in Mbare to report that he had been threatened by an MDC supporter. A group of ZANU PF youths came to the terminus and assaulted the victim under the feet. He was also submerged in raw sewerage. He was detained at Harare Central Police Station for an unspecified number of days.

30 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was on his way home when he saw a group of about 15 men in ZANU PF regalia running towards him. When they caught up with him they began assaulting him with clenched fists and electric cables. One of the assailants told him that the beating would make him stop supporting the MDC. Another assailant also pinched him with a pair of pliers on the ears and cheeks. He was then forced into the trunk of the car and driven around for about 30 minutes. After he was let out of the trunk he was further assaulted before being released.

Warren Park

21 May 2008

Σ.The Standard

Mourners at Warren Hills Cemetery in Harare were reportedly attacked by suspected ZANU PF youths who invaded the cemetery during the burial of two MDC activists. Mourners allegedly fled before covering the graves of their late relatives when the youths, carrying placards with ZANU PF slogans and chanting party songs, ran amok and attacked them with stones and shovels. The two activists being buried were Godfrey Kauzani (32) and Cain Nyeve (38). Another burial proceeding was also reportedly disrupted as the youths stood guard in the cemetery for nearly an hour. Ten people, including a journalist, were reportedly injured in the skirmishes.

25 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths who were looking for her grandson. She opened the door after a loud knock and was confronted by four men in ZANU PF regalia demanding to see her grandson. When she told them he was not at home, one of the men threw a metal object at her resulting in her sustaining injuries to the forehead.

MANICALAND

Buhera West

15 May 2008

The female victim reports that a group of 10 ZANU PF supporters came to her home at night chanting slogans and singing. They confronted her as to why she supported the MDC at her advanced age. The group then started throwing stones at her. They also broke the door of her home and set her blankets on fire.

17 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. He was abducted while at his kraal and assaulted with large sticks and iron bars. He was then taken to the police station where he was detained overnight. The following day he was taken to another police station where he was detained for another five days. He was then released without charge but was warned against supporting the MDC, as it would lead to his death.

18 May 2008

Four male victims report that they were assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths and war veterans while on their way home. The assailants used electric cables and large sticks to beat up the victims alleging that the victims were MDC supporters.

Headlands

12 May 2008

The MDC activist reports that five ZANU PF supporters came to his home and assaulted him accusing him of keeping petrol bombs in his home. They tied his hands at his back before assaulting him with open hands. They also used a hammer to beat him under the feet. The assailants then carried out a search of the victim's home where they found MDC t-shirts and headbands. They took the victim's identity documents and dragged his wife to Headlands Police Station. She was later released without charge.

18 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for putting on a Simba Makoni t-shirt. He claims that a group of more than 20 ZANU PF youths went to his home and banged at his door shouting at him to surrender his t-shirt. When he refused to give them the t-shirt, the youths began beating him on the buttocks, legs and arms. He was then taken to the ZANU PF base at Madhibhuye where he was assaulted and detained overnight.

Mutare Central

6 May 2008

A male MDC activist reports that he was assaulted forced out of his home and had his property destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The attack was in retribution for his political affiliation. He reports that the ZANU PF youths came to his home at night while he and his family were asleep. They forced him out of the home and hit him with a large stick on the nose causing excessive bleeding. He managed to flee with his wife. However, their property and home were destroyed in their absence.

Makoni East

7 May 2008

The victim reports that he was assaulted at a ZANU PF rally for allegedly being a traitor and MDC supporter. He was pointed out as a "sell out" by some members of his community during the meeting and told that he would be used as an example to the rest of the community. He reports that he was made to lie down on his stomach and beaten on the soles of the feet with sticks.

10 May 2008

An MDC activists reports that he was assaulted by a group of war veterans and ZANU PF youths for being a member of the MDC. A group of war veterans confronted him while he was working in the fields, but he managed to flee from them. They went to his home later that evening and took him to Masvosva Hall, a ZANU PF base. At the base the victim was assaulted with large sticks. He was later released and told to report to the base daily until he was prepared to renounce his MDC membership.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in his area on allegations of encouraging his daughter to be an MDC activist.

Makoni North

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and made to attend a ZANU PF rally where he was told to renounce his MDC membership and to surrender his membership card. He was then taken to his home where the youths searched his home and took away his MDC t-shirt. On the following day the victim was taken to Zendera, a ZANU PF base in the area. He was forced to lie down on his abdomen and beaten on the soles of the feet with sticks. He was also beaten on the buttocks and back before being released. The victim has since fled to Harare due to continued threats of assault by the ZANU PF youths.

26 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters on allegations that she was an MDC supporter because she did not attend ZANU PF meetings. The assailants went to her home at

night while she and her daughter were asleep. Her daughter woke up to the sound of loud banging. The ZANU PF youths demanded that she open the door. As she tried to find the matches to light her candle, the assailants broke down the door and entered her home. They demanded that she hand over the radio she was allegedly given by the MDC. The victim was assaulted with open hands and a whip. The assailants then fled after the attack.

Makoni West***13 May 2008***

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths for refusing to give them food supplies for their rally from his son in law's grocery store. The victim told the youths he did not have access to the store. They then demanded a cow from him to feed people attending the rally. The victim refused and was assaulted with clenched fists and booted feet. The assailants fled after the attack.

Nyanga South***6 May 2008***

The male victim, a headmaster at a Primary School in Nyanga South Constituency, reports that he was abducted and assaulted together with his wife by suspected ZANU PF supporters. Four men came to his home at the school where he works accusing him of selling computers that had been donated to the school by the President. Among the four men was one Colonel Masamore and his driver. They handcuffed him and slapped him on the face. His wife and children tried to assist him but one of the four men fired a shot into the air, scaring them off. The victim was forced into a Mitsubishi twin cab truck without number plates. His wife also forced herself into the truck despite three warning shots fired to deter her from doing so. They were driven into a thick pine forest about 1,5km away. When the assailants eventually stopped they switched off the headlights and assaulted the victim and his wife with a whip. During the assault the assailants were chanting ZANU PF slogans. The assailants then stripped the victim and his wife naked and further assaulted them. The victim was told to teach the teachers and students at his school ZANU PF slogans. He was also accused of encouraging the teachers at his school to vote for MDC. The victim and his wife were warned not to report the abduction and assault or else they would face harsher consequences. After the assailants had left, the victim's wife assisted him to the nearest timber compound where they got clothes and transport to a hospital. After being discharged from hospital both the victim and his wife moved to Harare fearing that the assailants would return.

MASHONALAND CENTRAL***Bindura Central******17 May 2008***

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations of being an MDC supporter. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF rally at a local shopping centre. At the rally, the victim and two MDC activists were ordered to stand so that they could be publicly punished for not supporting ZANU PF. The victim was slapped on the face by the leader of the youths, and then taken to a bushy area where he was assaulted. The assailants used sticks, open hands and booted feet in the attack. The victim sustained injuries on the buttocks and back.

29 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home and property destroyed by ZANU PF youths at night. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter. The victim sought help from his brother who is a police officer to bring the perpetrators to book. The assailants then went after the victim's brother and assaulted him. They also returned to the victim's home and assaulted him in retribution for reporting the matter. His right eye was shattered during the assault.

Bindura North

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that his son is an MDC activist. On the night in question a group of ZANU PF youths broke into the victim's home and dragged him out of bed whilst he was naked. They took him to a bushy area where they were beating other people suspected of supporting the MDC. They asked the victim why he allowed his son to participate in opposition politics and told him that he deserved to be beaten for allowing it. He was beaten under the feet and slapped on the right side of his face. Since the attack the victim has difficulty in hearing in the right ear.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened by two CIO officers at a safe home where he was staying together with other displaced MDC supporters. The CIO agents came to the safe home armed with pistols and accused the victim of illegally harbouring MDC supporters. One of the CIO agents pulled out a gun and threatened to shoot the victim who then alerted his colleagues to flee from the place. They ran for a long distance with the two CIO agents pursuing them and firing shots in the air. The victim then jumped into a river. A young boy, who had been caught up in the chaos but was not part of those fleeing from the CIO agents, was forced to go into the water after the victim. He was given a pistol and told to shoot the victim in the leg. The victim however managed to escape to his home where his parents informed him that the CIO agents had been looking for him. He then returned to the bushes to hide. The CIO agents later returned to the victim's home and threatened his parents so they could inform them of his whereabouts.

Bindura South

8 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was forced to flee her home by ZANU PF youths who had gone there and threatened to kill her. The ZANU PF youths went to her home at night and started singing threatening that they would kill her because she supports the MDC. She was pregnant at the time and due to deliver any day. She went into hiding in the bushes for a week where she gave birth to her baby. The baby was not registered and at the time of the report she was yet to receive post-natal care.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home set on fire by ZANU PF youths. On the particular night a group of ZANU PF youths went to the victim's home while he was sleeping and tried to break down the doors. He opened the door and the ZANU PF supporters who were armed with axes; knobkerries and whips immediately apprehended him. They tied his hands behind his back using a tree bark and went on to burn down his hut and all his property. They then took him to a nearby bush and struck him with a knobkerrie on his left foot to prevent him from escaping. The victim then overheard them discussing how they wanted to kill him. He managed to untie himself and fled to a nearby river to hide. The perpetrators were later arrested.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home set on fire by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. While at home the youths demanded MDC t-shirts from him. It was when he denied having any t-shirts that the youths assaulted him and set fire to his home and maize stock.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her home set on fire by a group of about thirty-five ZANU PF youths. Her husband, who was a village head, was also assaulted and later died on the way to the hospital due to injuries sustained. The ZANU PF youths came to her home looking for her son who was not at home and had been in hiding for several days. The youths broke down the door to his bedroom after his wife had refused to open it. A skirmish ensued between the victim's brother and the ZANU PF youths. The victim and her husband tried to restrain them but the youths then turned on them. The victim and her husband were both struck with an axe on the head. Her son returned home the following morning and took both her and her husband to the hospital. Her husband however allegedly died on the way to hospital.

14 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The assailants went to her home and assaulted her husband with iron bars and large sticks on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. They went on to destroy three huts and set their car on fire, before fleeing into the bushes.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and forced to renounce his MDC membership. The victim had been forced to attend a ZANU PF rally where he was called out from the crowd and forced to renounce his MDC membership. He was then taken away from the crowd and assaulted with large sticks. After a few days he fled his home fearing the youths would come to assault him again.

Guruve South

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. The assailants saw him taking photographs of a friend's home that had been burnt down by ZANU PF youths. They confronted the victim and alleged that he was a "sell out" and MDC supporter. He fled to the home of the MDC chairman in the area. A while later a mob of ZANU PF youths went to the chairman's home and abducted both the victim and the chairman. They were taken into the bushes and assaulted all night while restrained.

7 May 2008

The male victim and his wife had been identified as MDC supporters on a list prepared by the village head who had reportedly been instructed to prepare a list of all known MDC supporters in his area. This list was then submitted to the ZANU PF leader in the area. The victim was called to the ZANU PF meeting and questioned about his political affiliation. He denied any connection with the MDC. That afternoon at about 15:00hrs a group of youths went to his home and began throwing stones at his home. He and his wife got out of the home and were ordered to surrender their MDC party cards. When they failed to produce the cards, they were assaulted with large sticks. The assailants went on to burn the victim's kitchen. The ZANU PF youths returned to the victim's home the following day and demanded a goat for them to eat. The victim

went to the police to make a report but found no one at the Police Station. He then went to Harare to seek medical treatment.

8 May 2008

The male victim, a war veteran, reports that he was threatened by a group of ZANU PF youths for contesting for the council seat in his area under the MDC. He received a letter from the ZANU PF youths telling him he should attend a forthcoming ZANU PF meeting. He did not attend. On the evening after the meeting, a group of ZANU PF supporters came to his home armed with iron bars and other weapons. His family had already fled to the fields where they had been sleeping over the past days. The victim fought with the youths and managed to defend himself. The youths then left the homestead.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths for allegedly making the MDC symbol of an open palm at a ZANU PF meeting. The victim is the MDC councilor elect in the area. ZANU PF youths had threatened him after the election results had been released but the threats had not been carried out. On the day in question he attended a ZANU PF meeting in order to convey a message to someone he knew. As he was about to leave the meeting, he was surrounded by a group of ZANU PF youths. One of the youth members tried to slap him on the face. The victim then shielded himself with his hands. The youth members then alleged that he was using the MDC symbol of an open palm as an insult to the ZANU PF crowd. He was taken to Mahuhwe River where he was made to lie down on his abdomen and was assaulted on the buttocks with large sticks. The assailants then took him back to the meeting and assaulted him further before releasing him. The matter was reported at Mahuhwe Police Station.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home after ZANU PF youths went there to assault him in retribution for supporting MDC. He managed to escape to Harare but could not take his wife and children because they did not have enough money for transport.

13 May 2008

The male victim fled from his home after being informed that ZANU PF supporters were after him. There had been a ZANU PF meeting in the area, which the victim did not attend. Neighbors informed him that the ZANU PF youths were attacking all those who did not attend the meeting. He fled to Harare where he is staying at a safe home with other displaced persons.

13 May 2008

The male victim, the son of the MDC ward chairman in his area, reports that he was threatened and his uncle was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. On the day in question the victim came back from school to find a group of ZANU PF youths surrounding his home. They were looking for his father. Failing to get any answers on his father's whereabouts, the youths then assaulted the victim's uncle. The victim tried to flee but fell and fractured his leg. At the time of the report, his father's whereabouts were still unknown.

22 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. The victim had received a note from a friend warning her to flee as ZANU PF youths were burning down the homes of MDC supporters. She fled from her home and went to hide in the bushes. Later in the day she went to check if anything had happened to her home to find the home had already been set on fire and all her belongings including her maize store had been burnt.

Mazowe Central

3 May 2008

The male MDC activist reports that he had gone to Mazowe Central Police Station to follow up on reports he had received alleging that MDC supporters were being attacked by ZANU PF youths in the area. He had booked accommodation at a local lodge. Just as he was about to sleep, six police officers knocked at his door. When he opened it, one of them pointed a pistol at him. The police officers accused him of leading acts of politically motivated violence in the area. He was taken to Chombira Police Camp where he was detained for three days in an empty room. He was not given food or bedding. He was released without charge after three nights in custody.

Mazowe East

3 May 2008

The male victim, a teacher reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at a meeting held at the school where he works. On the day in question there was a meeting on the distribution of food in schools. He did not intend to attend the meeting, but at around 16:00hrs a ZANU PF youth member went to collect him from his home. He then went to the meeting. The crowd was being told that teachers were dogs and should be destroyed because they voted for MDC. The speaker also threatened to shoot all teachers. The victim and six other teachers were taken away from the meeting to classroom block 3B. As they entered the classroom they were slapped and punched in the face by ZANU PF youths. The victim was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted on the buttocks with rubber whips and large sticks. He and the other six teachers were then ordered to return to the meeting and to act as if nothing had happened. After the meeting the victim was again called by the ZANU PF youths and forced to lie on his abdomen. He was kicked all over the body while the ZANU PF councillor watched. The victim reported the matter to the local police, but they told him that they could offer him no protection. The police officers advised him to flee to safety. He then fled to Harare together with his family.

Mazowe North

6 May 2008

The female victim, the wife of an MDC polling agent during the 29 March harmonized elections reports that she was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths for supporting the MDC. On 4 May 2008 her husband was warned a truckload of ZANU PF operatives was to be unleashed in the area to punish MDC supporters. He fled to Harare the following morning leaving the victim and their children behind. That evening a group of ZANU PF youths who wearing party t-shirts went to the victim's home. The youths rounded up close to 100 villagers and took them to Chaona Primary School. They told the villagers that they were being punished for accepting salt from an MDC candidate. The victim was questioned about her husband's role in the MDC. About 10 men then took turns to assault her on the buttocks with wooden axe handles. They also beat her under the feet and on her back. She alleged that two people died as a result of the assault on the villages. The victim was taken to Concession Hospital where she was admitted. She sustained severe injuries on the

buttocks. She was unable to sit or walk.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting MDC. A group of about 40 ZANU PF youths went to her home and forced her to attend the meeting that was being held at the shopping centre. On arrival at the shopping centre the leader of the youths, who was addressing the meeting, demanded that all those who supported the MDC and Simba Makoni to stand up. The victim knew she was on the list of MDC supporters so she stood up together with her husband and brother. They were made to sit in the centre of the crowd surrounded by others who were attending the meeting. They were called individually into the bush and assaulted. The victim reports that she was ordered to lie on her abdomen and assaulted with large sticks on the buttocks while another youth stood on her back. They also stepped over her head. After the assault she was ordered to go back and sit in the crowd. Anti-Riot police then arrived at the scene and the assailants fled. The police took details of the incident. The victim sustained severe injuries on the buttocks and a fractured hand. Her husband and brother were also severely assaulted. They were later transported to Harare for medical attention. In this incident two people were allegedly beaten to death.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths alleging he was an MDC supporter. His home was surrounded by ZANU PF youths who forced them to attend a rally at the shopping centre at which he and others were told they were going to be “baptised” and receive penance for supporting the MDC. The victim was assaulted with large sticks on the buttocks and under the feet. Riot police arrived three hours later but the perpetrators were not apprehended.

Mazowe South

4 May 2008

The male victim, a teacher at Howard Secondary School, reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths who accused him of being a “sell out”. The group of six men confronted the victim as he approached the school gate and assaulted him with clenched fists. The assailants fled when they saw a police vehicle approaching them.

Mazowe West

3 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not having a ZANU PF card. He was asleep at his home when a group of 10 ZANU PF youths knocked at his door and demanded that he produce a ZANU PF card. He told them that he had left the card in Harare. The ZANU PF youths then went on to search his home for MDC materials but found none. He was then ordered to lie on his back and was covered with blankets before being assaulted with electric cables and wooden planks. He was also beaten with firewood under the feet before being forced to dip his feet in cold water and to jog around the area. The victim was later taken to the ZANU PF youth secretary in the area who in turn ordered him to be taken to his work supervisor at the farm where he is employed. His supervisor then negotiated with the ZANU PF youths for his release.

23 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly supporting the MDC. One member of the ZANU PF youth named Chimukoko called the victim to a home, which is used to assault purported MDC supporters. He refused to go with him and was dragged outside where eight other youth members were waiting. They assaulted him with clenched fists and one of the assailants hit the victim on the forehead with a broken bottle. The victim however, managed to escape and hid in a nearby maize field. He went to the hospital the following day but there was no medication. He then went to Harare to seek medication.

27 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while visiting his rural home. On the night in question the victim was asleep when he heard a loud banging at the door. Before he could respond the assailants had already broken down the door. He was dragged outside the home where 12 other ZANU PF youths were standing. They questioned him on what he was doing in the area. He was assaulted on the buttocks and under the feet with large sticks. Towards dawn the assailants stopped beating him up but ordered him to leave the area. He sustained injuries on the buttocks and feet.

28 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for refusing to give out information pertaining to MDC supporters in the area. A group of ZANU PF youths went to his home and took him to their leader who demanded the names of MDC supporters in the area. When the victim told them he did not know anyone, he was ordered to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted on the buttocks with large sticks.

Mbire**12 May 2008**

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not attending a ZANU PF rally in the area. The victim was going to his field at the time of the meeting where he was followed by a group of ZANU PF youths. The youths confronted him on why he was going to the field instead of attending their party meeting. The victim was assaulted with a large stick on the back. He however managed to escape and hid in the bushes the whole day. He went to Harare the following day after he heard rumours that the assailants were going to go around look for all those who did not attend the meeting so that they could beat them up.

Mount Darwin East**6 May 2008**

The male victim was attending a funeral wake when he was confronted by two war veterans. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter because he had been accredited by ZESN as an election observer. They demanded he surrender his accreditation card and his ZESN t-shirt. The assailants then started assaulting other mourners at the funeral wake. That night the victim and his family fled their home and hid in the mountains. When they returned home they found that all their belongings, including identity documents, had been set on fire. His three children aged seven-teen, ten and two years old were also assaulted by the ZANU PF youths. The victim eventually fled to Harare fearing further victimisation. His wife and children were to follow on a later date but he was informed that they were forced off a bus they had boarded and

assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. At the time of the report he did not know their whereabouts.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. On the day of the incident she was attending a funeral wake when she saw her neighbour's home in flames. She fled to the mountains with her five children and watched from a distance as her own home was being set on fire. The victim then fled to Harare leaving her five children behind.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an election observer during the 29 March 2008 elections. She was taken from her home to the ZANU PF base in her area and assaulted on the back and under the feet. She was twenty-six weeks pregnant at the time. She was released after one of the ZANU PF youth members pleaded for her since she was pregnant.

7 May 2008

The male victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly supporting the MDC and for being accredited as a ZESN election observer. The youth members went to his home and demanded ZESN t-shirts and an accreditation card. He was then ordered to the ZANU PF base where the youths used large sticks to beat him on the buttocks. The victim slept in the open for two days before fleeing to Harare with his two children.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths who accused her of being a "sell out". She is an MDC activist. She spent two nights sleeping in the open with her infant son.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was attacked with an axe by ZANU PF youths. On the day in question he was attending a funeral wake when he heard news of his friend's wife being attacked by ZANU PF youths. He went to his friend's home together with other men who were also attending the funeral wake. They managed to rescue his friend's wife. The ZANU PF youths however retaliated and began throwing stones at mourners at the funeral. They also set on fire a granary and homes. Later that night the youths went around the village destroying more people's homes. During the chaos the victim was hit with an axe on the right hand. The police went to try and calm the situation but accused mourners who were attending the funeral wake of burning the homes and causing the chaos.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters. On the morning of the incident the victim and his family woke up to singing and shouting outside their home, which a group of ZANU PF youths had surrounded. The victim and his family fled and went to hide in the bushes. The ZANU PF youths then set on fire the victim's home and all his belongings. They also assaulted a twelve-year-old male relative of the victim. They wanted him to tell them where the victim and his family were hiding.

8 May 2008

Four ZANU PF youth members reportedly assaulted the male victim for being accredited by ZESN as an

election observer during the 29 March 2007 Harmonised Election. They also accused him of being an MDC supporter. The assailants demanded a ZESN t-shirt and an accreditation card from him. When the victim tried to negotiate with them they began assaulting him with clenched fists. The victim managed to fight back and fled to Harare the following morning.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths. He was at the burial ceremony of his late sister when a group of ZANU PF youths wearing ZANU PF t-shirts went to the gravesite and disrupted the burial. The victim and other mourners fled from the graveside. The victim was beaten with a large stick as he fled. That night he slept out in the open and then proceeded to seek assistance from a relative. He was given bus fare and managed to travel to Dotito where he made a police report.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. On the day in question the victim and his family were on their way home from their field where they had been sleeping for several days, when they were confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths. They had been sleeping in the field instead of their home because they had heard that ZANU PF youths were carrying out retributive attacks on MDC supporters. The ZANU PF youths made the victim and his family members lie on their abdomens before beating them on the buttocks with large sticks. The victim's son is an MDC activist and contested in the Local Government Election in the 29 March 2008 harmonized election.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF activists for allegedly supporting the MDC. On the day the incident he saw a large group of ZANU PF youths approaching his homestead. He decided to flee as he knew they were coming to assault him. The youths however caught up with him and took him to Kufudzarova where there was a ZANU PF base. At the base he was made to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted on the buttocks and arms with large sticks before being released.

Mount Darwin North

3 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her home set on fire by ZANU PF youths. She was confronted by the ZANU PF youths who alleged that she was influencing people in the area to support the MDC. She was assaulted with open hands before she managed to flee. When she returned home her home and all her belongings had been set on fire.

4 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home and food store was set on fire by suspected ZANU PF youths. She was asleep at night when she heard loud singing a few meters from her home that she identified with ZANU PF youths. The victim then got out of the home with her two children and hid in the bushes. At dawn she went to the bus terminus and boarded a bus to Harare leaving her two children behind. When she arrived in Harare she got information that her home and her food store had been set on fire by ZANU PF youths. Her two children were reportedly sleeping in the open.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths when they broke into his home and assaulted his wife. He tried to defend her but was out numbered. The victim was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted with large sticks on the back and buttocks. He was also hit on the forehead with a metal object before being dumped in a nearby bushy area. The ZANU PF youths assuming that the victim was dead, instructed his wife to collect the corpse.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home after being threatened by ZANU PF youths in his area. He was accredited as a ZESN election observer for the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. The youths alleged that he contributed to ZANU PF's loss in the election. Fearing victimisation he fled to Harare.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. She saw a group of ZANU PF youths running past her home and singing before the assault. The youths then went to her home and ordered her to join them in the singing. She refused and fled to a bushy area to hide. When she returned her home had been set on fire. The victim and her family stayed in the open for several days before going to Harare.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF for allegedly supporting the MDC. A group of ZANU PF supporters came to his home at night after a ZANU PF rally. At the rally, ZANU PF youths were encouraged to chop off the heads of MDC supporters and fill up the mortuary at Mt Darwin. The youths broke into the victim's home and assaulted him. When his wife cried out for them to stop assaulting him they then turned on her and also assaulted her.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He had to flee the area after the youths continued to search for him after burning his home. He left his wives and children behind while he fled to Harare.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was attacked by a group of ZANU PF youths in his area. He was at his home when the group went and took him to a ZANU PF rally that was being held in the area. The victim was made to lie down in front of the crowd and was severely assaulted with large sticks on the buttocks and back. He was then taken back to his home where the assailants set his home and all his belongings on fire.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled his home for fear of being assaulted by ZANU PF youths in his area. He and his wife's names had been written on a list of MDC supporters which was prepared by the village headman. The people on the list were to be punished for their political affiliation. On receiving information that other people on the list were being assaulted by ZANU PF youths, he then fled to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his mother were forced to leave their home by ZANU PF youths. A group of ZANU PF youths went to the victim's home armed with a pistol. They alleged that his mother was an MDC supporter. The two were ordered to leave the area as it was not a place for MDC supporters. The ZANU PF supporters then set the kitchen and three cows on fire. The victim and his mother slept in the open for three weeks before leaving for Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He was a ZESN election observer in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was asleep in his home when he heard loud singing outside and realised that it was the ZANU PF youths. He fled from the home and hid a distance away from which he saw them setting his home on fire.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youth for allegedly persuading the people in the area to vote for the MDC. The victim is a shop owner and was accused by the youths of selling commodities at very high prices in order to cause disaffection towards ZANU PF among the people in the area. He was taken to the back of his shop and beaten under the feet with a thick wooden stick. He was also beaten on the buttocks before being released.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by a group of ZANU PF youths for supporting the MDC. He was taken from his home to Chigango where the ZANU PF base was located. He was assaulted with booted feet, clenched fists and large sticks before being released.

10 May 2008

The female victim reports that she fled her home for fear of being assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Her son is the MDC councilor elect for the area. The ZANU PF youths had been looking for him for several days. She advised her son to flee to safety. The ZANU PF youths then came looking for her. She hid in her wardrobe until they left. The victim then left her home for three days and slept in the open with her two daughters. She then went to Harare leaving her children behind.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly campaigning for the MDC. The assailants went to his home and took him to a ZANU PF base in the area. They assaulted him with open hands and thick sticks before he managed to escape. His home and all his belongings were also set on fire.

11 May 2008

The male victim, a village head, reports that he fled his home after he was informed that ZANU PF youths were coming to kill him. He was to be punished because his village is a purported MDC stronghold. His village has been reportedly left out of government programmes and prohibited from accessing grain even from the GMB. He managed to flee from the area; however his livestock was taken by the ZANU PF

supporters.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths who were alleging that she is an MDC supporter. She slept in the open for an unspecified number of days before going to the MDC offices in Harare.

12 May 2008

Two male victims report that they were assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly supporting the MDC. The victims had been warned by a neighbour who is a member of the ZANU PF youths that they were going to carry out retributive attacks on all suspected MDC supporters. The victims and their families then went into hiding in a nearby bushy area. They heard some people in the village screaming and crying. When the commotion had subsided, two men who were with them in hiding then went back into the village to check on their homes. The two reported that the victims' parents had been severely assaulted by the ZANU PF youths. The victims then decided to flee to Harare. On their way to the bus terminus they were confronted by six ZANU PF youths armed with large sticks. They forced the victims to lie down and assaulted them under the feet. They were then forced to jog around the area. A relative who was passing by managed to negotiate the victim's release after he convinced the youths that they were going to attend a funeral.

12 May 2008

The female victim was accredited as a ZESN election observer for the 29 March 2008 elections. On the day of the incident the ZANU PF youth commander in the area went to her home and forced her to go with him to Katerera Primary School. At the school, she was detained in a classroom from 06:00hrs to 17:00hrs together with fourteen other women suspected of supporting the MDC. They were released without being assaulted. At 23:00hrs that night she heard a lot of noise and commotion outside her home. She woke up and fled to a nearby bush from where she saw her home being set on fire by ZANU PF youths.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters. He was asleep at night when a group of ZANU PF supporters broke into his home. He was assaulted then dragged to his friend's home. Both the victim and his friend were dragged to the ZANU PF base in the area. The victim however managed to escape. His home was set on fire.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for being an MDC supporter. The assailants went to his home and dragged him to the home of the ZANU PF chairman in the area. He was restrained and then assaulted on the buttocks and back. He lost consciousness during the assault.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being accredited as a ZESN election observer for the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was taken from his home to Nyamanzi Business Centre where six other ZESN observers had their hands tied behind their backs. The victim and the other six were forced to lie down on their abdomens and assaulted on the back and buttocks. They were detained at the ZANU PF base at Bveke and rescued by police officers from Dotito Police Station the following

morning. The police took them to Mount Darwin Hospital for medical attention.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. A group of about 20 ZANU PF youths went to the victim's home and told him that they wanted to punish him for voting for the MDC. The youths tried to beat the victim with large sticks. He fled to the hills where he slept overnight. His wives were however caught and assaulted by the ZANU PF youths.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. He was taken from his home to Nyemazira Township together with other purported MDC supporters. The victim's hands were tied behind his back and he was locked up in a dark room for more than five hours. At around 20:00hrs he and the other detainees were taken out of the dark room and assaulted on the back and buttocks while lying on their abdomens. The victim's property was also destroyed by the ZANU PF youths.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home after ZANU PF youths tried to assault him. He was chased by a group of ZANU PF youths while on his way to his field but managed to flee before they got to him. That afternoon he was warned by a neighbour who is a member of the ZANU PF youth that they were planning to come to his home at night to assault him. That night the victim slept at another neighbour's home but could hear the noise at his own home as it was being ransacked by the ZANU PF youths. He fled to Harare the following morning.

13 May 2008

A group of ZANU PF youths attacked the male victim alleging that he was an MDC supporter. He reports that the ZANU PF youths went to his home and assaulted him with large sticks until he became unconscious. When he regained consciousness he found himself lying next to the two dead bodies. From the wounds on their bodies it appeared they had been hacked by an axe. The victim also had his home set on fire.

13 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her property set on fire by ZANU PF youths. On the night of the incident a group of ZANU PF youths came to her home shouting out her husband's name and demanding that he come out of the house. She eventually opened the door when the youths tried to break it down. She was assaulted with large sticks and open hands. The assailants demanded to see her husband who had fled to Harare at the time. They took her to the ZANU PF base where she was detained for a few hours before being released. She was not assaulted at the base. When she returned to her home she found it on fire. All her belongings, including her food store, were destroyed.

14 May 2008

The male victim, a ZANU PF supporter, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that

he was a “sell out”. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where purported MDC supporters were being punished for their political affiliation. The youths alleged that the victim was not actively involved in the ZANU PF activities in the area hence he was a “sell-out”. His hands were bound behind his back and his mouth stuffed with a cloth before he was assaulted under the feet with a thick wooden stick. The assailants also took two 50 kilogram bags of maize from the victim’s home.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters in retribution for him being an MDC supporter. He had been in hiding in the bush for seven days after he had been warned that ZANU PF youths wanted to kill him. His wife was prohibited by the ZANU PF youths from leaving the home that so she could not bring food to him at his hiding place. His hiding place was discovered by some ZANU PF youths who assaulted him with knobkerries. The assailants left him in a semi-conscious state. He managed to cross the Mozambican border where he spent five days sleeping in the open at Kachanza. He managed to board a bus from Mozambique to Harare. His wife was also assaulted by the ZANU PF youths but was prohibited from leaving the home to seek medical attention. When she eventually managed to flee from the home, the ZANU PF supporters set it on fire and all the family’s belongings were lost.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports he was forced to flee his home after his family had been attacked by ZANU PF youths. During the attack his father was assaulted by the ZANU PF youths and lost his front teeth. He was prohibited from seeking medical attention and a group of youths camped at the homestead to ensure that he did not leave. The male victim managed to flee to Harare but his father remained in the rural areas unable to leave his home.

14 May 2008

On 7 May 2008 the male victim reports that he was assaulted and had one of his huts set on fire by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter to which he was being punished. On 14 May 2008 the ZANU PF youths returned to his home again and confronted him as to why he had not attended a ZANU PF rally that was being held in the area. He went to the rally where the names of all purported MDC supporters in the area were being called out from a list that the youths had. Those called out were taken to a secluded area where they were severely assaulted. The victim had his hands and legs bound before he was beaten with a large stick on the back and buttocks.

16 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths who alleged that she was an MDC supporter. That night she slept in the open with her infant son before boarding a bus to Harare the following morning to seek assistance at the MDC offices. At the time of the report her son was ill from sleeping out in the cold on the night their home was set on fire.

17 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was forced to flee her home after a group of ZANU PF youths attacked her family having ordered them out of the home. They threatened to kill her family for supporting the MDC. Her husband was assaulted. She left for Harare the following morning with her husband and four year old son and they sought assistance at the MDC offices in Harare.

19 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her home destroyed by ZANU PF youths on 18 May 2008. The youths set the home in which she and her children were sleeping. They managed to get out of the home unharmed. On 19 May 2008 the ZANU PF youths returned to her home and took her to their base at Katerera Primary school where she was assaulted with an axe handle. Her second hut was also set on fire during this attack. Her husband had fled to Harare after he had been threatened by the youths.

20 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her belongings set on fire by ZANU PF youths who alleged that she and her husband were MDC supporters. The ZANU PF youths destroyed everything inside the home. The victim was then taken to the ZANU PF base in the area where she was assaulted on the back and buttocks with a large stick. She fled to Harare following her release from the base.

Mount Darwin West**10 May 2008**

The male victim reports that he fled his home after receiving threats from ZANU PF youths. He is an MDC activists in his area and was informed by other MDC activist that ZANU PF youths were coming to kill him. His wife and four children fled to Mozambique while he and a fifth child fled to Harare. He was informed by his colleagues in the MDC who had remained in Mount Darwin that his home had been set on fire as well as his livestock.

11 May 2008

The male victim, a shop owner, reports that he was forced to close down his business after being threatened by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was MDC supporter. His wife was assaulted after the youths had gone to their shop looking for him. He was warned not to return to the shop.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled his home before it was set on fire by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. He was informed by a neighbour that a group of ZANU PF youths and war veterans were on their way to his home to assault him. His wife and children then fled to his parent's home. That night he slept in the bush and proceeded to Harare the following morning.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. He had been informed by a friend that ZANU PF youths were coming after him. He fled his home and slept out in the open for three days. The ZANU PF supporters went to look for him at his home on three consecutive days. They then resorted to assaulting his parents in order to get information on where he was hiding. He

then decided to flee to Harare together with his parents. On their way to the bus terminus they were confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who were already assaulting some MDC supporters. The victim was forced to sit down and was beaten under the feet with a large stick. One of the ZANU PF youths, the victim's brother in-law, then negotiated the release of the victim and his parents. They proceeded to board the bus to Harare.

18 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he is a member of the MDC. On the day of the incident 12 ZANU PF youths attacked him while he was in his field. They took him back to his home where they took MDC campaign material and set the home on fire. They instructed him to attend the ZANU PF meeting the following day. However he fled to Harare early the following day.

Mount Darwin South

3 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths after he had refused to attend their rally. He was visiting his rural home for a few days. A group of armed ZANU PF youths went to his homestead and they ordered him to accompany them to a ZANU PF meeting that was being held in the area. The victim refused to go with them fearing they would assault him since they were armed. Two days later they returned to his home but no one was present. The youths then proceeded to destroy his home and furniture. They also set the kitchen hut on fire.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being accredited as a ZESN election observer during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was at the miller near the ZANU PF base when he was ordered by two youth members to go with them to their base. At the base he was told that he had committed a crime by working for ZESN alleging that it is a pro-MDC organisation. He was ordered to lie down and was assaulted with large sticks. He was released the following day.

5 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for supporting the MDC. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where he was asked to denounce his MDC membership and give up his membership card. He was then assaulted under the feet with thick sticks

5 May 2008.

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. They came to his home to assault him but he managed to flee before they could get to him. The youths then set his home on fire.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was threatened by ZANU PF youths who accused her of being a "sell out" because she had been a ZESN election observer during the 29 March 2008 elections. She was ordered to

surrender her ZESN t-shirt and accreditation card. She fled her home for fear of further victimisation.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home petrol bombed by ZANU PF youths. who had gone to his home and assaulted him and his wife for not attending a ZANU PF meeting that had been held earlier in the day. The victim was assaulted until he lost consciousness. He was taken to the hospital the following day by his wife. The assailants returned to the victim's home and threw a petrol bomb destroying the home and all his belongings. The victim then fled to Harare.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being accredited as a ZESN election observer for the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He had gone to the millers' when he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF supporters who knew he had been an election observer. He was assaulted with a hoe on the thighs. He was told to return to the ZANU PF base with his accreditation card as well as his ZESN t-shirt. He then fled to Harare fearing further victimisation.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. He was a ZESN election observer during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was taken to the ZANU PF base where he appeared before a well known war veteran who assaulted him. The war veteran assaulted the victim. He sustained injuries on the arms, legs and lost a tooth. He was rescued by the police who took him to Mount Darwin Hospital where he received treatment. No arrests were made.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. On the day of the incident the victim was attending a funeral wake at a relative's home when a group of ZANU PF youths and war veterans arrived at the homestead chanting slogans and singing. They proceed to burn huts at the homestead. They also torched the victim's home destroying three huts. He was hit on the face with a stone while fleeing from the assailants.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly voting for the MDC. He was on his way home when he met five ZANU PF youth members. They asked him where he stayed, and when he told them they began to assault him alleging that ZANU PF had lost to the MDC in that area. He was ordered to lie on his abdomen and beaten with large sticks on the buttocks. He was warned not to report the matter otherwise his home would be set on fire.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. While on his way from a relative's home he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who claimed to have been looking for him. They had in their possession a list of purported MDC supporters in the area and the victim's name was on the list. He was assaulted with open hands, clenched fists and booted feet. He was

warned not to report the matter to the police or go to the hospital to seek treatment. He slept in the open for four nights as he feared further victimisation.

8 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths in retribution for his political affiliation. On the day of the incident the victim was preparing for the burial of his father who had passed away a few days earlier. A group of ZANU PF youths went to his home and abducted him. They took him to Chukumira mountain where they were holding captive other MDC activists. The victim was tied to a tree and severely assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks. He was later released and warned not to report the matter to the police. He fled to Harare a day later.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans for allegedly being an MDC supporter. He was on his way home when he was confronted by eight ZANU PF youths who told him they had been looking for him because they wanted to punish him for voting for the MDC. They took him behind their base where they were holding other purported MDC supporters captive. His hands were tied to his back and he was assaulted with large sticks all over his body before being released. The victim, being unable to walk, crawled home and was then taken to Mount Darwin Hospital.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. On the night in question he was asleep in his home when he heard the ZANU PF youths shouting and breaking windows. They proceeded to break down his door and dragged him and his wife out of the home. They were both severely assaulted. On the following day the assailants returned and set on fire the victim's home as well as his food store.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and belongings were set on fire by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. His father is the MDC organising secretary for Mashonaland Central Province and had been targeted by ZANU PF youths for attack. On the night in question the youths went to the victim's home looking for his father whom they found hiding inside. The youths forced themselves into the home and dragged him out. The youths then assaulted the father before proceeding to set the home on fire. The victim burnt his right hand while trying to salvage some of their belongings from the burning home. The victim slept in the open for ten nights before managing to flee to Harare.

8 May 2008

The male victim was assaulted for being an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was on his way home from church when he was confronted by seven MDC youths on his political affiliation. He was taken to the ZANU PF base at Zowa village where he was forced to lie down and was assaulted with large sticks. The assailants then took the victim's cellular phone and trampled on it until it was broken into pieces.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where MDC supporters were to be punished. His name was on the list of purported MDC supporters called out at the meeting. After his name was called out he was taken away from the meeting and assaulted under the feet with large sticks. After the assault the victim was unable to walk and had to be carried home. The ZANU PF youths also set his cotton field on fire and threw stones at his house destroying all the windows. He fled to Harare but left his three children in the rural areas.

8 May 2008

The victim is an MDC supporter. He was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and he was treated at Mt Darwin Hospital. He made a police report but no arrests were made.

9 May 2008

The male victim, a teacher, reports that he was abducted and assaulted by suspected ZANU PF supporters. On the day of the incident the victim was called to the Deputy Headmaster's office where four men unknown to him were waiting for him. They questioned him on his involvement in the 29 March 2008 Harmonised elections. The four men then ordered the victim to go with them which he refused to do until one of them pulled out a pistol. He was escorted to a waiting vehicle and was blindfolded. They drove around for about 30 minutes while he was being interrogated about his political affiliation. They eventually stopped in a bushy area. The victim was ordered to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted on the back and buttocks with a fan belt. The assailants then drove off leaving him in the bush. He could not walk after the attack and had to crawl to get assistance. He was taken to hospital but had to flee after the assailants pursued him.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The assailants went to his home at night and took him and his wife to their base. His wife was briefly detained and released without being assaulted. They kept him at the base and tried to force him to name all the MDC supporters in the area. He was then taken to an open space where he was stripped naked and severely assaulted. The assailants left him at the open space and he was carried home by well wishers who left him in his field. He received medical attention in Mozambique.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that their home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. Prior to the arson attack the victim had been sleeping in the open fearing that they would be attacked while sleeping at home. They were instructed to leave the village.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans on allegations of supporting the MDC. He was called to a village meeting where a list of MDC supporters was read out. His name was on the list. He was ordered to stand at the front of the meeting where he was assaulted on the hands and buttocks by three men who took turns to beat him.

9 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and forced to flee her home by ZANU PF youths. On the day in question, the ZANU PF youths went to her home around 05:00hrs looking for her husband who was not at home. He was hiding in the bush because he had received information that ZANU PF youths were looking for him. The youths beat the victim and took her to their base where she spent the whole day. They tried to get information on her husband's whereabouts. She was later released and warned that they would return to get her husband. When she went back home she found that the fowl run and some of her belongings had been set on fire. She then went to her parents home with her son where the ZANU PF youths followed her and warned her parents not to accommodate her or they would be assaulted. She then fled to Harare with her son.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and threatened by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he is an MDC supporter because he had a ZESN t-shirt. He was dragged from his home and taken to the ZANU PF chairman in the area. He was ordered to surrender his MDC membership card and ZESN t-shirt. He was kicked in the lower back and at the time of the report had difficulty walking as a result of the injuries sustained.

10 May 2008

the female victim reports that she was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that she was an MDC supporter after her husband was seen wearing an MDC t-shirt. The assailants broke into her home and dragged her out of bed. They took her to their base where she was assaulted with large sticks. She was later released after one of the youth members recognised her as a nurse aide at the local hospital.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home together with his father, mother and grandmother after being threatened by ZANU PF youths. The victim and his family had been sleeping out in the open for several days after hearing that ZANU PF youths were looking for him. On the day of the incident he had gone to their field to get some maize cobs for his family to eat, when he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths. They bound his hands to his back and took him to the village head's home alleging that he was an MDC supporter. The village head refused to hear the matter and ordered his release. He then took his family and fled to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. He was a ZESN election observer during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. He was followed to his field by ZANU PF youths who interrogated him. He was assaulted with wooden sticks on the legs and thighs.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He had been warned that the ZANU PF youths were looking for him. Fearing victimisation he tried to flee to Harare. On his way to the bus terminus he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who took him to their base. At the base the victim was assaulted under the feet with a thick stick. He was only released after he told them he was going to Harare for a funeral.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he was an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. The youths went to his home and ordered the victim to come out. At first he refused but later complied when they told him that they were going to burn down his home while he was inside. They took him to their base where two assailants knocked him down and started assaulting him with heavy sticks on his back and buttocks. He lost consciousness. He was carried home by unknown women. On 14 May 2008 the violators came back again and threatened to burn down his home. He fled to Harare the following day. His aunt reported the matter to the police on his behalf but no action was taken.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were looking for her son. She was sleeping at night when a group of youths knocked at her door and shouted for her son to come out. When she informed them that he was not at home the youths began assaulting her with large sticks. They also set her hair on fire resulting in burns on the scalp.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home and belongings set on fire. On the night in question the victim was asleep when he was woken up by loud banging and shouting from outside by a group of ZANU PF youths who broke into the home and assaulted him. He was on crutches following an earlier non politically motivated assault. The assailants broke the victim's crutches and then went on to set his home on fire destroying all his belongings. They also tried to set fire to the cattle kraal but the victim's son managed to let the cattle out before the assailants could do so. The victim was carried away from the burning home by his wife. He and his family slept in the open for two nights. He was later taken to Mount Darwin clinic but had to go to Harare because of inadequate medication at the clinic.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened and had some of his belongings set on fire by ZANU PF youths in retribution for his political affiliation. He is the MDC security officer in the area and was responsible for the distribution of food aid to displaced MDC supporters. A group of about 12 ZANU PF youths went to his home

and questioned him about the distribution of food. They then bound the victim's hands and made him watch as they burned some of his belongings including blankets and kitchen utensils. They did not burn the home. Fearing further victimisation, the victim fled to Harare.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burnt by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. Four ZANU PF youths went to the victim's home and forced him to go with them to their base. The youths had also rounded up other purported MDC supporters in the area. The victim fled from the ZANU PF base camp after overhearing the youths planning to assault them early the next morning. He found his home had been set on fire destroying all his belongings. He fled to Harare fearing further victimisation.

13 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC supporter, reports that he was threatened by ZANU PF youths and obliged to flee his home after he saw a group of ZANU PF approaching it armed with large sticks. He managed to flee together with his wife and three year old child. The youths set his home on fire and all his belongings. His wife and child fled to Mozambique while he fled to Harare.

13 May 2008

The male victim, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter. He was in a local shop when he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who ordered him to go with them to their base. When they got to the base they questioned him about his political affiliation. He told them he was a ZANU PF supporter but the assailants did not believe him. He was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted with a large stick on the buttocks. One of the youth members also stepped over his head while another stood on his back. The victim reported the incident to the police and was taken to the hospital. During his stay in hospital he was interrogated by the police and suspected CIO agents. After his discharge he fled to Harare fearing further victimisation. He left his wife and children in the rural areas.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and had all his belongings set on fire. A group of about 17 youths broke into his home at night. They discovered him hiding under his bed and dragged him to their base at Katarira Primary School. At the base he was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted on the buttocks. The assailants alleged that the victim was a "sell out" and an MDC supporter. After the assault the victim was force marched to his home where the assailants demanded a bucket of maize. The assailants returned to the victim's home the following day and chased him away. They went on to set his home on fire. He fled to Harare after he got bus fare from his son.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations of supporting the MDC. He was taken from his home to Matope Anglican Church where he was assaulted. They tied his arms and legs and made him lie on his abdomen. He was beaten on the buttocks with large sticks. Two of the assailants are known to the victim.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to a ZANU PF meeting that had been called in the area when he met a group of ZANU PF youths who were on their way to burn his uncle's home. He tried to intervene but was then accused of being an MDC supporter. He was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted with a large stick on the back and buttocks. He also sustained injuries to his left foot.

15 May 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted with open hands and clenched feet by ZANU PF youths for allegedly being late for a ZANU PF meeting that was scheduled to start four hours later. They were then made to run to the ZANU PF base where they were threatened with death. The female victim was four months pregnant at the time.

27 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and belongings were destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The assailants went to his home and threatened his two younger sisters from whom they demanded information on the victim's whereabouts. He had been sleeping in the open for several days fearing victimisation. The ZANU PF youths destroyed the victim's home with picks and hammers and proceeded to burn all of his belongings. He fled to Harare three days later.

Muzarabani North

1 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and other belongings were set on fire by ZANU PF youths on allegation that he was an MDC supporter.

2 May 2008

The male victim reports that his property was set on fire by ZANU PF youths as punishment for not attending a ZANU PF rally. The rally was held at Chirimbwa where purported MDC supporters were supposed to denounce their MDC membership. Fearing victimisation the victim did not attend the meeting. That evening a group of ZANU PF youths came looking for him at his home. At the time he had gone to sleep in the field as he feared retributive attacks for not attending the meeting. The youths set the victim's home on fire and all his belongings. He slept in the open for five nights before fleeing to Harare.

2 May 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths destroyed his home and set his food store on fire. The youths came to the victim's home and destroyed the walls of the home with picks. They then proceeded to set the debris and some of the victim's belongings on fire. They also assaulted his mother and father.

2 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and tortured by ZANU PF youths for supporting the MDC. A group of ZANU PF youths went to his home and took him to a nearby river where they stripped him naked and submerged him in the water several times. He was released in the morning and fled to Harare leaving his wife behind. The victim's wife who was pregnant at the time was assaulted by the ZANU PF youths a few days later. The assailants were looking for her husband. She miscarried as a result of the assault and later died due to complications that arose from the miscarriage. His property, including his home was destroyed.

2 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to her home looking for her husband who was an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. She told them he was not at home. The assailants then tied her hands behind her back and dragged her to a nearby stream together with seven other MDC activists. She was submerged in the water several times before being assaulted on the back and buttocks with a large stick. The assailants then proceeded to burn the victim's home and took her livestock.

3 May 2008

The male victim was a polling agent for the MDC and a committee member for the ward. He reports that ZANU PF supporters came to his home and instructed his brother to take out all the furniture before setting it on fire.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He was not at home at the time. He was given an account of what transpired by his neighbours.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. He escaped and sought refuge at Chibaya village. They eventually caught up with him at a bus stop where he was waiting for the bus. He was taken to their base at Chibaya Township where he was assaulted with large sticks on the buttocks. They detained him at their base overnight and the following morning they assaulted him again. Releasing him around 15:00hrs that afternoon. He was hospitalised and whilst he was still in hospital he heard from his wife that his cow had been taken by the assailants and that they had set his home on fire.

4 May 2008

The male victim was an MDC polling agent. He reports that his home was set on fire by a group of ZANU PF youths. He saw the group of youths approaching his home and fled. He watched from a distance as his two thatched huts were set on fire.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property destroyed by ZANU PF youths. His home was set on fire while he was at church. When he arrived back home he tried to salvage some of his property but was deterred by the ZANU PF youths who chased him away from the homestead. The following day he returned to his property but was again confronted by the youths. They took him to their base where he was assaulted on the buttocks with large sticks and was ordered to leave the village. He went to Harare.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property set on fire by ZANU PF youths. His two wives and children were also assaulted.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to the market to sell his cotton when he was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths. They force-marched him to their base at Kairezi where he was assaulted with large sticks on the back and buttocks. His hands were tied behind his back during the assault. As the assailants were about to take the victim to their leader, he managed to flee from the base. The assailants went to his home to look for him but he was there. They assaulted his wife and set on fire his home. His wife's right hand was broken during the assault.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his father were assaulted by ZANU PF youths while they were on their way to the bus terminus to board a bus to Harare. They had been warned that ZANU PF youths were coming to punish them for supporting the MDC. The ZANU PF youths were being led by the village head who had ordered that they be taken to the ZANU PF base. At the base they were assaulted on the back and buttocks with large

sticks. They were detained overnight and released early the following morning. They managed to board a bus to Harare. After they arrived in Harare they received information that their home had been set on fire and their family members had been assaulted by the ZANU PF youths.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He was visiting a friend when a group of ZANU PF youths went to his home and threatened his mother in his absence. The youths saw him return to his homestead, some of them chased him away for a distance but did not catch him. Those that remained at the homestead set it on fire and took a goat and four chickens to their base.

5 May 2008

The male victim is the organising secretary for the MDC in his ward. He was also a polling agent during the March 2008 harmonised elections. He reports that he was warned that ZANU PF supporters were coming to assault him. He fled from his home and went to St Alberts' Mission Hospital. He later proceeded to Harare. His wife and children followed a few days later. His wife reports that their home and belongings were set on fire by ZANU PF youths who were looking for him.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths set fire to his homestead destroying all his belongings. A war veteran also took two cows belonging to the victim.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that ZANU PF youths went to his homestead and set fire to it and the stored maize. He managed to flee from the assailants but could see them from a distance as they set the home on fire.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his mother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Their home was also set on fire. The assailants went at night and set the victim's three huts on fire. They then force marched him and his mother to their base at Chibaya while beating them with a large stick. The victim managed to flee from the base after a few hours but left his mother there.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths after they had gone to his home and ordered him and his family to leave it to which they complied. One of the youths ordered them to burn their home. When the victim tried to protest he was beaten and told he did not have permission to speak. The victim was then taken to the ZANU PF base where other purported MDC supporters were also being detained. The assailants also took all the victim's goats to their base. There the victim was handed over to other ZANU PF youths and war veterans and he was ordered to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted with large sticks.

underneath the feet and on his back. He was also suspended in the air and assaulted all over the body. As he cried out they put soil in his mouth. The male victim reports that one man died as a result of the assault.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his friend were assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans in retribution for reporting the destruction of their homes by ZANU PF youths. They were taken from the police station where they were making the report to the ZANU PF base. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were beaten on the back and buttocks with large sticks. They were detained overnight. In the morning they were ordered to leave the village and go to Harare. The victim sustained injuries on the back and buttocks as well as a cut on the lower lips.

5 May 2008

The female victim, the wife of an MDC activist, reports that her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. She had been sleeping in the open for a week together with her husband and children fearing that ZANU PF youths would come to assault them. She was eight months pregnant at the time. Her home was set on fire destroying all her belongings. She left her children with a relative and fled to Harare with her husband.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The assailants went to the victim's home at night and set it on fire. He managed to flee together with his parents. That night they slept out in the open. On the following day he went back to their homestead to assess the damage where he was apprehended by a group of ZANU PF youths who took him to their base where he was detained for three hours. He was assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks. One of the assailants also stood on his chest. After he was released he walked a long distance to get transport to Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He managed to flee from the attack together with his family. He left his wife and children at his in-laws' home and proceeded to Harare and sought assistance at the MDC offices.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths and that he fell and injured himself while fleeing from the assailants. He was attacked because he did not attend a ZANU PF meeting for which he had received a written invitation. Following the attack he fled to Harare but left his children in the rural areas.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. On the day of the incident he was working in his field when he was apprehended by ZANU PF youths and a war veteran. They asked him why he had joined the MDC. He was then forced to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted with a fan-belt on the back and buttocks. His wife found him lying in the fields that evening and carried him home. He fled to Harare the following day leaving his wife and children behind. A few days later the assailants returned to his home and destroyed his belongings. They also forced his wife to leave the village.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his brother were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. His brother was an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. The assailants went to the victim's home at night shouting and singing and ordered him and his brother out of the home. They were told to lie down on their abdomens and were assaulted on the buttocks and back with large sticks. The assailants went on to burn down the victim's home and all his belongings. The victim slept out in the open for a week before he managed to raise money to go to Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by MDC youths on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. He was at a ZANU PF rally where purported MDC supporters were being punished. He was called to a secluded area by the ZANU PF youths then force-marched to a nearby river where he was ordered to lie on his abdomen and assaulted on the back and buttocks. The assailants also set his home on fire. Fearing further victimisation he fled to Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist reports that he was threatened by ZANU PF youths and war veterans and his home was also destroyed. The assailants went to the victim's home at night and dragged him to their base. At the base they questioned him about the MDC's plans for the run-off election. He declined to give them any information. He was released without being assaulted. On the following day the assailants returned to the victim's home and destroyed it using picks. They also threatened his mother.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted on the buttocks with a metal rod by ZANU PF youths for supporting the MDC. The assailants also took his goats.

6 May 2008

The female victim, the wife of an MDC activist, reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths who were looking for her husband. When she informed them that he was not at home, they then ordered her to take all her furniture out of the home and they set the home and food store on fire. They ordered the victim to leave the village. She then fled to Harare with her children.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths who alleged that she was an MDC supporter. She was not assaulted by the youths.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. The assailants came to his home at night and dragged him to their base where they assaulted him on the back and buttocks with large sticks. They then took him away from the camp and left him in a bushy area where his sons found him and carried him home.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The assailants went to his home at night and dragged him to their base where they assaulted him on the buttocks with large sticks. His hands were tied behind the back during the assault. He was detained overnight and managed to flee in the early hours of the following morning.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. She had been sleeping in the open for several nights fearing victimisation from ZANU PF youths. On the night in question a war veteran and a group of ZANU PF youths went to the place where she was sleeping. She managed to flee from them but injured her left leg as she was running away. She went to the clinic the following morning to seek treatment. Before she could get into the clinic yard she was confronted by a group of ZANU PF youths who force marched her to their base where she was beaten on the buttocks by six youths who took turns to assault her. They alleged that she had been carrying out door to door campaigns on behalf of the MDC. The victim was then forced to go and get MDC t-shirts from her home. She was accompanied by a member of the ZANU PF youth. Her sister, a war veteran refused to let the youth member into the home. The victim was then ordered to

leave the village together with her five month old baby. She slept in the open for three nights before managing to flee to Harare.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was ordered to leave his home by ZANU PF youths. He was working in his field when he was confronted by the ZANU PF chairman for the area and eight ZANU PF youths. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter and ordered him back to his home so that he could pack his belongings. They also took his goats and cattle. He fled to Harare fearing further victimisation.

7 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC supporter reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were going around the village assaulting known and purported MDC supporters as well as setting their homes on fire. They had allegedly been instructed to carry out the attacks by a local chief. The victim and seven other MDC supporters were on their way to Chiwenga Police Station to report the disturbances, when they were apprehended by a group of ZANU PF youths. They were taken to the ZANU PF base in the area where they were assaulted and detained for two days. The victim alleges that five people in the village died as a result of these attacks.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was a “sell out”. He was attending a relative’s funeral when a group of ZANU PF youths started throwing stones at the mourners. The victim was unable to flee. He was caught and assaulted with sticks. He and three other purported “sell outs” were forced to walk to the Chahwanda area where they were further assaulted. They were later rescued by police officers who took them to Mount Darwin Hospital. There was no medication at the hospital so he and the other three were released without treatment. Fearing further victimisation the victim went to Harare.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property set on fire by ZANU PF youths as punishment for supporting the MDC. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF rally where all known and purported MDC supporters were being punished. He was called away from the meeting and asked about his role in the MDC structures. He was then assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks resulting in severe injuries. His home was also set on fire. He fled to Harare fearing further victimisation.

7 May 2008

ZANU PF youths assaulted the male victim on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. He was working in his field when he was apprehended by a group of ZANU PF youths and he was taken to the ZANU PF base where he was assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks before being released. That night the assailants returned to the victim's home and it and his food store on fire. He fled to Harare the following day.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. She fled to Harare fearing further victimisation.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted and had their home set on fire by ZANU PF youths destroying all their belongings. On the night in question she heard loud banging and shouting at the gate where a group of ZANU PF youths was gathered outside. She and her husband were ordered to come out of the home. They were both assaulted with large sticks. The female victim was holding her grandchild when she was assaulted. The assailants then set the home on fire.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being MDC supporters and their home was also destroyed. The victim's wife was called to the village head's home in the absence of her husband. She was questioned about the MDC register that her husband allegedly kept. When the victim heard that his wife had been summoned to the village head's home he followed her there. He explained to the village head that he did not keep a register of MDC supporters. They were then dismissed by the village head. The following morning a group of ZANU PF youths went to the victims home. They apprehended him and his wife and assaulted them on the back and buttocks with large sticks. They also destroyed the victim's home using picks and shovels. Shortly after the victim received a message from the village head ordering him to leave the village. He went to Harare to seek assistance.

7 May 2008

The male victim a nurse at the local Clinic, reports that he was assaulted on the back and buttocks with a thick stick, by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC polling agent on the 29 March 2008 elections. He was also ordered to give the keys to his home. The assailants then took all the victim's property from the home ordered him to carry each piece of furniture back to the home on his head which he was unable to do due to the previous assault. His belongings were then set on fire.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee from his work place after a group of ZANU PF youths assaulted his colleague. The victim works at the local clinic alleging that he is an MDC supporter. The assailants also alleged that all the staff at the Health Care Centre were MDC supporters. At the time of the report the victim was not able to work for fear of being victimised.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he was mobilising people in the area to vote for the MDC. His home and belongings were also set on fire. He fled to Harare but left his children behind in the rural areas.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and belongings were set on fire by ZANU PF youths because he was an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. On the day of the incident the assailants came to the victim's home and questioned him on his involvement with the MDC. They then assaulted him and left the homestead. On the following day they returned to the victim's home armed with large sticks. The victim managed to flee with his mother and wife before the assailants got to them. The ZANU PF youths then set his home on fire destroying all his belongings. They also burnt his livestock. The victim fled to Harare leaving his wife and mother in the rural areas because he did not have enough money for bus fare for the three of them.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and belongings were set on fire by ZANU PF youths. A group of youths came to his home and started breaking down the walls with picks. They then set the homes on fire destroying furniture and his harvested cotton crop.

8 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist, reports that he was assaulted by suspected ZANU PF youths. He had received information that ZANU PF youths were after him and wanted to punish him for being an MDC supporter. Fearing victimisation he decided to flee to Harare. He was at the bus terminus waiting for transport to Harare when he was picked up by a group of men in a vehicle who took him to what appeared to be a hall and assaulted him with baton sticks. They told him that they knew he was fleeing from the area and that he could not return to the village. After he was released he boarded a bus to Harare.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths who came there at night. He and his family fled and hid in the hills. He went to Harare but left his family behind in the rural areas where they are still sleeping in the open.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property set on fire by ZANU PF supporters. He was forced to go to the ZANU PF base in the area where he was punished for being an MDC supporter. He was

ordered to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted with a stick on the back and under the feet. He lost consciousness for a while but was revived after the assailants poured water on him. He managed to crawl to a foot path where he was carried home in a wheel barrow by friends. When he got home he found it had been set on fire. He lost all his belongings including his harvest.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was injured while fleeing from a group of ZANU PF supporters. Fearing further victimisation he spent two weeks sleeping in the open. He later managed to flee to Harare.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who alleged he was an MDC supporter. On the day in question at around 19:00 hrs, a group of ZANU PF youths came to his home and took him to their base at Kapembere. They assaulted him on the buttocks with a thick stick. They also tied his legs together and beat him on the soles of his feet, he was then made to jog on the spot. The assailants told him to pack his belongings and leave his home. They destroyed his kitchen unit, a wardrobe and his bed.

9 May 2008

The female victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and forced to leave her home. The assailants came to the victim's home and demanded the list of all MDC supporters in the area. When she told them she did not have it she was assaulted on the buttocks with a fanbelt. The ZANU PF youths then took some of her clothes and threw them near the main road. They ordered her to leave the village. She went to Harare leaving her child with a relative. She sustained severe injuries on the buttocks and at the time of the report she was unable to sit.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his property set on fire by ZANU PF youths. The assailants came to his home in the evening and dragged him to their base where he was severely assaulted on the buttocks. He was also assaulted with clenched fists and booted feet. He was detained overnight and released in the early hours of the morning. That evening the assailants returned to his home and set it on fire. All his belongings were lost in the fire.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was attacked by ZANU PF youths led by the village head. They alleged that he was an MDC supporter. He injured his leg while fleeing from the assailants who chased him from his home. The assailants also set fire to his property and took his livestock. He managed to flee to Harare.

9 May 2008

The male victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. He was taken from his home to Kapembere Primary School where the ZANU PF youths' camp is located in the area. He was assaulted under the feet with a thick stick. He was then taken to a nearby river where he was submerged in water and made to roll in mud. He was taken back to the ZANU PF base where he was detained overnight. He was released in the early hours of the following morning.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was severely assaulted and had his home destroyed by ZANU PF youths. A group of armed ZANU PF youths came to his home and dragged him to Kapembere Primary School, where their base was located alleging that he was an MDC member. At the base he was assaulted all over his body with axe handles, open hands and clenched fists. He was detained there for three days. The assailants also destroyed his home and set his clothes on fire.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. The assailants came to his home and dragged him to their base. At the base the victim was suspended in the air and assaulted with baton sticks. He was detained there for eight hours before being released and ordered to leave the village. Fearing further victimisation, the client slept in the open that night. When he returned to his homestead the following morning he found that it had been destroyed.

10 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC activist reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths led by the MP elect for the area who broke into the home and fired two gun shots into the roof. They then sprinkled petrol around the home before setting it on fire. He managed to escape through the window, but lost all of his belongings. He slept in the open for several days before managing to go to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim, the son of an MDC ward chairman, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who attacked their home at night. A group of ZANU PF youths armed with machetes and large sticks came to the victim's home demanding to see a register of all MDC supporters in the area. All the victim's family members managed to flee from the assailants except him and two others. He was beaten under the feet and on the legs with a stick and was detained by three youth members while the others attacked the home of another MDC activist. He was released after the attack on his neighbour.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. She slept in the open for several days before managing to go to Harare.

12 May 2008

The male victim was working in his field when he was apprehended by a group of ZANU PF youths and war veterans who were armed with large sticks and who threatened to kill the victim for being an MDC supporter. He was force marched to a nearby bridge where he was forced to clean MDC election graffiti. He was then assaulted with booted feet.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who were alleging that he was an MDC supporter. On the day in question the youths were forcing all known and purported MDC supporters to renounce their MDC membership and surrender their party regalia. He was taken to the ZANU PF base where he was assaulted on the buttocks and under the feet. He could not walk for two days after the assault neither could he pass urine.

17 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and his parents home was set on fire. The victim lives in Harare and had gone to his rural home to help his mother receive treatment after she had been assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The youths came to his parents home and force-marched him to their base where he was assaulted with booted feet and open hands. His parents' homestead was also set on fire.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home after being attacked by ZANU PF youths. They came to his home at night and assaulted him with sticks on the arms and legs. Fearing further victimisation he fled to Harare where he is living with his father.

25 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. Her husband was an MDC security officer and had been forced to flee his residence in Kuwadzana after being threatened by suspected CIO agents. The female victim fled to Harare after her home was set on fire.

Muzarabani South**3 May 2008**

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. The assailants also destroyed their home. They had to sleep in the open with their two month old child before fleeing to Harare.

3 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled his home after being assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC activist. He fled to Harare but was however apprehended by another group of ZANU PF youths in Mbare. They assaulted him before handing him over to the police on allegations that he was harassing ZANU PF supporters. He was detained at Harare Central Police Station for two days and released without charge.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He watched the attack from a distance as he feared being assaulted. He fled to Harare the following morning.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at a meeting at Chaona Township. The meeting had been convened to punish MDC all MDC supporters in the area. They were assaulted on the buttocks with whips.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. After they had set his home on fire, the assailants apprehended the victim and took him to their base where he was assaulted on the back and buttocks on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He was detained at the base for three days before being released. He fled to Harare.

5 May 2008

The female victim reports that she fled her home after being threatened by ZANU PF youths on allegations that she is an MDC supporter.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF supporters. He was hiding in the bush with other MDC supporters when a group of ZANU PF supporters went to his home singing and chanting slogans and declaring that they were going to burn all the homes. He saw his home burning from a distance. He fled to Harare with his wife who was six months pregnant at the time.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. He sustained injuries in his spine.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by about 10 ZANU PF youths who had surrounded his home. They assaulted him using various weapons mainly large sticks. He was then taken to their base at the Roman Catholic Church in Chaona where the assaults continued in a place of many gum trees to which he and others were tied (four at a time). He claims that six men took turns to assault him.

6 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and had her property stolen by ZANU PF youths. She was at her home when ZANU PF youths arrived and started beating her up. They took her child and dropped him onto the floor. They took her solar panel converter and clothing and they also took some of her harvest. They then took her to their base and further assaulted wanting to know her husband's whereabouts. They threw stones on the roof and at window panes.

6 May 2008

The male victim was coming from his fields when a group of ZANU PF youths assaulted him. He was abducted and told to collect other MDC members. The assailants stopped at a home and took a hoe handle and started hitting him with it under the feet. They then made him run all the way to their base at Chaona. At the base they were taken to a place with a lot of gum trees where they were further assaulted with sticks by about four men. The assailants took turns to assault the victims.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He was apprehended while trying to salvage his property from his burning home. He was assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks. He later fled to Harare.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he was an MDC supporter. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where MDC supporters were being assaulted in retribution for supporting the opposition. He and others were assaulted with wooden sticks on the buttocks and under the feet. They were rescued by riot police.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The victim was woken up by a knock on his door. He was abducted whilst naked. He was being apparently punished for not submitting names of other MDC supporters in his village and was assaulted and made to watch his home being burnt down. The victim alleges that three people died as a result of the violence that ensued in the village on that day.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at his home with his family and friends when five ZANU PF supporters arrived brandishing heavy sticks and catapults. They later forced them to go to a joint MDC and ZANU PF meeting. Some ZANU PF youths arrived at the meeting and started marching and displaying their drill after which they produced a list of MDC supporters. The victim's name was called out and he was handcuffed and assaulted on the buttocks until he felt numb with pain. They also beat him under his feet.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who force-marched him to Chaona township up to the Catholic church. He was assaulted whilst they were on the way. They produced a list of MDC

supporters on which the victim's name appeared. He was assaulted on the buttocks. They also hit him in the face with clenched fists.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who forced him to attend a ZANU PF meeting. At the meeting he was severely assaulted on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He was beaten with baton sticks and wooden logs on the buttocks and under the feet. The victim alleges that two people died at the meeting as a result of the assaults. Three more MDC supporters were reported to have died after these assaults.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters. He was coming from the fields when he was approached by one soldier and some youths who started to assault him accusing him of contributing to MDC's victory. They took him to their base until the next morning. They used open hands and sticks to assault the victim. He reported the matter to the police.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Villagers were forced to a ZANU PF meeting at Chaona. Teachers, nurses and businessmen were all labelled sellouts and were beaten. There was an MDC poster near his grinding mill and one of the youths accused him of having put it there. They also said his milling charges were too high and he was beaten with wooden logs because of this. The wooden logs they used had been put paraquat, a chemical used to dry grass. He reported that more than ten people had died because of the violence that took place at Chaona.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at Chaona. The reason for the attack was that he did not respect the councillor. The victim and other suspected MDC supporters were beaten with wooden poles and whipped on the back and buttocks.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters. He and other suspected MDC supporters were forced to assemble at Chaona where ZANU PF leaders were set to address them. The victim's name was called out and he was accused of not respecting ZANU PF leaders. His hands were tied and he was beaten with wooden poles. They were eventually rescued by the police.

7 May 2008

The female victim was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who came to her home looking for her husband whom they knew was an MDC supporter. He had escaped before they found him. They questioned the victim on her husband's whereabouts and also asked for his MDC t-shirts. When she refused to co-operate they entered into the home and took them. They then took her baby and forced her to lie down. Two of them assaulted her on the buttocks with binders from grinding mills. They then ordered her to pack her things and disappear. Suggesting that she should live elsewhere with the MDC President.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. On 6 May 2008 the ZANU PF youths set his three homes on fire. He escaped into the bush and returned the following morning. A meeting was called for and the villagers were assured that they would be safe however they were however assaulted at the meeting. The victim was beaten on the buttocks with thick wooden rods.

8 May 2008

The female victim, who is the MDC Vice-Chairperson of Ward two reports that she is an internally displaced person. She fled from her home with her three children after being threatened by ZANU PF youth militia.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He managed to elude an attack and sought refuge at Harvest Home in Harare, the MDC headquarters.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his five year old son were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was hiding close to his home when he heard his son crying after being assaulted. He went to assist him but he too was apprehended and assaulted.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was woken up by his neighbour when a group of ZANU PF youths went to his homestead and ran away with his neighbour leaving his wife behind. He saw the youths destroy his home and burn his property. He hid in the bush for nine days.

11 May 2008

The male victim who had been an MDC polling agent, reports that on the day in question, he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had earlier been ordered to join the ZANU PF party and had refused. Some youths came to his homestead and took him to their base at Mupfudzi shopping centre where he was beaten with large sticks. The assailants threatened to take him to Kayongo for thorough beatings. He was told that he was being punished for being an MDC polling agent.

16 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home and property were destroyed and she was assaulted by war veterans and ZANU PF youths. She was at church when a large number of ZANU PF youths came and collected her. They then asked her why she supported the MDC. They were lifting her up and dropping her to the ground. They took her to the bushes where one war veteran lifted her upside down. She was left exposed. They started hitting her on her buttocks with a stick which had nails. They forced her to the ground and lifted up her legs while assaulting her buttocks. When she tried to lift her head a war vet kicked her at the jaws and five teeth fell out while two others became loose. They continued assaulting her until she was unconscious. On the next day, while she was still suffering from the trauma she was told that her home and property had been destroyed. Her children were also assaulted.

21 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. A ZANU PF candidate had held a meeting in the area and people were told that they were hunting for MDC supporters. She and her family hid in the bush and they then left the area after their home had been set on fire. She took her children to some relatives in Mt Darwin and she sought refuge in Harare.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled his home to live in the bush after he had been told that he was a target for the ZANU PF militia. When the youths arrived in his village, armed, he fled to Harare. He was then informed that the youths were hunting for him and they had assaulted his wife.

25 May 2008

The male victim who had been an MDC polling agent reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and his home was destroyed. On the day in question, he was working in the field when a group of ZANU PF youths and war vets confronted him. They assaulted him twice on the shoulder with a stick. He managed to escape. They went to his home and assaulted his wife and set his home on fire. He sought refuge in Harare.

Mvurwi

2 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who took him to their base where accused him of insulting a woman who was known to them. They ordered him to lie down facing the ground and assaulted him on his buttocks using a long stick. They also poured cold water on him. After about 45 minutes of beatings, he was allowed to sleep in the company of a guard. He was given neither food nor water. He was woken up the following day at around 05:00hrs and told to dance to the tune of beating drums. This continued for about 15 minutes. He could not cope due to the pain in his buttocks and this led to further assaults. He eventually lost consciousness and they left him lying on the ground.

Rushinga

5 May 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted after they had been identified as MDC supporters. Her husband was summoned to Chief Nyakusena's home. When he got there, he was asked to surrender his MDC membership card and t-shirts. He complied but the chief did not take them. He was severely assaulted. Other MDC supporters who had been called but were spared the beatings carried him home. A group of ZANU PF supporters then went to their home two days later and informed the couple that they had come to destroy their lives and their home. They destroyed the home while the family was in hiding. The victim was at the time of the report living as an internally displaced person. She left her children in the care of a relative who was also being threatened for giving them refuge.

6 May 2008

The male victim who had been an MDC polling agent, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was collected from his home by ZANU PF youths and taken to the chief's homestead for interrogation. He was then assaulted by five men on the back and buttocks and thighs using a thick wooden stick. When he was released, he sought refuge in the bushes. He sustained extensive injury on the buttocks and his right arm.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at a meeting to which he was summoned which had been convened by soldiers. His name was called out from a list of identified MDC supporters. The youths ordered him to take off his shoes and assaulted him under the feet. They told him not to go to the clinic and threatened to kill him if he defied their orders. He was told that on the day of the re-run he should tell the Presiding Officer that he was unable to write so that the officer could vote for ZANU PF on his behalf. His wife was also assaulted. He then escaped to Harare. He sustained injuries on his knee and right ankle.

23 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths when he was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting at Makosa Primary School. He, together with other MDC supporters, was accused of selling the country to the whites. He was assaulted on the buttocks. He fled to Harare. He sustained injuries on his buttocks.

Shamva Central

24 May 2008

The victim reports that ZANU PF youths burned down her home. They asked her for information on her husband's whereabouts and when she refused to tell them they proceeded to set the home on fire. All her property was destroyed

Shamva North

11 May 2008

Σ.The Standard

On the morning of Sunday, 11 May 2008 Sam Kahari, an MDC supporter from Chidembo village in Shamva, was reportedly murdered by alleged ZANU PF youths and war veterans in the presence of his wife and four children. The group is known in the Madziva area as the "Chabopa Squad". Kahari was allegedly dragged out of his bed by the assailants and later found dead with three axes stuck in his skull. His wife and children fled after witnessing the murder. Later that morning, it is alleged that the same group set on fire more than 20 homesteads, claiming they belonged to MDC supporters in the village. More than 50 people, including Kahari's wife, were reportedly injured in that attack.

15 May 2008

Σ.The Herald

10 alleged MDC youths are reported to have stoned and petrol-bombed homes belonging to ZANU PF supporters destroying property worth Z\$3 trillion. It is alleged that on the day of the incident, the assailants went to Shamva Gold Mine compound at around 16:00hrs and attacked a home owned by ZANU PF supporters. The assailants are also alleged to have looted property from the home of the victims who had reportedly fled their homes.

17 May 2008

Σ.The Standard

It is reported that on 17 May 2008 the "Chabopa Squad" abducted the MDC treasurer for Ward 9, Edson Zaya, from his home at around 13:00hrs. The assailants allegedly dragged him to Chidembo shopping centre where they killed him. Zaya's friends and relatives reportedly claimed they found his body with bruises which they believe were caused by human teeth, a deep cut to the head and scars that they suspected were due to hot plastic being applied to his back.

2 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was walking home when three men ambushed him and took him to their base in the village area near Loyen Farm. They asked him for information about the MDC. They then took a rope and tied his hands and legs and hung him on a tree. They assaulted him with a stick on his back. They then cut the rope and he fell onto the ground landing on his head. They also hit him in the face. They tied his arms and legs together and put his head under his feet. They again asked him to

give them information about the MDC but he did not tell them anything. The ZANU PF youths then reported him to the police that he was a thief.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and lost property to some ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at around midnight. He woke his uncle up and they realised that the home had been surrounded by ZANU PF youths. His uncle was manhandled while he was getting outside but he managed to escape. The victim on the other hand was overpowered. The youths started assaulting him using hoe handles and sticks. They accused him of being a "sellout". They destroyed his property and set fire to his livestock. They took some chickens for themselves. The victim sustained injuries on his leg and buttocks.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down and destroyed by ZANU PF youths at about 23:00hrs. He had been sleeping in the bush for days because of the escalating violence being perpetrated against MDC members. He witnessed the incident whilst hiding in the bush.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire, his property was destroyed and some of it was looted by about 60 ZANU PF youths. His family escaped and the victim hid nearby and witnessed the ZANU PF youths destroying his homes. They poured petrol on his harvested crops and property before setting it alight. They looted some of the property.

11 May 2008

The victim was assaulted and his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths who approached it at around 23:00hrs. He was manhandled by six people who dragged him into a nearby bush and started assaulting him with metal whips. They demanded MDC t-shirts before they set his home on fire. Nothing was recovered from the fire. The victim escaped and went back home only to find out that his mother had also been assaulted. He went to Madziva Police Station and reported the matter.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted, assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths and all his belongings destroyed. He was on his way to work when ZANU PF youths abducted him and took him to their offices. He was assaulted with sticks, iron bars and fists. He was forced to clean their offices and they threatened to come back for him before they released him.

14 May 2008

The male victim who was a Presiding Officer during the March elections, reports that ZANU PF youths and war veterans assaulted him at his home which is at the school where he is the Headmaster using an iron bar and logs. They demanded MDC cards and T-shirts and continued assaulting him demanding to know where the MDC votes had come from. They then searched his home before assaulting him further and ordered him not to leave the school.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who arrived at his home at around 0430hrs. There were about 30 of them and they were singing and beating drums. He tried to escape but his efforts were in vain. They took him to Kwandu Mountain to their base where they ordered him to sing and dance. He was put in the centre of a circle and beaten on the soles of his feet. They wanted information on his MDC- related activities as well as all the party materials. His brother reported his abduction to the police and they rescued him. The perpetrators were arrested, briefly detained and released.

16 May 2008

The male victim, who is the youth chairman for the MDC, reports that he was taken by ZANU PF youths to Chidembo shops where he was assaulted.

17 May 2008

The male victims reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was forced to attend a meeting which had been convened by soldiers. As he was leaving for the meeting, his daughter informed him that other youths were hiding in pits around his home. The meeting was addressed by war veterans and the villagers had to remain behind after the address. Some youths from the surrounding resettlement areas then ordered all MDC supporters to stand aside. The victim was assaulted and forced to jog. He tried to escape but this only led to further and heavier assaults. He lost consciousness and only woke up the following morning to find himself at his home.

21 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. The youths poured petrol on the house before they lit it. He sought refuge in Harare.

23 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters. He was asleep when he heard movements outside. He went out to investigate and found a group of people setting fire to his home. They also assaulted him with iron bars on the fingers and his back and threw stones at his home and accused him of being an MDC supporter. The victim escaped into a nearby bush. All his property was destroyed.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by armed CIO agents. He had been taking care of victims of political violence in his area together with his chairperson for the MDC. They were attacked by four CIO agents who had for some time been looking for them allegedly intending to kill them. On the day in question, they attacked them and they tried to run away. One of them tried to shoot the victim when he tried to escape but he missed. He tripped and fell while trying to run away. He sprained his right ankle. They however managed to escape and stayed in the forest for two days until someone was sent for them. They left for Harare.

26 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened by about 20 ZANU PF youths who went to his home threatening kill him as he was one of those held responsible for the loss in the March 29 harmonised elections. He was

however alerted of the youth's approach by the barking of the dogs and made an escape into the bush. The victim then sought refuge in Harare

Shamva South***2 May 2008***

The male victim reports that his home was burned down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home demanding to know why he supported the MDC. They proceeded to assault him with a stick on his right hand. He managed to escape into the bush. From there he saw the group burn his home and destroy his property. His youngest child, aged two, who was at the home as they set it alight suffered burns on her left leg. He reported the incident to the local police. The police went to the scene and then asked him to accompany them to the station to write a report. He was informed that the youths were still searching for him and sought refuge in Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his compound at night whilst he was asleep. They started to burn homes and as he was trying to escape one of them persued him and struck him on his right hand with a blunt object. He was also struck with an axe on his head. The victim received further blows in his ribcage. He sought refuge in Harare

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by about 20 ZANU PF youths at around 01:00hrs. The youths started burning the homes in the village. The villagers all got out of their homes and gathered at one home which had survived the fire. The youths started throwing stones telling them to leave the compound. One of the stones caught the victim's neighbour. He then left the village for Harare.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. A friend had gone to his home at around midnight and informed him that ZANU PF youths had started terrorising people in his ward. He took his passport and we went to the police. He and others slept at the police station and the next morning he went home only to find his home in ashes. All his property was also set on fire.

8 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. They were asleep when the youths surrounded their home and started throwing stones. The victim managed to escape but her auntie and two other women were assaulted. She slept in the bush overnight then travelled to Harare the following day to seek refuge. Her home and property were all destroyed in the fire

8 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to her home at around 0200hrs. Some started destroying the corners of her home as others were burning the curtains and smashing the windows. They forced her and her three year old son out of the home and assaulted her. One of the youths attempted to cut her throat with a machete. Her son started crying loudly and this caused the youths to stop the assault. They then left and all the homes were burnt to ashes, including all the property.

10 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after they broke in through the window. She was slapped as they accused her of selling the country.

10 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home and demanded to know why he was supporting Simba Makoni and why his brothers were supporting the MDC. They said they were reluctant to beat him because they knew that he was a chronically unwell person. They told him that he was expected from that day on to control his brothers. Nevertheless they then went on to slap him several times in the face. He was also hit with logs on both feet and legs around the ankle. He reports that he now experiences difficulty in walking.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened by ZANU PF youths. Soon after the 29 March harmonised elections results were announced, ZANU PF youths led by war veterans started attacking MDC leaders during the night. They claimed that if they destroyed the leaders then the MDC would be destroyed. The youths and war veterans started destroying and burning homesteads and assaulting villagers. Some villagers had died as a result of the beatings. Most of the MDC Shamva activists started staying in the bush. The victim managed to board a train to Harare. His family was threatened and detained in Shamva. They later on managed to escape.

17 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by suspected ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when the perpetrators set his home on fire. He reports that he would have been burned to death in his sleep had a stranger not rescued him. He lost his home and property. He suspected that this happened to him because he was an MDC supporter.

MASHONALAND EAST

Chikomba Central

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who had earlier gone to his home looking for him. They were later given information on his whereabouts by his neighbour. When they found him, they told him that they wanted to go with him to his home so that they could talk. The victim refused and they started assaulting him on the neck and head until he lost consciousness. When he came around, the assaults resumed. They lifted him onto a rock and beat him under the feet. They left him to sleep under a tree as he could not walk. He then saw someone passing through and asked for assistance. Unfortunately, the passerby was apprehended by the police. He was then rescued by his relatives. The victim sustained injuries on his back, legs and eyes.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his family were assaulted by ZANU PF youths. There was a ZANU PF rally which he had refused to attend. Some youths were sent to fetch him from his home. They found him in the garden with his wife and three children. They slapped his eight year old daughter and also slapped his wife and accused her of not attending the rally. One of them took a knobkerrie and forcefully pressed it into the back of his two year old son who started vomiting continuously. They then grabbed him and started beating him with the knobkerrie on the neck and face while the children were watching. They forced him to go with them to the rally. They further assaulted him until he lost consciousness. They told him that he should support ZANU PF. He was also told that he should neither report the incident to the police nor go to the hospital. He sought refuge in Harare. He was then informed that his two year son had died as a result of the injuries.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home while he and his wife were asleep. After they had harassed his wife, they started assaulting him. They told him that they had been looking for him. They assaulted him all over the body using baton sticks. The victim sustained injuries on the legs and had difficulty walking.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The villagers were forced to attend a ZANU PF rally. During the meeting he was taken aside to a nearby bush by about eight men who said they had something to discuss. They then took off his shoes and started beating him under the feet using wooden sticks. They beat him up for about 30 minutes after which they released him. They drove him to an unknown place and dumped him there. He had to walk back home. He sustained injuries as well as bleeding under the feet.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF Youths. He had visited his uncle and while they were asleep a group of ZANU PF youths woke them up and forced everyone out of the home, set it on fire. They then started assaulting them with shamboks, knobkerries and sticks. They severely assaulted everyone and also took his uncle's gun. They also took his passport, R700, \$8 billion, clothes and a cellphone. The victim sustained injuries all over the body.

Chikomba East

8 May 2008

The male victim who had been an MDC polling agent in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was forced to attend a rally so that he could name all the people who had voted for the MDC. They accused him of persuading some people to vote for the MDC. The victim denied the allegations. He was instructed to lie on the ground and they assaulted him on his buttocks. He was injured due to the beatings but they refused to let him seek medical assistance. He then left the village for Harare.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths at his home. When they failed to find him initially they threatened to burn his wife. The victim revealed himself when he realised that they were assaulting his wife. He was then beaten with a heavy object on the back of his head and he fell down. He was told to lie down and they beat him with a log all over his body. He and his family were made to lie on their abdomens, and were ordered to lift their legs and were assaulted underneath the feet. The following day they were summoned to a ZANU PF meeting and they were ordered to bring the MDC Chairman. He was told that failure to comply with the order would result in repeated attacks. The victim attended the meeting but he did not receive further assaults. The following two days saw the ZANU PF youths sleeping outside the victim's home. The victim eventually escaped to Harare.

9 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They asked for her husband and when the victim lied that he was not there she was slapped. She was ordered to lie down and she was assaulted on the buttocks with baton sticks. She was poked on the sides and was forced to march. The following day she and her husband were summoned to a ZANU PF meeting. That evening the assailants went to their home and the victim and her family escaped into the bushes where they remained for a couple of nights.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and he lost some property to ZANU PF youths who invaded his homestead and forced him to lead them to other MDC activists. They also forced his mother to chant ZANU PF slogans. On their way, one of the youths took his cellphone and assaulted him with hands and whips. Other

MDC activists organised themselves and managed to rescue him. He made a police report. The youths also stole from his home groundnuts, mealie meal and cooking oil.

Chikomba West

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burnt down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who used fists, planks and iron bars as they assaulted him all over his body. When they realised that he had lost consciousness, they dragged him into his bedroom. They ransacked his home and took with them MDC party cards, t-shirts and all the campaigning materials they found. When he regained consciousness, he was able to sneak out and run and they failed to catch him. On his return, he found that his kitchen had been burnt to ashes including all the property inside. He fled to Harare.

10 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to her home asking for her husband. She refused to cooperate and they started assaulting. Her husband then came to her rescue. He was however assaulted under the feet with wooden sticks. The youths took them into their bedroom and asked them to perform sexual acts. They further assaulted the victim with whips and ropes. She sustained injuries on the back, legs and buttocks.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by army officers. He was in the company of his nephew on their way from the shops.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths while he was at the shopping centre. He sustained head injuries.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by five ZANU PF youths who demanded that he surrender to them all his MDC t-shirts and accused him of being a sellout. They assaulted him all over the body and on the soles of his feet.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who confronted him at his home and accused him of supporting the MDC. They assaulted him all over the body and under the feet with sticks. They threatened to kill him. The victim sustained injuries all over the body.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and property were destroyed by ZANU PF youths. The victim denied them entry at about 01:00hrs but went outside to see who it was and he noticed a group of ZANU PF youths outside. When he got back into the home, the violaters started throwing stones into the home. They locked the door from outside and set the home on fire. He managed to escape through the window, landed on the ground and hit one of his shoulders. He also rescued his wife and child from the fire through the window. They hid in the nearby

bush and the following day the victim found that the teachers at his school had been assaulted. They were being accused of rigging the elections. The victim reported the matter to Featherstone Police Station and on 15 May 2008 one Arthur Ncube was arrested. The case was handled by the CID Law and Order Unit, Chivhu. The violaters went back on 19 May and burnt the rest of his property.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The villagers were being forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting. On his way there he met some youths who asked him to take them back to his home. When they got to his home, he took a weapon so that he could defend himself if they attacked him. The youths got the better of him and pushed him down. They assaulted him with wooden logs and bricks.

16 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He had been earlier informed that they were coming after him so he sought refuge in the nearby bush. On the following day the ZANU PF supporters went to his home at around 22:00hrs and found his wife whom they beat on the buttocks using sticks. They also destroyed her homestead.

16 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled from his home because he feared victimisation. He was warned that the ZANU PF hit squad was looking for him and he was in danger. He left the school that he heads and fled to Harare.

25 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was on his way to church when he met the ZANU PF losing candidate for Chikomba who was on his way to a ZANU PF rally. A few moments later, he saw the candidate behind him with a group of other youths whom he had fetched from the meeting. They accused the victim of preaching politics in church. They took him to their leaders for interrogation. After this they decided to move around the villages with him, identifying all other MDC activists. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body and also kicked him. At one point, he fell down and they started stepping on his chest. He tried to get help from a policeman but he was also harassed and he could not assist him. He managed to escape but they followed him to his home. He fled from his home and slept in the forest for three days. He eventually got transport to Harare.

Goromonzi North

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and detained by ZANU PF youths who forced him to attend a meeting at which they were being addressed by soldiers, ZANU PF youths and war veterans. The victim's name was called out from a list of MDC supporters. He and others were taken to Cranborne Barracks 2 Brigade where they were detained for 10 days. During their stay, he was beaten several times on the back and buttocks with wooden sticks punched and kicked all over the body. The detainees had cold water poured on them while they slept at night and threatened them with death as guns were pointed at them. They were asked to write

accounts of why they were voting for the MDC. They were released after Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights Intervened

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and detained for 12 days by war veterans. A war veteran went to his work place and informed the management that all workers were supposed to attend a meeting to be held the next day. As the meeting progressed a list of MDC supporters was called out. They were severely assaulted while lying on the ground. They were told they were going to be taken to Goromonzi Police Station. They were however ordered to close their eyes until they were put in a certain room. They had no idea of their whereabouts. The victim was asked to undress. He was forced to lie down and they proceeded to assault him all over the body. One soldier arrived the following and on being informed about the reasons for their presence, he also assaulted them. They were detained for about two weeks and afterwards taken back to their homes.

Goromonzi South

3 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and detained by war veterans. When the war veterans found out about his political activities, they interrogated him and assaulted him with open hands and booted feet. They also pulled his genitalia. He was taken to Cranborne Barracks where he was detained for two weeks. He was assaulted several times while in the cells. He was not given enough food and there were not enough blankets.

23 May 2008

The female victim reports that she and her husband were assaulted by ZANU PF youths who wanted to burn the home but could not find the matches. They fled into the bushes. The police came and they were taken to Mabvuku Police Station. The victim were sent to Parirenyatawa Hospital for treatment.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths twelve of whom went to his home and told him that they had been sent by their seniors to take him to their base. At the base he was ordered to lie down and was assaulted on the buttocks with sticks. They ordered him to go back home and return daily at 05:00hrs to have the register marked to confirm that he was around. He went back to report on three occasions after which he told them he had to leave for Harare for treatment.

Goromonzi West

15 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and that she was assaulted and detained by ZANU PF Youths. The victim heard some noise and identified a group of people going towards her home. The family locked their doors and ran away because they had been tipped that ZANU PF supporters were going around assaulting people. They hid in the nearby bush and heard the youths singing and shouting. The victim saw the violators setting her mother's hut on fire. They burnt down the granary and the scotch cart. When they went to observe the damage the following morning the victim discovered that her two-bedroomed hut had been burnt and all her property had been destroyed. The violators then abducted them and took them to their base in Chibayamashaya Ward which is located in the middle of the bush. They were ordered to lie on the ground and were assaulted with logs all over the body. They were detained there for a day. ZANU PF youths then ordered them to vacate the area.

15 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was asked to attend a village meeting. She complied and at the meeting she was asked to surrender her MDC membership card and t-shirts. She denied having anything to do with the MDC whereupon she was assaulted with booted feet and wooden sticks. Her homes were burnt and she was left with nothing. The victim also reported that she left a 13 yearold child at home and was now an internally displaced person.

Marondera Central

12 May 2008

The male victim reported that he was assaulted and that his property was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. He was attacked during the night while he was asleep. They dragged him out of the home and set it on fire. The victim was then taken to a ZANU PF base where he was detained for about 24 hrs. He was assaulted with old tires and sticks. He sustained injuries under his feet and on the right side of his back.

21 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burnt and and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who forced him to drink a certain liquid in a container used for pesticides. They beat him under feet. They proceeded to burn his home and property. They also kept some of his household property for themselves.

Marondera East

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who took him to their base at Igava Farm and started interrogating him . He was then assaulted with sticks and whips on the back and buttocks. He was released after two days and sought refuge in Harare. He sustained injuries which were causing chest pains , abdominal pains and backache.

Mudzi North***3 May 2008***

The male victim reports that his home was burned down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. About 13 ZANU PF activists went to his home purporting to be soldiers. They forced the door open, pulled him out and started assaulting him on the back and hands with logs for about 15 minutes. When he realised that the youths had returned to the village and this time were burning homes, he fled from his home. He went into hiding started staying in the bush. He only managed to make it to Harare on the 15 May 2008.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was threatened by ZANU PF youths. He fled to Harare before they could carry out their threats.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had attended a ZANU PF meeting and he was assaulted with thick sticks because he was suspected to have voted for the MDC.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was asked to go to Madzivanhanga ZANU PF youth base. When he got there he was assaulted with sticks.

8 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was called to meeting where she was assaulted after being identified as an MDC supporter. She was beaten with fists and and pushed to the ground and she injured her left hand.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because he supports the MDC.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had had not been staying at his home for the previous week after he had earlier been detained and assaulted at the youth base. He sought refuge at the hospital.

11 May 2008

The female victim who was pregnant at the time of the incident reports that her home was burnt down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was sleeping at a neighbour's place when about 20 ZANU PF youths called their names out from a list and proceeded to assault them. They accused them of being traitors. She and her neighbour were then taken to a place far from where she resides and the assaults continued along the way. They were later dumped at an unknown place and they walked till they reached Marlborough. The home they were living in was burnt.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was asleep when a group of ZANU PF youths went to her home. They asked her for her husband's whereabouts while slapping her. They forced her and her sister-in-law into a car together with her twin children. They were taken to Kotwa, far from home, where they were assaulted with sticks all over the body by four men. They forced them to repeat ZANU PF slogans with which they were unfamiliar with. They were beaten till around 07:00hrs the next morning. They were eventually released. At the time of the report, the victim was experiencing difficulty in breathing as well as diarrhoea.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that her two children were abducted from home and beaten up the whole night and were brought back home the following morning. After three days the assailants came back looking for the elder of the two brothers but did not find him at home as he was on the run. They hunted for him and found him before he had boarded a bus to Harare. At the time of the report the victim was still searching for her son. She was threatened with death if she did not bring her son home.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by CIO members. He was waiting for transport to go to Nyamapanda when he was approached by 2 CIO members who asked him why he was standing at the bus stop. He explained where he wanted to go and they accused him of sending information on the beatings that were taking place in the area. They fired a shot in the air before abducting him. They took him to their base where he was beaten with hands, booted feet and logs.

20 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths who took him to their base where he was forced to lie on his stomach. One man was holding his hands and legs while another was stepping on his neck. They took turns to beat him with wooden logs all over his body.

24 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was an MDC activist who had been displaced from his home since the 1st of May 2008. He had been staying in Kambazuma since then. He had boarded a bus to Mutoko, when he was identified by some ZANU PF youths. They interrogated and assaulted him. He sustained injuries all over the body and also complained of chest and abdominal pains.

25 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters and war veterans. He was working in the fields when a group of eight ZANU PF war veterans visited him and invited him for a meeting at the clinic. He was identified as one of the MDC supporters who had been listed. He and six other MDC supporters were beaten on the buttocks with the wooden logs.

Mudzi South*11 May 2008*

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee his home when he was informed that ZANU PF supporters and war vets were looking for him. He had campaigned for the MDC for the Presidential elections. He sought refuge in the bush. The ZANU PF supporters had earlier instructed him as a pastor to chase away all MDC supporters from the church. He spent more than a week on the run until he went to Harare

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was destroyed by ZANU PF supporters. The victim and his family are MDC supporters who hosted some MDC meetings. On 15 May ZANU PF supporters

went to his home and started burning his property. They also assaulted him and his wife. They used bricks to assault him behind his ear and leg. The victim had a catheter and it was damaged.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths four of whom dragged him to their base at Rudonde Primary School. They accused him of being a sell-out and assaulted him. He was beaten on the buttocks and he sprained his right shoulder. When then eventually released him, he decided to leave for Harare

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by army soldiers and war veterans. Two armed soldiers and three war veterans arrived at his father's business premises in a Mitsubishi car. They ordered him to lie down and started assaulting him in the back with sticks. They also slapped him. They alleged that the victim had influenced his father to engage in politics and since he was a teacher he had also enlightened students about the MDC. They also accused him of rigging the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections in favour of the MDC. He fled to Harare after they had released him.

19 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and property were destroyed and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at around midnight armed with axes, stones, spears and logs. As he was running into the mountains, he got hit by a stone. They took away his wardrobe before setting the home on fire. He lost all his property in the fire. He then went to Harare to seek assistance.

20 May 2008

The male victim who is an MDC activist reports that his property was destroyed and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths about 15 of whom went to his home. They took him to their base at Masarafuka turnoff. When they got there, he saw about 200 members wielding heavy sticks. Seven members took turns to assault him on the buttocks whilst he was lying down. The youths burned down his huts, chicken run, kraal and 5 goats.

21 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths two of whom went to his home and forced him to accompany them to their base. He was identified as an MDC supporter. They proceeded to assault him on the buttocks. On 23 May 2008 about 15 youths went back to his home and again took him to their base. When they got there, he discovered that they had gathered many other MDC supporters. They ordered him to lie down and ten of them took turns to assault him on the buttocks. They then stopped on the instruction of their leaders. They ordered all the victims not to go to the clinic and they were kept under surveillance. The youths then ordered the victim to give them 3 chickens. He then decided to leave his home and seek assistance in Harare.

Mudzi West

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths who took him to a base camp which had been set up in Mudzi. He was detained for one week. He was eventually released after his health had deteriorated.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He is an MDC youth member who was forced to join the ZANU PF youth group after they had set his homes on fire and assaulted his mother. He was forced to participate in the violent campaigns against MDC supporters in the area. On the day in question, some ZANU PF youths attempted to steal peanuts from his home but he protested. Sometime later, when he was walking to the shops, they unleashed their dogs on him and he was beaten. One of the dogs bit him on the thigh leaving markings of 6 teeth. He sustained a hamstring injury and, at the time of the report, had difficulty in walking.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had returned from Mozambique and was accused of having gone there to train MDC militia. The victim himself was trained in the military force from 1987 to 1991. He was then beaten with fists and sticks, after which he was asked to guard about 10 other MDC youths so that they would not go back to attending to MDC business.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. There had been the funeral of his child at his home. His relatives who had attended the funeral stayed over. Some ZANU PF youths then accused him of missing compulsory sessions at the base and also harbouring MDC supporters. The victim then decided to attend a session and spent the night at the base. Then the next day one youth confronted him with a letter which stated he was supposed to receive 60 lashes with a whip. He was then hit with sticks on his buttocks while others were hitting him under his feet and another was pressing his head into the ground. On the next day, another youth also confronted him with instructions that he had not received enough punishment. He was further assaulted.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where he was heavily assaulted. The meeting took place at Nyamangora School. The assaults came after he had confessed that he was an MDC supporter. He was assaulted with a log on the buttocks. He also sustained arm injuries .

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was damaged by ZANU PF youths. He had refused to attend a ZANU PF meeting. They went to his home looking for him and left a message with his wife that he was expected at the base. The victim's wife went to the base instead of him. She was assaulted after she had refused to reveal his whereabouts. They destroyed the roof of his home and took some food for themselves. He then decided to seek refuge in Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he his home was burned down and he was tortured and detained by ZANU PF youths, army officers and war veterans. He was asleep when the group approached his home which was at his school . He had deserted his other home and was sleeping at the school where he had come to seek refuge. The assailants started firing shots in the air and throwing stones on the roof of the home until the asbestos was destroyed. He eventually went out and they assaulted him until he lost consciousness. He was picked up in the morning by someone who took him to hospital. When he was discharged the ZANU PF youths and armed forces took him to their camp where they tortured him for a week. He managed to escape again but was caught on his way out. He was further assaulted and left lying in the road. He managed to get help from a truck driver who took him to Harare on 13/05/08. His two homes and all his property was destroyed. At the time of the report, he was living as an internally displaced person.

14 May 2008

The male victim who is a war veteran reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was taken to a ZANU PF base at Rukonde Primary School at around 1000hrs. When they got there, he was identified as an MDC supporter and a sell-out. He was ordered to sit and one of the youths tried to lift him up by the shoulders and he sustained injuries. They told him to lie down and they held his head and legs while they assaulted him with sticks on the buttocks. He reported at Kotwa Police Station on 15 May and the RRB is 0349794. The matter was still being investigated.

Murewa North*29 May 2008*

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Two ZANU-PF supporters were reportedly shot dead while two others escaped unhurt in politically motivated violence by alleged MDC supporters in Mutoko. Lessy Chitsitsi, the ZANU PF ward publicity secretary in the area, was reportedly shot dead on Thursday 29 May 2008 and the second victim Taurai Chihuri was reportedly shot and killed on Friday 30 May 2008 respectively.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters. Soon after the March 29 harmonised elections result, ZANU PF youths and War Veterans were unleashed into their area. When they arrived at his homestead he fled into the bush where he stayed for about one and a half months. When he came back home to see what was happening, he was ambushed, kicked and beaten all over the body. He was slapped on the face while being restrained by four youths, two on either side. He sought assistance from other MDC activists and went to Harare. The victim was at the time of the report complaining of pain and partial deafness in the right ear.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee from his home after ZANU PF youths had gone to looking for him. He had earlier in the day been involved in a fight with war veterans. He fled to Harare. He received news that his home had been destroyed.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home and started smashing windows and breaking down doors. He was then dragged out of the home. They proceeded to assault him as they demanded to know the whereabouts of his brother, and assaulted him with logs, and batons on the left hand, back and buttocks. They took his brother's clothes and some of his belongings and burned them. He reported the case at Murewa Police Station and they gave him a letter to enable him to get medical treatment at the local clinic but he was denied treatment. They told him that they had no medication.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. It was around midnight when she and her husband woke up to the sound of stones hitting the roof, smashing windows and collapsing doors. When they got out, they saw about 25 youths. They were asked why they had voted for the MDC. Her husband was assaulted with chains but he managed to escape. She was assaulted with sticks on the buttocks and back. They set her home on fire. They also looted some of her property. She was left with a broken arm.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his property was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home at around 01:00hrs after he had been identified as an MDC supporter. They burnt some of his property and kept the rest of it themselves.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths. They approached it at night and assaulted him using heavy logs. He got a cut on the head and started to bleed. His wife was heavily assaulted to the extent that she could no longer walk by herself. They managed to escape to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths with a metal object. He sustained injuries on his arm, left leg and right eye. At the time of the report, the victim was also complaining of chest pains.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who forced themselves into the home and assaulted him using different objects. He fled to Murehwa where other MDC members helped him to get to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. A group of about 30 approached his home demanding to see his son who is an MDC youth. He refused to cooperate with them so they forced their way in. They found his son whom they dragged out. The victim then tried to rescue his son but one of the youth caught him on his left arm with a log. His arm was broken.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to her home looking for her husband who was at work in Harare. They assaulted her with logs and destroyed her home. She fled to Harare.

12 May 2008

The female victim reports that her husband was murdered by suspected ZANU PF youths. He had left for Murehwa with his friends who were also MDC activists. His body was found dumped in a bush in Goromonzi after being missing for 10 days. His eyes had been removed and he had a hole in his chest. His genitals had been cut off, his tongue and teeth had also been removed and his body had been set on fire. His friends were also found dead. The victim was also informed that some ZANU PF members and CIO agents had been to her home in Epworth looking for her. At the time of the report, the victim was living in fear.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths also broke into it at night but he managed to escape into a nearby bush. His property was also destroyed. The victim had also been assaulted on 11 May at a ZANU PF meeting.

14 May 2008

The male victim is an MDC supporter. On the day in question he heard noises outside and when he got out to inquire he saw ZANU PF supporters surrounding his homestead. They ordered him outside. The victim was not dressed properly as he was wearing only his underwear. He was ordered to lie on his stomach and they started

assaulting him and his wife with an electric cable. The assailants destroyed his property and kept some of it for themselves.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when ZANU PF youths from Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe forced him out of the home. They ordered him to lie down and they assaulted him with logs on his buttocks thighs and back. His wife also got out of the home but she was not beaten. She was asked to choose between being beaten and being slept with. They however let her get back into the home. The youths ultimately set his home and property on fire. He reported the incident at Murehwa Police Station.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths with a wire

20 May 2008

The male victim, who had been involved in voter education with the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He had gone around the area telling the villagers that there were no cameras which recorded how people voted and this was perceived as being pro MDC. On the night in question, some youths went to his home looking for him. They threatened to burn down the home. The victim then revealed himself as he feared for his children's safety. He was forced to lie down as they assaulted him on the back and buttocks. They dragged him away from his home and further assaulted him for about an hour. They accused him of misinforming the villagers.

20 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was burned down by ZANU PF supporters. He had earlier been warned that he was one of the ZANU PF youths' targets. He was in his garden when he saw smoke coming from his village. He suspected that his home had been set on fire. He then sent a friend to check on his family. The friend, on his return, confirmed that his home had been burned down. He made a report at the local Police Station. He went to Harare to seek refuge.

23 May 2008

The male victim, who is an MDC supporter, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They accused him of stealing sugarcane from a neighbour's garden. He was then taken to their base for discipline. They slapped him on the head and chest. They went back to his home to search for MDC materials. While they were searching, he managed to escape. He got to the main road took a bus to Harare.

29 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into his home and severely beat him. They asked for his MDC cards and t-shirts and the mobile phone. They beat him so hard on the buttocks until he lost consciousness. They then set the home on fire. Someone dragged him out of the burning home. He sustained injuries all over his body and could hardly walk.

29 May 2008

The male victim, who had been a presiding officer during the March 29 harmonised election reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. On 29 May 2008 a ZANU PF meeting was convened at Dombwe Business Centre. All the teachers at Chimhau School were ordered to attend the meeting. The victim's name was called out from a list and he was assaulted with big sticks. They then told him not to vote for the MDC in the 27 June Presidential runoff.

Murewa South

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths because he supports the MDC. They assaulted him using sticks. They also slapped him. They returned a few days later in the company of a soldier and set fire to his home and property. He fled and sought refuge in the bush.

19 May 2008

The male victim reports he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who forced him to accompany them to their base at Nkakina Shopping Centre. He was assaulted with wooden logs on the buttocks. Several other MDC supporters who were there were also assaulted.

Murewa West

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Two cars approached a group of young people and the occupants disembarked and started forcing all the young boys and girls into their cars. They took them to Rota School. When they got there they were forced to sing Chimurenga songs and repeat ZANU PF slogans. They also made them jog, roll on the ground and poured water on them. He was detained for three days and was continually assaulted with ropes, sticks and cables. The assailants confiscated his Identity Card and birth certificate. He managed to escape and fled to Harare. He was bruised all over the body.

Mutoko East

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who at around 10:00hrs, were sent by war veterans to collect him. They took him to their base where they threatened to kill him because he had not surrendered his MDC cards and T-shirts. They assaulted him and forced him to run with two bricks in each hand. They asked him for information on the whereabouts of the MDC Senator and MP. He professed his ignorance and was eventually released. A few days later they went back to the home looking for him. He fled to Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim, who is the Ward Chairman for the MDC, was assaulted by about five ZANU PF supporters. He reported the case at Mutoko Police Station.

5 May 2008

The male victim reported that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF rally on 29 April 2008. MDC supporters were asked to confess so that they would be forgiven for the alleged betrayal. The villagers did not cooperate. They were informed that youths were going to be sent after the MDC supporters. On 5 May 2008 at night, the victim's home was surrounded by ZANU PF youths who forced him to repeat slogans and assaulted him with logs.

7 May 2008

The female victim reports that she is now an internally displaced person. Her home in Mutoko was burned down by ZANU PF youths. She and her family were forced to flee to Harare.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and assaulted by ZANU PF youths who ordered him to surrender his MDC card and T-shirts. They assaulted him with a pick handle under the feet.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was called to the ZANU PF base and was accused of keeping a gun and planning to wage a war against ZANU PF supporters. He was assaulted with logs and kicked all over his body. The assailants also looted his shop and displaced his family.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans. The victim was the area Chief. One war veteran was sent to his home with a letter informing him to hand over a plough which he had been given by the ZANU PF party. They accused him of telling his people to vote for the MDC. He was ordered to lie on the floor and they assaulted him all over the body. They told him to refund all the monies which he has been paid as the Chief. He was also told not to leave the area.

16 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU supporters who were in the company of a CIO agent and an airforce pilot. They told him that he had been identified as an MDC supporter. They beat him and took him to their base where they put him in a sack and tied him inside. They poured water on him whilst in the sack and threatened to kill him. He eventually escaped into the bush and found his way to Harare.

Mutoko North

1 May 2008

The female victim is an MDC supporter who reports that she was forced to flee from her home as she feared victimisation by the ZANU PF youths. After the March 29 harmonised elections, ZANU PF supporters were going around assaulting MDC supporters in the area. She left her home and started staying in the forest. The victim fled the forest to Harare when she heard that the youths were now conducting searches in the forest.

4 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who demanded the MDC party's district register of which the victim was not in possession as it was kept by the party secretary. They assaulted him with clenched fists and sticks. He sustained injuries on his left arm and lower back. They also looted some of his property .

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who told him that they were targetting teachers but wanted the Chairman first. About 200 went to his home at around 22:00hrs. They forced him and his wife out and demanded their MDC membership cards. Four people then grabbed the victim and four others were assaulting him on the buttocks. One of the assailants kicked him in the face just below the eye. They looted some of his property .

6 May 2008

The female victim, who at the time was pregnant. reports that her property was destroyed by ZANU PF youths and war veterans and she was assaulted. A group of about 22 people went to her home and told her that they had information that her husband who had fled from the village in April had returned. She told them the truth; that he had not returned. They accused her of working together with her husband and started assaulting her on the buttocks and back with a knobkerry . She made a report at the Police Station and she was referred to a doctor. They looted some of her property and set some of it on fire. She fled to her mother's home . They followed her there after a few days and repeated the assaults. She then fled to Harare.

7 May 2008

The male victim, who had been an MDC polling agent during the March 29 harmonised elections, reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was asleep when a group of about 35 youths approached his home and forced him out. They asked him to produce his MDC card and T-shirt but he replied that he was not in possession of such materials. They forced him to the ground and assaulted him on the buttocks until he vomitted

and defecated. They then ordered his children to take him back into the home and to stay in the dark. They left the victim's home with a promise to return.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by four ZANU PF youths who told him to leave his home because only ZANU PF supporters were welcome in the area. He sustained injuries on on his jaw, back and hands.

8 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after they had seen him putting up MDC posters. There were about fifty of them . They assaulted him with sticks under the feet and all over body. They later set his two homes on fire.

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. Her husband had been a polling officer for the MDC in the 29 March 2008 harmonised elections. A ZANU PF meeting was convened at Makura Primary School and the villagers were forced to attend. People who voted for MDC were told to stand up. The victim did not stand up but a war veteran identified her as an MDC supporter. She and others were taken to a ZANU PF base at Makura Primary School. She was told to surrender her husband's MDC t-shirts and cards. She was assaulted with sticks. Because of threats of further beatings she decided to flee to Harare. She sustained injuries in her back, legs and buttocks. At the time of the report , there was discharge coming out of her ears.

11 May 2008

A local businessman was openly campaigning for the MDC before the elections including providing transport and food for the candidates and also general funding. He received death threats after the elections and went into hiding. His homestead was pulled to the ground and a base was set up at the homestead.. His livestock is still being used to feed people at the base. His shop was closed indefinitely.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted with a wooden log on both buttocks after confessing to being an MDC political commissar.

13 May 2008

The male victim, who is an advisor for the MDC, reports that his home was burned down and he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. They went to his home in the evening and assaulted him with an axe handle. They broke the window and set his home and property on fire.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home in the evening and forced him out. He was beaten all over the body with sticks and knobkerries until he lost consciousness. They broke into the home and set his property on fire. They took some pigs for themselves.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he had been a victim of the ZANU PF youths in the year 2006. On the day in question, they went to his home singing taunting songs about him. He fled into the bush, leaving his wife whom they assaulted. They destroyed his home before looting some food for themselves.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted with an iron bar after being identified as a member of the ZANU PF party by MDC members.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was abducted and dragged to a ZANU PF base located at Mavhurati Clinic where he was assaulted with a stick on the right forearm and buttocks. He was then detained at the base for two weeks.

17 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The villagers were forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting which was held at Chibeta Priamry School. The victim's name was called out from a list of suspected MDC supporters. She and other MC supporters were then pushed into one of the classrooms where the war veterans and youths used thick sticks and batons to assault them. She was assaulted on the buttocks, back and thighs. She and her husband were forced to deliver some food and money as their 'fine'.

20 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths. She had resigned as the chairperson of the ZANU PF Womens League in the area. The ZANU PF youths then concluded that she had joined the MDC. They went at night and destroyed her home. They used stones and wooden poles to break into it. They asked for an MDC card and assaulted her with wooden poles. They destroyed some of her property.

20 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was identified as an MDC member. They assaulted him with sticks all over the body. He sustained injuries to his face, arms and legs.

Mutoko South***2 May 2008***

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. On 26 April 2008, a meeting was convened by soldiers and war veterans. They urged people to vote for ZANU PF in the run off Presidential election. They uttered several threats including that if Mugabe failed to win they would return and kill the villagers. On 2 May 2008 about 200 ZANU PF youths, war veterans and soldiers went around the village looking for guns which were allegedly being hidden by MDC supporters. The victim and others were taken from their homes to Tsatsa where they were assaulted him with wooden hoe handles and sticks on the buttocks and his left hand where he sustained a fracture. He lost consciousness and was later taken to a clinic. He was then taken to Harare.

5 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was forced to flee from his home when about eight ZANU PF youths went at night looking for him. He escaped through the window and walked through the night to Mutoko.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He and others were on their way to Mutoko to bury a friend when they were stopped at a road block set up by ZANU PF youths. They alleged that the victim and his friends were MDC activists and started assaulting them with logs on their buttocks. They were released after the assaults.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths after he had refused to accompany them to their base. He managed to escape into the bush where he stayed for three days. He returned home to pick up his wife and together, they escaped to Harare.

16 May 2008

The female victim, whose daughter is a strong MDC activist, reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. She was on her way to Murehwa when the youths started following her. They started assaulting her and kicking her all over the body as soon as they had caught up with her.

17 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was shot by suspected ZANU PF youths. He had been on the run since three of his colleagues had been abducted by unknown men and had since disappeared. On the day of the event he was coming from Mutoko Centre after his daily business when he noticed men behind him who seemed to be following him. He tried to run away and one of the men shot him in the back. He heard distant voices acknowledging that they had hit him as they ran away. He lost consciousness. He woke up the next day and dragged himself to friend's home. He sustained a back injury.

22 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by war veterans who forced him to attend a meeting. They ordered him to lie down and assaulted him. They then told him to go and look for his wife. He went to look for her but found her gone. They called him again to their base on 26 May. They wanted to assault him but later said they were going to give him four days to find his wife and take her to them. He decided to flee to Harare.

24 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youth who forced her to accompany them to their base. When they got there they asked her for the whereabouts of her twin sons. They threatened to kill her if she failed to deliver her sons to them. They ordered her to lie down and assaulted her six times on the buttocks with thick sticks. They instructed her to report every day to be assaulted until she had brought her sons. She decided to flee to Harare.

24 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The reason for the assaults was that she had campaigned for the MDC in the run up to the March 29 harmonised elections. She was assaulted in front of her two small children (4 years and 1 and a half years).

Wedza South

12 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for not attending a ZANU PF rally. The female victim was on her way to church when she met a group of ZANU PF youths who asked her why she was going to church instead of attending the ZANU PF meeting. The youths then ordered her to chant the ZANU PF slogan. She refused and was assaulted by four of them. They then ordered her to follow them to the venue of the meeting. On their way to the venue they met a police truck. The victim then reported that she had been assaulted by the ZANU PF youths. She identified the four men who had assaulted her earlier. They were taken to Wedza Police Station where the victim made a formal report.

Uzumba

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He managed to escape unharmed together with his family. He lost all his belongings. He fled to Harare leaving his family behind.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths several days after they had set his home on fire. They assaulted him with sticks and clenched fists.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. They then set the home on fire while some of them took his livestock. He slept in the open for several days before managing to get busfare to go to Harare.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he, his wife and grandchild were assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly being MDC supporters. The assailants came to his home at night and ordered him and his family out of the home. They then began assaulting them on the buttocks and thighs with large sticks. The victim fractured his left hand.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was severely assaulted by ZANU PF youths for allegedly supporting the MDC. His wife was beaten to death during the assault. On the day of the incident armed ZANU PF youths came to the victim's home and ordered him and his wife out of it. They then ordered the victim and his wife to sit on the ground and began to assault them with sticks. The victim's wife was beaten on the head. They both lost consciousness. When the victim came to, his wife was lying motionless on the ground. Her mother tried to resuscitate her but she did not regain consciousness. She was taken to the hospital the following morning where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

10 May 2008

The male victim was sleeping in his field when he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. His brother, an MDC activist had come to stay with him after he fled violence in his own village. Fearing victimisation, the victim and his brother began sleeping in the cotton field instead of the home. The youths discovered their hiding place and attacked them at night. They were both assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks. The assailants fled after the attack.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home set on fire by ZANU PF youths who came to his home at night and forced him and his family out of the home before setting it on fire. They then assaulted the victim, his wife and young children with sticks, booted feet and open hands. They also took the victim's livestock.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was destroyed by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he was an MDC supporter

11 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted and her property set on fire by ZANU PF youths who came at night and demanded a gun and MDC membership cards. They ransacked the home before setting it on fire. All the victim's belongings were lost in the fire. The assailants then assaulted the victim, her husband, 16 year old son and grandchild. They were beaten on the buttocks and back with large sticks and baton sticks. She managed to flee to Harare together with her family.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. The youths came to his home at night and demanded that he comes out of the home. He opened the door and was immediately apprehended. He was slapped across the face then ordered to lie down on his abdomen. He was assaulted on the buttocks with a large stick. The assailants also destroyed the victim's home.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his wife were assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that they are MDC supporters. The assailants came to their home at night and began throwing stones destroying the windows and window panes. The victim and his wife were then ordered out of the home. They were severely assaulted with large sticks all over their bodies before being ordered to go back into the home. On the following day the victim's wife collapsed and died.

13 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because her husband is an MDC supporter. The assailants came to her home at night and dragged her and her husband outside. Both the victim and her husband were assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks. They were then warned to leave the village or risk being killed.

14 May 2008

The male victim reports that he fled his home after he was attacked by ZANU PF youths for not attending ZANU PF rally. The youths came to his home at night armed with large sticks. The victim fled leaving behind his wife and child. At the time of the report he did not know where they were.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home was set on fire by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he had voted for the MDC. They also uprooted the vegetables in his gardens and set fire to his maize harvest. He fled to Harare where he was staying with a relative at the time of the report.

16 May 2008

The male victim reports that his home and all his belongings were destroyed after ZANU PF youths set fire to it. Fearing further victimisation the victim fled to Harare.

17 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for refusing to give them the names of all the MDC supporters in his area. He was assaulted with large sticks, open hands and booted feet. He fled to Harare fearing that the assailants would return.

19 May 2008

ZANU PF youths broke into the male victim's home and assaulted him and his siblings. The assailants also set their hut on fire destroying all their belongings. Their parents are MDC supporters and had gone into hiding following attacks on other MDC supporters.

20 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and had his home destroyed by ZANU PF youths who alleged that he is an MDC supporter. He was assaulted with knobkerries and booted feet. The assailants then proceeded to destroy his home with boulders and picks.

23 May 2008

ZANU PF youths broke into the male victim's home and assaulted him. He was beaten on the buttocks with large sticks. They went on to set the victim's home on fire destroying all his belongings. He came to Harare to seek assistance as well as to flee from the violence.

27 May 2008

The male victim was asleep when a group of suspected ZANU PF youths broke into his home. They dragged him outside and ordered him to lie on his abdomen. They then assaulted him on the buttocks with large sticks. The assailants told the victim that he was being punished for being a “sell out”. His home and maize harvest were set on fire. He lost all his belongings.

27 May 2008

On the night in question ZANU PF youths went to the male victim's home and assaulted him for being an MDC supporter. He was dragged out of the home by a group of ZANU PF youths who ordered him to lie on his abdomen and assaulted him on the buttocks and under the feet. He was also beaten on the arm with an axe handle. The victim lost consciousness during the assault. He was taken to the local clinic, but due to the unavailability of drugs was referred to Harare for treatment.

27 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths for being an MDC supporter. They broke into his home and dragged him outside. He was then ordered to lie down on his abdomen and assaulted on the buttocks. As they were beating him, one of the assailants was stepping on his neck. The victim was also hit with an axe handle on the left arm. The ZANU PF youths then took some of the victim's belongings including his radio and cash amounting to Z\$6 billion.

MASHONALAND WEST

Chakari

5 May 2008

Armed ZANU PF youths attacked the victim's home and assaulted him for being an MDC supporter. He reports that he was assaulted with iron bars and baton sticks and sustained injuries on the head and back.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations of supporting the MDC. He was passing through the ZANU PF base when he was apprehended by some youth members. They took him to a bushy area and assaulted him with open hands and booted feet. He was released after about two hours and warned against being an MDC supporter.

Chegutu East***9 May 2008***

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at the home of an MDC activist when the group of armed youths attacked him. The youths had come to punish the MDC activist for being a “sell out”. The victim was assaulted for trying to defend the MDC activist. He sustained injuries on the chest and head. He went to Chegutu clinic where he was admitted. On discharge he tried to make a police report but was turned away.

9 May 2008

ZANU PF youths attacked the male victim on allegation that he is an MDC supporter. He reports that they came to his home and began throwing large stones at it destroying all the windows. The victim was hit on the head with a stone. He was also beaten with an axe handle on the face. The assailants then took the victim’s clothes from his home and left.

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he and his brother were abducted by suspected CIO agents. The assailants came to their home at night and knocked at the door alleging that they were CIO agents. When the victim opened the door, he and his brother were apprehended by nine men. The assailants forced them into a Mazda B1800 truck and blindfolded them. The victims were assaulted with booted feet and sticks. They were then thrown out of the truck and had to walk back home. A police report was made.

12 May 2008

The male victims report that they were assaulted by ZANU PF youths and war veterans on allegations that they are MDC supporters. They had been forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting at the youths’ base at Gapo Farm School where they were questioned them about their political affiliations. They were then assaulted on the buttocks and under the feet.

13 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he was late for a ZANU PF meeting. The assailants came to his home and dragged him to the meeting venue. At the meeting, the names of purported MDC supporters were called out. The victim’s name was on the list. They were taken away from the meeting and assaulted on the back, buttocks and under the feet with large sticks. The victim’s dreadlocks were cut off with a knife.

13 May 2008

The male victim was attacked by a group of ZANU PF youths after a heated argument with one of them at a beerhall. The argument began when the ZANU PF youth alleged that the victim was an MDC supporter. A few hours later the victim was attacked by a group of ZANU PF youths at his home. The assailants broke into his

home and assaulted him with booted feet and sticks. Some time later the police arrived and arrested five of the assailants. The others managed to flee.

13 May 2008

ZANU PF youths assaulted the male victim for allegedly coming late to a ZANU PF meeting. The victim had just arrived from a funeral when he was informed by some children that everyone in the village was attending a ZANU PF meeting. Fearing victimisation, the victim went to the meeting. When he arrived he was questioned on why he had arrived late. They did not believe he was coming from a funeral. He was assaulted with a whip on the buttocks. He was later released after it emerged that he was not a registered voter.

Chinhoyi

19 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He was assaulted on the back and buttocks with large sticks.

Gokwe North

4 May 2008

The male victim is an MDC supporter. ZANU PF youths came to his home and assaulted him and his family. They blindfolded him and stole his money. He was assaulted with electric cables. The victim made a police report and some of the assailants were arrested.

Gokwe South

13 May 2008

The male victim is an MDC supporter. He reports that ZANU PF youths came to his home and assaulted him and his wife. They also took his Z\$40 billion. He made a police report.

Hurungwe East*9 May 2008*

Σ.The Herald

Suspected MDC supporters are alleged to have assaulted ZANU PF supporters at Sengwe Business Centre in Magunje. The ZANU PF supporters are reported to have been carrying out a campaign in the area. The assailants allegedly then went to Cde Fanny Chindumure, the ZANU PF district vice chairman in Chikopota village and set his home on fire. Property including 5 bags of shelled grain, 6 blankets, a double bed and clothes worth about Z\$15 billion were reportedly destroyed.

11 May 2008

Σ.The Herald

It is reported that 27 MDC-T supporters were arrested in Karoi for allegedly stoning a ZANU PF information centre and assaulting ZANU PF members who were on a campaign exercise in the area.

7 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youth on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He was forced to attend a ZANU PF meeting where known and purported MDC supporters were being punished. He was among those identified as MDC supporters. He was assaulted on the buttocks with large sticks. After the assault he was ordered back to the meeting.

12 May 2008

The male victim, an MDC polling agent during the 29 March 2008 Harmonised Elections reports that he was assaulted and had his home set on fire by ZANU PF youths. He was assaulted with a metal rod, but managed to flee from the assailants. The youths went on to burn his livestock. The victim had to walk a long distance to Karoi to get transport to Harare.

Hurungwe West*11 May 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he is an MDC supporter. He sustained a fractured left arm.

Manyame

24 May 2008

ZANU PF youths, under the instruction of the village headman, assaulted the male victim for wearing an MDC t-shirt. The headman apparently told the ZANU PF youths to punish him for that. He sustained a fracture on the right arm.

Mhangura

Σ.The Herald

8 May 2008

Nine suspected MDC supporters, Godfrey Rangwana, Brighton Chiweshe, Morgan Chihwehwere, Themba Katumba, Mambo Ndlovu, Themba Banda, Tauriono Kamukombu and Peter Kadombe were reportedly arrested for allegedly assaulting ZANU PF supporters and destroying property worth Z\$684billion. Seven people were allegedly injured during the violence.

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The assailants alleged that the victim had come to influence the people in the area to vote for the MDC since he was coming from Harare. The victim was actually in the village for a relative's funeral. He was taken to the ZANU PF base where he was assaulted with sticks, open hands and booted feet. The assailant then set his bag of clothes on fire before releasing him.

10 May 2008

A group of ZANU PF youths attacked the male victim on allegations that he had voted for the MDC in the last election. He was assaulted all over the body with iron bars. He was also stabbed with a spear on the right leg. The assailants also set the victim's home on fire.

Mhondoro-Mubaira*11 May 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths on allegations that he had written MDC graffiti on the walls of the toilets at the township.

Sanyati*12 May 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths together with other purported MDC supporters. He was assaulted all over the body with iron rods. He and the other purported MDC supporters were also ordered to hit each other. After the assault a uniformed soldier came and gave them a lecture on ZANU PF principles. The victim reported the incident at Sanyati Police Station.

MASVINGO***Bikita East****2 May 2008*

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He was at Chikuku shopping centre when about 30 ZANU PF youths clad in party t-shirts confronted him and ordered him to join them in singing and repeating ZANU PF slogans. The victim resisted and they gathered around him and assaulted him until he lost consciousness.

Masvingo Central*9 May 2008*

The male victim, who is a college student, reports that he was assaulted and unlawfully arrested by the police during a student's demonstration. The students were carrying out a peaceful protest against high fees and the suspension of six of their leaders. University security guards came and attacked the protesting students. This was met with equal resistance by the students. Riot police from Rujeko Police Station were then called in and they arrived at around 18:00hrs, armed with batons and teargas which they used against unarmed students and a number of students were hurt in the process. The victim was severely assaulted all over the body with clenched fists and batons. He also lost a tooth in the process. He was then arrested. During detention he was not given any blankets and was denied access to medical treatment. He was arrested on 8 May and released on the 10 May after having been forced to pay an admission of guilt fine.

Zaka North

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was attacked and assaulted by ZANU PF youths while he was at his home. They inquired as to his political affiliation to which he replied that he was an MDC supporter. They proceeded to assault the whole family with booted feet and whips. They kicked the victim while he was lying down in pain. They were forced to burn their MDC posters.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was at his home when ZANU PF youths attacked and assaulted him. There were about 16 of them. He was assaulted with shamboks and kicked all over his body. They destroyed all his property.

10 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted and his home was burned down by ZANU PF youths because one of his sons had put up MDC posters. He was kicked to the ground and one of them started stepping on him as he collapsed to the ground. They were told to leave the area as they were no longer welcome.

Zaka East

6 May 2008

The male victim reports that, five armed ZANU PF youths went to his home and assaulted him and his wife. They forced him to the ground and assaulted him with sticks whilst three others were pinning him down. They set his property on fire .

Zaka West*28 May 2008*

Σ.The Standard , 1 June 2008

Men carrying AK-47 assault rifles reportedly pounced on the MDC offices at Jerera Growth Point in the early hours of Wednesday 28 May 2008 and set the building ablaze, killing two people. The assailants allegedly forced open the door, rousing from sleep unsuspecting MDC members who had fled political violence from their homes in the district. They reportedly ordered everyone to stay where they were with their heads under the blankets. Witnesses reportedly said one MDC member, who tried to resist, was shot and killed on the spot. The assailants reportedly doused the office with petrol, locked the door and set it ablaze. Two people were set on fire beyond recognition. Three of the victims managed to break down the door and were later taken to St Anthony's Musiso Hospital, where they were immediately referred to Masvingo General Hospital. The deceased were identified as Kison Mbano from Munjanja in Ward 18 in Zaka and Washington Nyangwa from Mbuyamaswa village in Ward 9. One of the MDC members who survived the inferno because she was in a room next to the office, was reportedly abducted by the gunmen who allegedly later dumped her about 30km away from Jerera. The victim, Memory Pedzisai was allegedly assaulted after being forced into a new Mitsubishi single cab truck with no registration number. It is alleged that there were 18 assailants who were in anti-riot uniform.

MATEBELELAND SOUTH**Matobo South***24 May 2008*

Σ.The Standard

It is reported that five schools in Kezi district were forced to close down after war veterans allegedly chased away all the teachers, accusing them of influencing the villagers to vote against ZANU PF. The schools are Tjewondo primary and secondary, Marinoha and Zamanyoni primary and St Anne's secondary. This reportedly brings to 15 the number of schools allegedly closed by the war veterans in Matabeleland South. Other schools that are reported to have been forced to shut down after teachers fled ZANU PF militia include Zezani Mission, Zhukwe, Sizeze, Sitezi, Maphane, Khozi, Wabayi, Nyandeni, Nkazhe and Gohole primary schools.

24 May 2008

Σ.The Standard

War veterans allegedly took over plots at Mhabhinyane Irrigation Scheme in Matobo district, helping themselves to vegetable and maize that is still to be harvested.

Matobo North

5 May 2008

The female victim reports that she was forced to flee from her home after receiving threats from war veterans and youths. She left home for Bulawayo at around 01:00hrs. She received information that the war veterans were hunting for her and had set up a base in the ward. They assaulted three of her children.

Beit Bridge

16 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths because of his affiliation to the MDC.

Hwange Central

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was in the company of his three friends when they were attacked and assaulted by ZANU PF youths and one army officer. They tried to run but the youths caught up with them. He was assaulted with a shambok, sticks, booted feet and clenched fists. They were told that their families' affiliation to the MDC was unacceptable. They were then taken to a base at Masasa where the victim was further assaulted by a war veteran. He was hit on the head and bled from the ears, the nose and forehead. They took his phone, shoes and money. The victim was at the time of the report experiencing pain all over his body.

10 May 2008

On the day in question, the male victim reports that he was assaulted by uniformed army officers where he was at Lubimbi Business Centre on his head with a blunt instrument until he lost consciousness. They tied him up at the ankles with a wire. He sustained injuries on the back, shoulder, trunk, legs and knees.

MIDLANDS

Gokwe-Kana

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths and army officers who suspected him of being an MDC spy. They demanded information on the MDC including the party t-shirts and cards. When he failed to meet any of their demands they proceeded to assault him. They forced him to the ground and assaulted him with sticks, kicked him in the armpits and on the sides of the chest and abdomen. They forced him to sing ZANU PF songs.

10 May 2008

The female victim reports that her home was burned down and she was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. The youths had earlier driven all the men out of the village. When the youths returned they found her cooking for her family, but they that assumed she was cooking for the men. All the huts were set on fire. She lost her belongings and important documents in the fire.

Gokwe-Nembudziya

9 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who held him responsible for the arrest of certain ZANU PF youths. They assaulted him using logs. He tried to escape but one of them caught him with an axe in his back. He finally escaped and went to the police base. They referred him for medical treatment. He then left for Harare.

11 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths. He and his wife woke up to the sound of quarrels outside the home. He went out after recognising his mother's voice. The youths had lit a match and were preparing to set his home on fire. When they saw him they turned their attention to assaulting him using metal bars. He was taken to Gokwe hospital for treatment before proceeding to Harare for further treatment.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was assaulted by ZANU PF youthsone of them whom knocked at his door and identified himself as a police officer. The victim denied him entry when he realised that the intruder was a well known ZANU PF youth. The youth then broke into the home, seized him and delivered him to his colleagues who were waiting outside. They stripped him, covered his head with his clothes and proceeded to assault him with logs, iron bars and booted feet. They poured water all over his belongings before escaping into the night. He sustained injuries on his back and buttocks.

12 May 2008

The male victim reports that, he was assaulted by ZANU PF youths who broke into his home at night and blindfolded him before assaulting him. They would lift him up then throw him to the ground , repeatedly , until he lost consciousness. Police officers went to his home after someone alerted them of the incident. He was treatedat Gokwe Hospital before leaving for Harare for further treatment.

15 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was asleep when ZANU PF youths attacked and assaulted him . They used metal bars and logs . They assaulted him all over his body but mainly concentrated on the buttocks. He ost consciousness and only to regained it after he had been admitted in hospital.

19 May 2008

The male victim reports that he was asaaulted by ZANU PF youths who went to his home looking for his brothers who were well known MDC activists. When they failed to find them they took out their frustration on the victim.

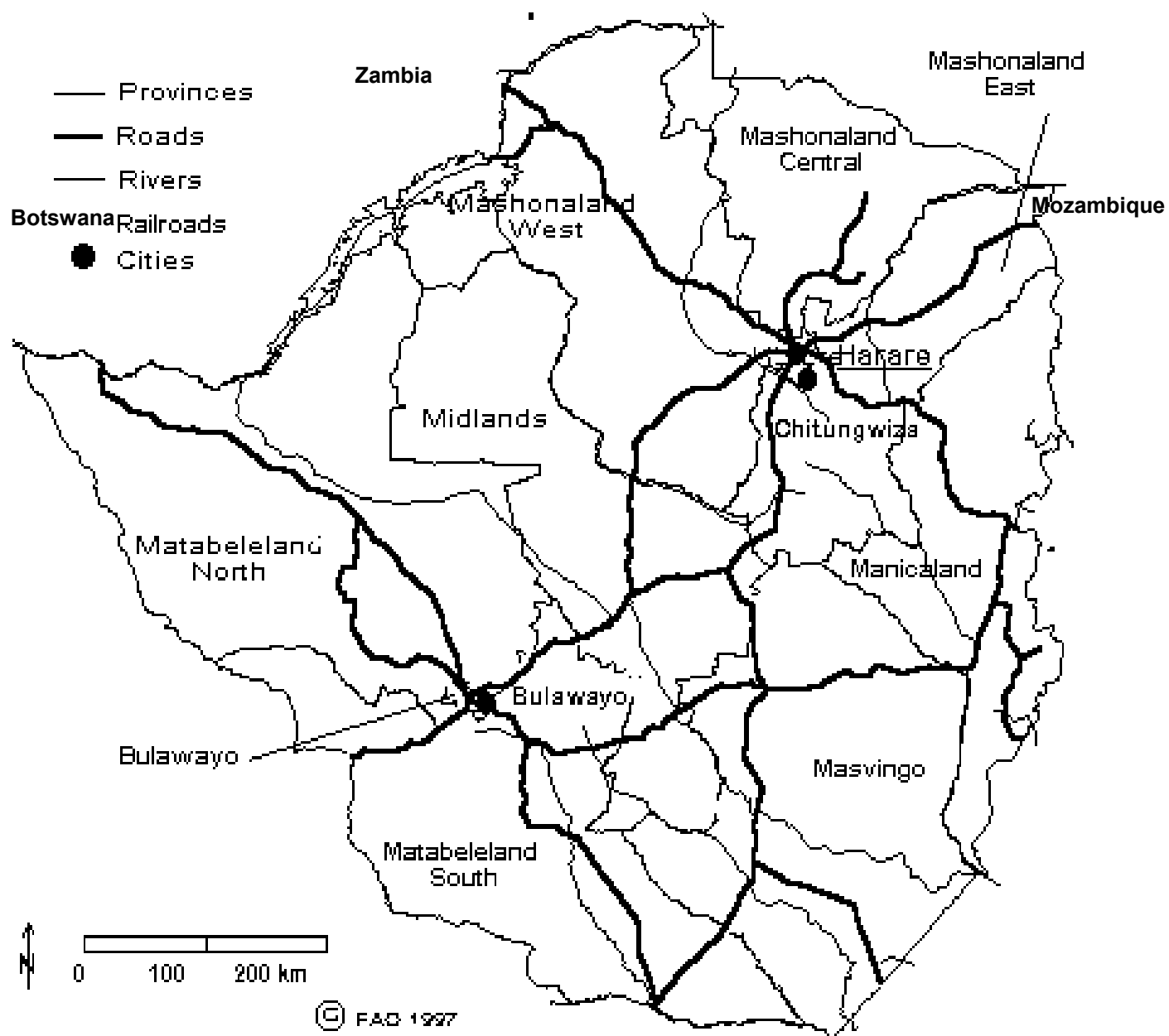
Monthly totals of human rights violations from 1 January 2008 – 31 May 2008

Table 1

	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Abduction/ kidnapping	3	11	3	31	26	74
Assault	56	45	270	550	435	1356
Attempted murder	0	0	0	4	1	5
Death threats	1	0	5	17	9	32
Disappearance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Displacement	0	0	0	412	160	572
Freedom of expr/ass/mvt	94	410	108	712	600	1924
Murder	0	0	0	10	14	24
Political Discrim/ intim/vict	67	410	287	783	466	2013
Property related	1	0	8	280	195	484
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
School closure	0	0	0	11	5	16
Torture	2	10	24	560	58	654
Unlawful arrest	56	42	19	26	18	161
Unlawful detention	56	42	19	26	18	161
Monthly Totals	336	970	743	3422	2005	7 476

	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
19	in Harare. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE MAP OF ZIMBABWE

The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (also known as the “Human Rights Forum”) is a coalition comprising 17 member organisations. It has been in existence since January 1998 when non-Governmental organisations working in the field of human rights joined together to provide legal and psychosocial assistance to the victims of the Food Riots of January 1998.

The Human Rights Forum has now expanded its objectives to assist victims of organised violence, using the following definition:

“Organised violence” means the inter-human infliction of significant avoidable pain and suffering by an organised group according to a declared or implied strategy and/or system of ideas and attitudes. It comprises any violent action, which is unacceptable by general human standards, and relates to the victims’ mental and physical well-being.”

The Human Rights Forum operates a Research and Documentation Unit and offers legal services to assist victims of organised violence and torture claim compensation from perpetrators through its Public Interest Unit.

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- Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA)
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- Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR)
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