

ZIMBABWE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO FORUM

POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2003

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OVERVIEW

The Kadoma Central (MIDLANDS PROVINCE) by-election was held from 29-30 November 2003. Election agents, party supporters and the electorate were subject to violence and intimidation as a political tool. The prospects for a free and fair electoral environment had already been dampened by violence that prevailed in the area prior to the election and the surrounding the holding of Nomination Court in October. Central by-election was characterized by the infringement of the right freedom of association, expression and movement, with several reports of assault, political intimidation and death threats. SM and KM claim that while campaigning for Charles Mupandawana, MDC candidate in the Kadoma Central Parliamentary by-election, they were beaten by both ZANU PF supporters and the police. SM asserts that the police accused him of having assaulted some ZANU PF supporters, that they took him to Waverly Police Station, and that they severely assaulted and then detained him in police custody for 3 days.

KM, an MDC supporter, alleges that members of the "Top Six" gang in Kadoma tied his throat with chains, undressed him, confiscated his shoes, and then dragged him to their Base in Waverly where they further assaulted him. In another incident, Kennedy Chivambe - ZANU PF Chairman for Ward 11, was reportedly stoned and injured by 2 MDC youths while having a beer at Waverly Shopping Centre. The assailants were reportedly moving around with the MDC candidate for Kadoma Constituency. In another report from Kadoma Central, FM was trailed and then attacked by ZANU PF youths because he was seen distributing fliers in a campaign for the MDC candidate Charles Mupandawana. He broke 2 ribs and his eyes were swollen for 3 days. In another incident, TZ was reportedly abducted by ZANU PF supporters, stabbed with a screwdriver on the left arm, hit with a wooden log all over the body and then kicked in the back. No reason was given for the attack.

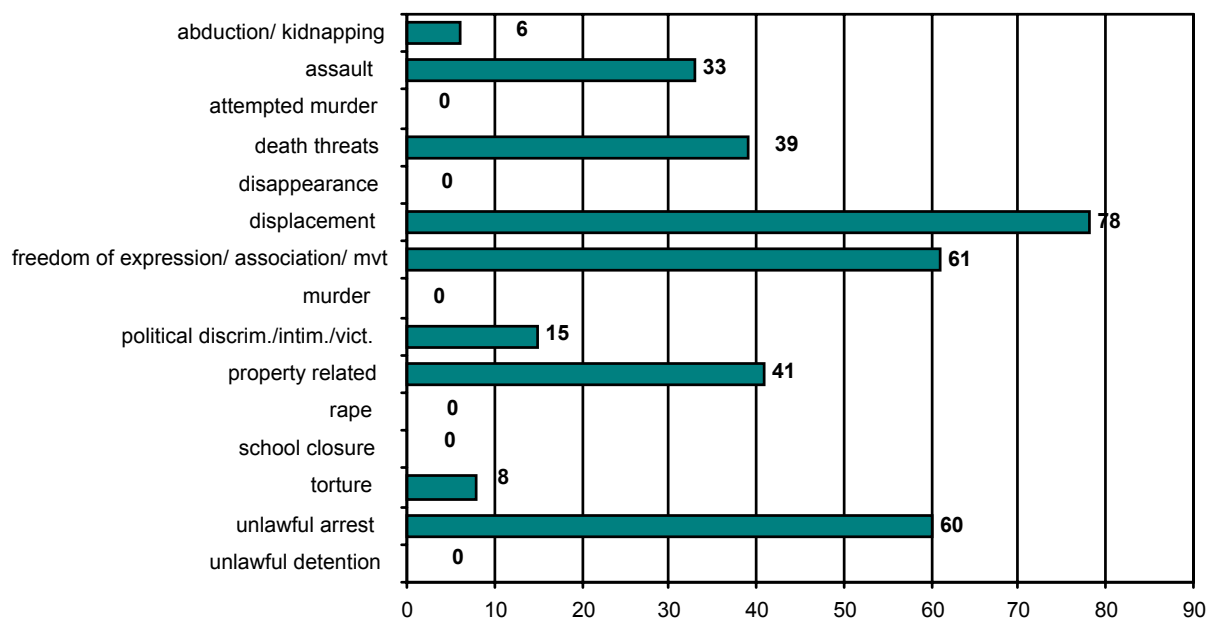
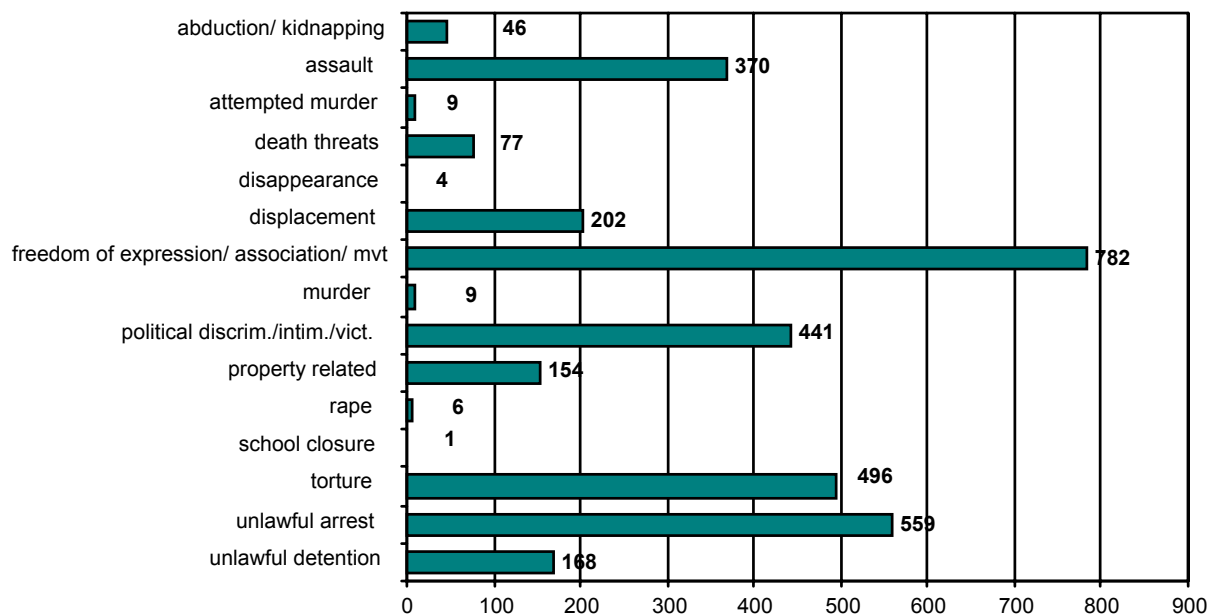
The Government appears to have maintained its crackdown on the rights of Zimbabwean citizens to freedom of expression and movement through the gratuitous application of the Public Order and Security Act (POSA). 52 ZCTU members and leadership and civic leaders were arrested on 18 November 2003 in Harare on allegations of holding a demonstration without notifying the police. Those arrested were demonstrating over issues that include human and trade union rights, high taxation, high cost of living and the alleged mismanagement of the economy by the Zimbabwean Government. The group was taken to court on 20 November 2003 where they were eventually released. The four members of the ZCTU leadership, Wellington Chibhebhe, Lucia Matibenga, Elias Mlotshwa, and Lovemore Matombo were charged with contravening the Miscellaneous Offences Act and the Public Order and Security Act, on alternate charges of breaching the peace and holding a banned gathering, respectively. The four were granted \$20 000.00 bail each and ordered to appear in Court the following morning. The remaining 48 were charged with holding a gathering without notification to the police and were released on free bail and also instructed to report to Court the following morning. The State subsequently withdrew all the charges against the 52 before plea for lack of evidence.. The charges against those arrested were changed several times and subsequently withdrawn suggests that the police carried out the arrests in the absence of reasonable suspicion that an offence had been committed by any of the 52 persons. The Human Rights Forum therefore

condemns the unlawful arrests that were seemingly used to harass citizens. We reiterate prior calls that the police desist arresting first and then investigating later.

In Budiriro (HARARE PROVINCE), Konstanteno Ngandu, a pastor and a resident of Budiriro, claims that a group of youths in MDC T-shirts attacked him and his family with sticks and stones, damaging his car windows and stealing his mobile phone. In the same area, MDC youths arrived at a shopping centre singing and chanting MDC slogans. They reportedly entered a bar at the shops and forced the patrons to chant the MDC slogans. One of the patrons claims that when he refused, he was assaulted.

Marondera (MASHONALAND EAST PROVINCE) MDC Ward leader, GC, was allegedly chased from home and had his house burnt by ZANU PF supporters. In another incident, George, a ZANU PF supporter, reportedly assaulted his cousin FH, when he did not find her brother Alfred at home. George is said to have accused her of being an MDC supporter because her brother Alfred was also an MDC supporter. DN, Marondera West Ward 16 Councillor candidate, alleges that ZANU PF supporters approached him and forced him to withdraw his candidature. He fled to Chitungwiza.

Incidents of political violence continue to be reported from various parts of the country. The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum continues to condemn organised violence and torture in all its forms. Of major concern is the continued reportage of violence surrounding elections in the country. The Human Rights Forum calls upon the Government in partnership with its citizens to cultivate a violence-free society.

Totals: 1 November 2003 – 30 November 2003**Cumulative Totals 1 January 2003 To 30 November 2003**

Sources: The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Public Interest Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, statements taken by the member organisations of the Human Rights Forum. *(See last page for list of member organisations)*, newspaper reports, Justice for Agriculture (JAG), Combined Harare Residents Association (CHRA), Zimbabwe Community Development Trust (ZCDT).

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 include the ZRP, ZNA, ZPS and the ZNLWVA (as a reserve force of the ZNA) and by any other grouping when directly sanctioned by the state.

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, political party, ZNLWVA, ZNA, MDC, Zanu PF etc

Disappearance:

Kidnapped persons whose whereabouts remained unknown at the time of reporting. Their whereabouts have still to be ascertained through follow up reports or further investigation.

Property related

These are incidents in which property rights have been violated. This includes arson, property damage and destruction and theft.

Key Abbreviations

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

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 by the use of initials. 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 Human Rights Forum and other partner organisations. Use is also made of press reports on politically motivated violence. 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 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 .

HARARE

Budiriro

23 November 2003

- Σ Konstanteno Ngandu, a pastor and a resident of Budiriro, claims that he and his family were attacked by a group of youths wearing MDC T-shirts as they returned from a church service in Mufakose. The assailants were allegedly wielding sticks and stones and they are said to have stolen his mobile phone worth \$2m, and damaged the windows of his car. Ngandu sustained bruises all over the body.

24 November 2003

- MDC youths allegedly arrived at Current Shopping Centre in Budiriro singing and chanting MDC slogans. It is reported that they entered a bar at the shops and forced the patrons to chant the MDC slogans. One of the patrons claims that when he refused to do so, he was assaulted by the youths but he managed to escape and seek help from some members of a housing cooperative in the area. He purports that the members accompanied him to the scene of the incident and found the MDC youths still chanting their party slogans. Fighting then reportedly broke out and property from a tuck shop was destroyed. Members of the housing community claim that the police arrested them when they learnt of the incident while MDC youths escaped.

Chitungwiza

24 November 2003

- TM arrived at Makoni Bus Terminus at around 9:30am after distributing copies of the "Zvakwana" Newsletter from door to door. She claims that a police officer was following her and thus she quickly dropped the last copy of the paper that she had. The police officer is said to have approached her, picked up the paper, and asked her why she was distributing the copies. The victim purports that the police officer slapped her in the face then took her to the police officers manning the bus terminus, who also assaulted her with booted feet and fists on the neck, face and head. She was taken to her house where the assailants reportedly searched for more copies of the paper, but did not find any. TM asserts that she was later taken to Makoni Police Station where she was detained and later released the following day after paying a fine of \$5000 for

conduct likely to result in breach of the peace. She sustained a swollen face and she also complains of a persistent headache.

Glen View*1 November 2003*

- FM is a former ZNA officer. He purports that CIO agents are trailing him because he joined the opposition MDC prior to his resignation from office. He is constantly receiving threats and he fears for his life.

Harare Central*November 2003*

- ΣTutsirai Jonga, a student at the Harare Polytechnic College, claims that CIO agents and police officers arrested him following an interrogation about his alleged links to 5 University of Zimbabwe student leaders, who were suspended from the institution on allegations of inciting public violence and addressing illegal gatherings. He was also reportedly arrested on suspicion that he had links to the ZCTU and the opposition MDC. Jonga was later released without charge. He purports that the perpetrators demanded to know the whereabouts of the 5 University of Zimbabwe students, and that he denied knowing where they were or having any links with the NCA and the opposition MDC. He has since been suspended from the Harare Polytechnic College by the authorities.

18 November 2003

- In Harare ZCTU members and leadership and civic leaders were arrested on 18 November on allegations of holding a demonstration without notifying the police. Lovemore Matombo (ZCTU President), Lucia Matibenga, Elias Mlotshwa (ZCTU Vice Presidents), Wellington Chibhebhe (ZCTU Sec. General), Raymond Majongwe (Zimbabwe Progressive Teachers' Union– Secretary General), Brian Raftopoulos (Crisis In Zimbabwe Coalition Chairperson), Lovemore Madhuku (NCA Chairperson), John Makumbe (Crisis In Zimbabwe Coalition); and Mike Davis (Combined Harare Residents Association Chairperson), Andrew Moyse (Combined Harare Residents Association Chairperson); Tabitha Khumalo (NCA activist); Janah Ncube (Women's Coalition Chairperson) were among the 52 arrested. Those arrested were demonstrating over issues that include human and trade union rights, high taxation, high cost of living and the alleged mismanagement of the economy by the Zimbabwean Government. The group was taken to court on 20 November 2003 where they were eventually released. The four members of the ZCTU leadership, Wellington Chibhebhe, Lucia Matibenga, Elias Mlotshwa, and Lovemore Matombo were charged with contravening the Miscellaneous Offences Act and the Public Order and Security Act, on alternate charges of breaching the peace and holding a banned gathering, respectively. The four were granted \$20 000.00 bail each and ordered to appear in Court the following morning. The remaining 48 were charged with holding a gathering without notification to the police and were released on free bail and also instructed to report to Court the following morning. All 52 persons subsequently had charges against them dropped with the State citing insufficient evidence as the reason.

Harare North*November 2003*

- Σ5 University of Zimbabwe student leaders were suspended from the institution on allegations of inciting public violence and addressing illegal gatherings. The 5 allege that CIO agents are now trailing them. They have denied the allegations, claiming that they were not at the institution during the week that they are accused of having addressed illegal gatherings. They are currently of no fixed abode as the CIO agents have been visiting their homes as well. No resolution has been reached by the institution as yet with regards the suspension of the victims.

28 November 2003

- David Connelly, John Worsick, Wynard Hart, Louis Bennet and Ben Freeth of Justice for Agriculture (JAG) were allegedly arrested by police from Borrowdale Police Station at a meeting at Art Farm. They were taken to the Police Station on allegations of contravening a section of POSA. The police officers are said to have alleged that the meeting was illegal, as the police had not been notified under the requirements of POSA. The meeting was to discuss the way forward with regard to the compensation the farmers have been offered by the state in a move to cover them over the loss of farms/ land following the Fast Track Land Reform Programme. The Leadership of JAG claims that they tried to explain that as a legally registered Trust convening a meeting of its membership at a recognised Training Centre and venue for meeting of farmers, it was exempt from the requirements under POSA to notify the police. According to POSA Section 24(5)(c) public gatherings of members of professional, vocational or occupational bodies held for purposes which are not political are exempt from giving the police notice of intention to gather¹. They were later released the same day without charge.

Mbare East/ West

5 November 2003

- PM alleges that a fire broke out following disagreements between ZANU PF and MDC supporters, who share lodgings at a house in the area. The fire started following a heated debate over which of the two groups should vacate the premises, as they could no longer continue sharing accommodation owing to their differences in political opinion. All property was destroyed.

7 November 2003

- SM claims that police officers approached him and his colleagues and warned them against singing and chanting MDC slogans as well as wearing MDC regalia while attending the funeral of one of their colleagues, alleging that wearing MDC regalia was not permitted in the country. It is reported that the police later went to the SM's home at around 11:00pm and accused him of insulting the President through the songs he had been singing with his MDC colleagues at the funeral. The victim, who denied the charge, claims that he was then taken to Southerton Police Station, where he was slapped in the face and punched by 4 policemen. One of them was allegedly stepping on his knees while another beat him under the feet with a whip. SM was later handcuffed, had his feet and hands bound to a plank, and then assaulted beneath the feet again. He was released at around 2:00am and ordered to go home. He sustained bruises all over the body and complained of painful feet and a painful right ear.

9 November 2003

- It is reported that LM was accosted at the corner of Chitima and Ardbennie roads by ZANU PF youths belonging to a group called "*Chipangano*" who ordered her to give them money for beer. When she told them that she did not have any, they reportedly assaulted her with fists on the face and head. She claims that the assailants also accused her of being an MDC activist and that earlier on, they had warned her that failure to cut links with the opposition MDC would result in them disciplining her. LM sustained bruised lips and a swollen face. The youths ran away but the victim managed to identify one of them as Lungas. She reported the incident to the police.

¹ Please See POSA ACT, Section 24(5)(c)

MASHONALAND CENTRAL

Shamva

November 2003

- ZANU PF supporters reportedly abducted Ian Jarvis, Hippo Pools Wilderness Camp owner, and Kuja, an American citizen visiting the country. They are alleged to have assaulted Jarvis when he had gone out to pay his workers their wages. Following the invasion, Jarvis and Kuja were reportedly force-marched for a kilometre and Jarvis was severely beaten with sticks. He lost Z\$500 000, a suitcase, and all the contents. Kuja lost Z\$100 000 cash, car keys, and a camera. Jarvis managed an escape because when money fell out of his pocket, he diverted the attention of the assailants who turned to pick it up. He hid in the rocks for the afternoon. He claims that the police handling the assault have been taking long to initiate investigations. ZANU PF youths from Shamva invaded the 74 000 hectare camp in the Umfurudzi National Park, which is situated 150km north of the Mazowe-Shamva area. No arrests were made.

Mazowe East/ West

20 November 2003

- 36 farmers resettled by the Zimbabwe Government under the A1 Scheme allege that they were forced to leave their homes after they were torched and destroyed by people who claimed that they had been offered the same land by the Government. They have reported the case to police at Mazowe Police Station and investigations are underway.

MASHONALAND EAST

Marondera East

1 November 2003

- It is alleged that EK was assaulted by ZANU PF supporters because of his alliance with Gift Chikumba, the MDC Ward Secretary in Svosve area. He has since relocated to Harare.

Marondera East/ West

7 November 2003

- GC, MDC Ward leader in the area, was reportedly chased from home and had his house burnt by ZANU PF supporters on suspicion that he supports the opposition MDC. He reported to the police but no action was taken.

25 November 2003

- It is alleged that FH was assaulted by her cousin George, a ZANU PF supporter, who was recently released from prison. George had been imprisoned for assaulting FH's brother because he supports the MDC. It is reported that on his return home from prison, he found Summons for compensation from FH's brother's lawyers. This reportedly infuriated him, prompting him to visit and confront him over the issue. However, when he did not find FH's brother at home, he allegedly accused FH of being an MDC activist. FH claims that George then assaulted her with fists and booted feet all over the body. FH sustained bruises on her face and a swelling in two of her fingers.

Marondera West

1 November 2003

- DN was running for the post of Marondera West Ward 16 Councillor on an MDC ticket. He claims that ZANU PF supporters approached him and forced him to withdraw his candidature when they learnt of his intention to contest in the elections. He was forced to flee to Chitungwiza with his family.

MIDLANDS**Gweru Rural/ Urban**

5 November 2003

- ZANU PF supporters allegedly assaulted AM with booted feet, stones, empty coke bottles and open hands all over the body particularly on the head and leg, because he supports the opposition MDC. He sustained a scar on the scalp and bruises all over the back.

Kadoma Central/ East/ West

1 November 2003

- EM claims that when he was riding his bicycle along the road, he hand-signaled that he was going to turn right. When he had done so, he purports that one Janiah and a gang of ZANU PF youths stopped him and accused him of showing the MDC symbol when he hand-signaled to turn right, stopped him. The victim alleges that he was assaulted with knobkerries and kicked with booted feet all over the body.

20 November 2003

- It is reported that a group of about 17 ZANU PF youths arrived in a truck, stormed into the SM's yard, and then assaulted him with knobkerries on the arms, chest, back and head. They are reported to have attempted to kidnap him but the victim managed to jump from the truck they had pushed him into and ran away. He reported to the police at Kadoma Police Station and investigations are said to be ongoing.
- JM was allegedly assaulted on the chest and right elbow with an iron bar by a group of about 20 ZANU PF youths when they found him and 5 other MDC colleagues distributing MDC fliers.

28 November 2003

- SM, who is pregnant, claims to have been assaulted at a roadblock by ZANU PF supporters for no apparent reason. She sustained a few bruises.
- RM asserts that she was severely assaulted at a roadblock by ZANU PF supporters. She claims that her house in Rimuka was also burnt by the youths. RM does not know why she was assaulted. She sustained bruises on the left eye, had sores on her lips and complained of a painful right eye.
- EM asserts that he was stopped at a roadblock as he was driving from town. A group of ZANU PF supporters is alleged to have appeared and assaulted him on the head. He claims that they then stole his car radio, cell-phone, and that they destroyed all the windows of his car, all in the presence of the police.

- It is reported that TZ was abducted from his home at around 1:30am by ZANU PF supporters and taken to a place near Blue Range, about 3,5 kilometres from his house. He claims that he was assaulted on the face, head, below the left eye and on the cheeks with stones. He was also stabbed with a screwdriver on the left arm, hit with a wooden log all over the body and kicked in the back. He sustained lacerations on his forehead, cheek and left arm. He also had bruises on his middle and lower back.

30 November 2003

- SM alleges that he fell and hurt his right knee when ZANU PF supporters hit him with a stone on the right side of his chest. He experiences pain in the right side of his chest.

Kadoma Central

12 November 2003

- NC alleges that he was hurt on the right finger during campaigns in the run up to the Kadoma Central by-election. He was caught in crossfire between the MDC and ZANU PF supporters. He is finding it difficult to go about his normal duties.

16 November 2003

- TY was residing and campaigning at Charles Mupandawana's (MDC candidate for the by-election) home when the police reportedly arrived and raided the house. They are said to have fired shots in the air, arrested 3 MDC supporters, and then left. The following day, those arrested were reportedly beaten by officers from the CID section, detained in remand prison, and then released having paid Z\$5 000 admission of guilt fine each.

18 November 2003

- SM claims that the police accused him of having assaulted some ZANU PF supporters when he took part in the Kadoma Central by-election campaign. He alleges that the police took him and his colleagues to Waverly Police Station, singled him out, severely assaulted him, and detained him and his colleagues in custody. 3 police officers are said to have assaulted SM on allegations of lying about his residential address. The victims appeared in court on 19 November 2003 and were released on 20 November 2003 having each paid Z\$ 5000 bail.
- KM was among the MDC supporters who were campaigning for Charles Mupandawana (MDC candidate) in the Kadoma Central Parliamentary by-election when they were reportedly attacked by ZANU PF youths. KM alleges that members of the "Top Six" gang tied his throat with chains, undressed him, confiscated his shoes, and then dragged him to their Base in Waverly where they severely assaulted him. He reported the matter to the police and received treatment at a hospital.

20 November 2003

- LK, an MDC supporter, claims that she was attacked by a group of about 30 ZANU PF youths while issuing campaign material for the MDC in the run up to the Kadoma Central by-election. She alleges that she was hit with a brick on the thighs and back. She sustained bruises on her thighs and wrists.
- LM was reportedly kicked on the mouth, right jaw, and abdomen by about 10 ZANU PF youths in Rimuka Township, because she supports the opposition MDC. She claims they also threw stones at her.

22 November 2003

- It is reported that FM and other MDC supporters had just come from campaigning for the MDC by-election candidate when a group of about 30 ZANU PF youths attacked them at around 5:00pm. FM claims that the assailants kicked him with booted feet and that when he fell to the ground they stepped on his chest. He was later bundled into a truck and dumped along the Harare-Bulawayo road while the vehicle was still in motion. He sustained bruises all over the face.
- ES, an MDC supporter, claims that he was severely assaulted by a group of about 17 ZANU PF youths at around 1:30pm while he was campaigning for the MDC by-election candidate, Charles Mupandawana. The youths are reported to have approached the victim and his colleagues as they were standing by their car, then hit ES with a metal rod on the left side of his eye and cheek and on the right leg. ES fell and lost consciousness.
- LM and other MDC supporters were campaigning for the MDC by-election candidate, Charles Mupandawana, when he was reportedly pulled out of the truck they were traveling in by ZANU PF youths when it had stopped at a robot. The ZANU PF youths are said to have assaulted him and the others with logs and metal rods. He collapsed and lost consciousness for about an hour.
- NC alleges that he was arrested by the police at around 2:00pm while campaigning for the MDC in the run up to the Kadoma Central by-election. He was reportedly taken to Ngezi Police Station, charged with inciting public violence, and then released two days later after paying a fine. NC was reportedly arrested with 23 other MDC supporters, with whom he was crammed into a small cell.

25 November 2003

- TG asserts that he was traveling in a truck together with other MDC supporters along Chakari road campaigning for the MDC candidate, when they were stopped by ZRP officers and some ZANU PF youths, whom he claims assaulted them. TG alleges that the vehicle they were traveling in was also stoned. The victims were arrested and then released 4 days later, after the by-election was through. TG complains of pain in the left side of his chest and he suffered abrasions on the right knee and on the left arm.

27 November 2003

- ΣKennedy Chivambe - ZANU PF Chairman for Ward 11, was at a bottle store at Waverly Shopping Centre when 2 MDC youths reportedly arrived, started an argument with him, stoned him and then hit him with bottles. He sustained injuries and was later treated and discharged at Kadoma General Hospital. The incident occurred just before the Kadoma Central by-election held on 29 and 30 November 2003. The assailants were reportedly moving around with the MDC candidate for Kadoma Constituency, Charles Mupandawana. No arrests were made and investigations are reportedly underway.
- ΣMDC President Morgan Tsvangirai's bodyguard allegedly assaulted a by-stander in the face when she tried to greet Mr. Tsvangirai. He was detained on allegations of violence. Tsvangirai was in Kadoma Central for the Parliamentary by-election scheduled for that weekend.

27 – 28 November 2003

- TN, SM, ED and RT were allegedly assaulted by ZANU PF youths with booted feet and sticks in the run up to the Parliamentary by-election. RT sustained a swollen thumb and neck while EN complained of a cut on the lower lip. SM sustained a deep cut on the right side of his chin

29 November 2003

- Members of the ZNLWVA allegedly fired gunshots in the air to intimidate the MDC youths gathered at Kanyemba Polling Station. However, Police Spokesperson Wayne Bvudzijena claimed that he had received no information on the shooting.

30 November 2003

- It is alleged that the DM was kidnapped from Cecil Estates by ZANU PF supporters and was taken to the ZANU PF offices in Rimuka. He was stripped naked and then assaulted all over the body with sticks. He sustained a swelling on the left side of his chest, abrasions and bruises all over his body.
- FM was distributing some MDC fliers in a campaign for Mupandawana, the MDC candidate in the Parliamentary by-election. He alleges that the following day while at a Tuck Shop in Waverly Close near the candidate's house, he was attacked by ZANU PF youths on accusations of distributing the fliers, allegedly on the instruction of Job Sikhala, MDC MP for St. Mary's'. On denying the charge, he asserts that he was assaulted with sticks and sjamboks all over the body. The assailants allegedly hit him on the shoulders and elbows with iron bars. He broke 2 ribs and his eyes were swollen for 3 days.
- LC, IN, EJ, CC, ZC, AC, PM, TM, AS, SN, PN, KI, WK, PM, AD, MG, NV, LJ, FM, PB, SN, CM, JC, JB, JI, EM, BB, SG, BD, NN, CC, JD, EM, AM, MSK, TM, KM, IB, and LB claim that they were threatened with death and assault by ZANU PF youths and the police, because they supported the opposition MDC in the run up to the 29 - 30 November 2003 Kadoma Parliamentary by-election. They fled to Harare and are now internally displaced persons.
- The ZANU PF "Top Six" gang is alleged to have kidnapped SM at the counting center as they waited for the counting of the Parliamentary by-election ballot papers to commence. He claims that the youths pounced on him with fists, assaulted him with iron bars, and then stoned him while the police looked on. Although he tried to retaliate, the gang reportedly overpowered him and stoned him in the head as he tried to run away. When he sought hiding in a shop, he claims that the owners demanded to know which party he and the others were from. He claims that he was accused of being an MDC supporter and was assaulted with sticks. He purports that they locked him in one of the rooms, and that one of the assailants went off and returned with the 6 ZANU PF youths, who punched him, kicked him, and stole his shoes and Z\$10 000 cash. The assailants are then said to have pulled him out of the shop, forced him into a truck, and taken him to a base in Rimuka, where he was later released and ordered to walk back home.

Appendix 1: Names of members of the ZCTU and Civil Society Organisations arrested on 188 November 2003

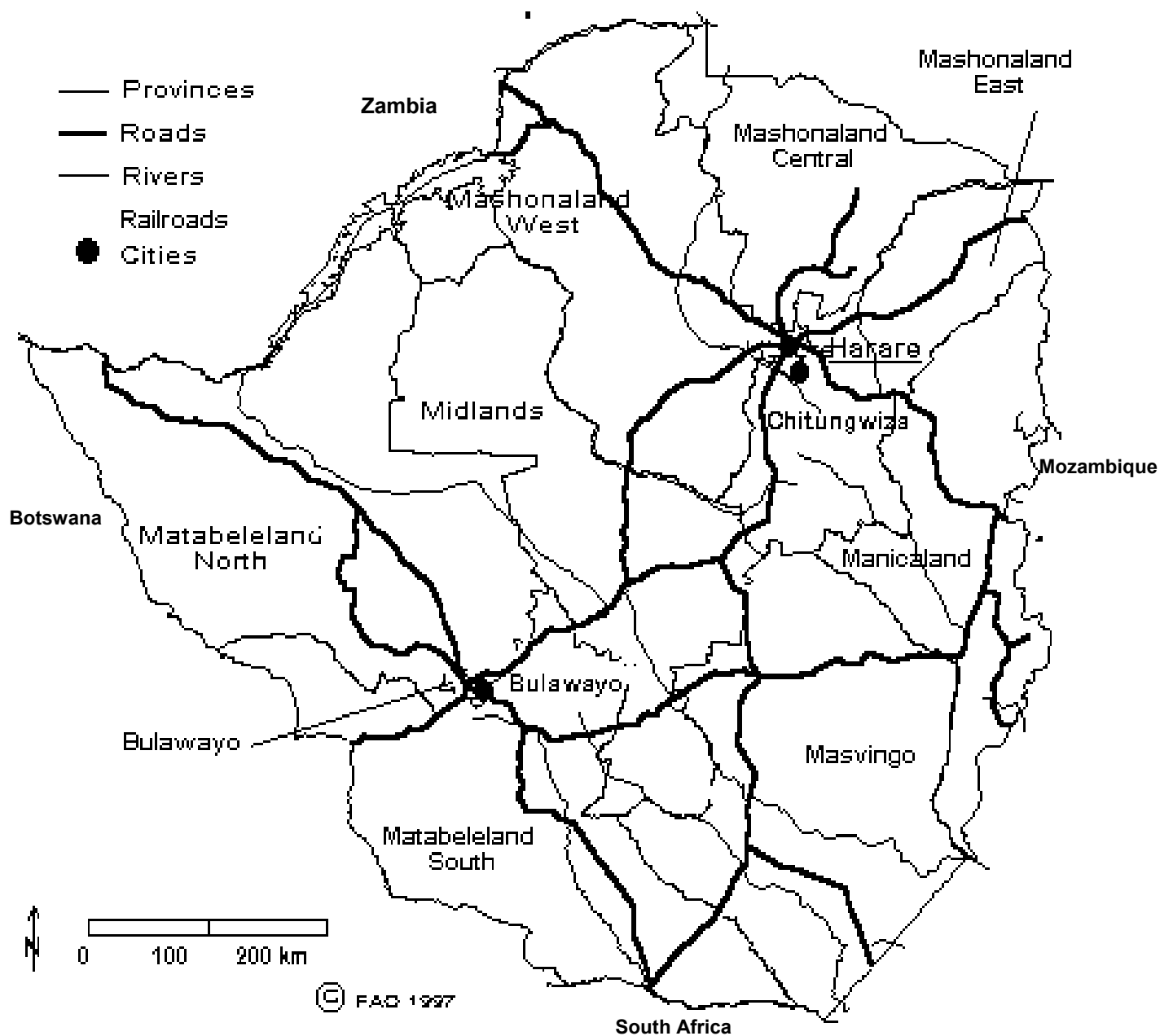
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MAJONGWE Raymond	MUKONDIWA Kingston	ZUMALO Robin

Full alphabetical list of reported deaths related to political violence 1 January to 30 November 2003 recorded indicating political affiliation, date of death, province and constituency.

TOTAL - 9: MDC - 5; ZANU PF – 2; UNKNOWN - 2

SURNAME	FIRST NAME (S)	POLITICAL AFFILIATION	DATE OF DEATH	CONSTITUENCY	PROVINCE
1 ALFONSO	Plaxedes	UNKNOWN	10/ 6/ 2003	Dzivaresekwa	Harare
2 KAGURU	Tichaona	MDC	2/ 6/ 2003	Mbare East/ West	Harare
3 KOMBO	Samson, Shawano	MDC	20/ 1/ 2003	Makoni East	Manicaland
4 MACHIRIDZA	Richard, Tonderai	MDC	18/4/2003	Kuwadzana	Harare
5 MANGWIRO	Tonderai	ZANU PF	20/ 1/ 2003	Kuwadzana	Harare
6 MATINYARARE	David	MDC	1/ 5/ 2003	Mufakose	Harare
7 NYADONGO	Amon	UNKNOWN	2/6/2003	Mbare West	Harare
8 SHAMHU	Action	UNKNOWN	2/8/2003	Kuwadzana	Harare
9 TONERA	Stephen	MDC	20/ 3/ 2003	Seke	Mashonaland East

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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.”

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- Amnesty International (Zimbabwe) (AI (Z))
- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)
- Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)
- Human Rights Trust of Southern Africa (SAHRIT)
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
- Transparency International (Zimbabwe) (TI (Z))
- University of Zimbabwe Legal Aid and Advice Scheme (UZ (LAAS))
- Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO)
- Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR)
- Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET)
- Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights)
- Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR)
- Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP)
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