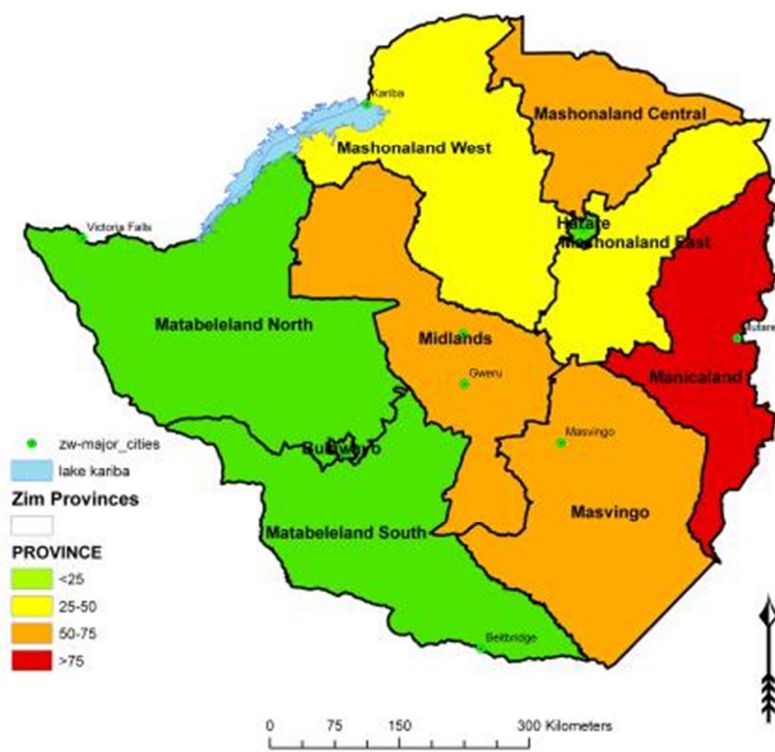


ZPP Monthly Monitor

JULY 2012 VIOLATIONS MAP



BACKGROUND & FORMATION

The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly after 2000 by a group of Churches and NGOs working or interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives, and was to become a vehicle for civic interventions in a time of political crisis. In particular ZPP sought to monitor and document incidents of human rights violations and politically motivated breaches of the peace e.g. violence.

Today, ZPP's co-operating member organizations include, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Evangelical fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZIMRIGHTS), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Women's Trust and the Habakkuk Trust.

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Sustainable Justice, Freedom, Peace and Development in Zimbabwe, for All

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METHODOLOGY

This report is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors who observe, monitor and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). These community-based monitors reside in the constituencies they monitor. They compile reports that are handed over to ZPP provincial coordinators who manage the different ZPP offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verifications of the reports from the monitors, the provincial coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at national office into the ZPP monthly monitoring reports published in retrospect.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The month under review saw the long-drawn COPAC constitution making process finally producing the first draft constitution. Since then, developments around the COPAC draft constitution raised political temperatures across the country fuelling heated debate and unfortunately- politically motivated conflict and the attendant human rights violations.

Despite the rise in political temperatures, the month of July witnessed a decrease in the number of politically motivated human rights violations of 375 cases down from the 421 witnessed in June. An analysis of the violations trends over the past five years shows that the month has had a high number of violations since 2008 where 1125 cases were recorded in the aftermath of the June 27 Presidential run-off.

The violations continued on an upwards trend in 2009 where 1335 cases were recorded only to ease in the year 2010 to 884 reported cases while 910 incidents were witnessed in July 2011.

Masvingo province recording a politically-motivated murder of Simbarashe Nemauro a divorced father of two employed as a Supervisor at Hippo Valley estates who was brutally murdered by John ĀHusseinĀ Chari- his subordinate at work but long-time political rival.

The month also witnessed a worrying development in the re-emergence of terror bases across the country manned exclusively by Zanu-PF militias. This trend has been observed in Mashonaland West, Central and East provinces followed by Masvingo province.

The recruitment and training of Census enumerators nearly turned into a farce as soldiers, police and other security agents invaded the training centres seeking to impose themselves on the process. The properly appointed enumerators- who consist mainly of teachers and other Āblue-collarĀ civil servants were harassed and intimidated by the uniformed police officers and serving members of the army.

Major Highlights for the month of July 2012

- The murder of Simbarashe Nemauro- an MDC-T activist by John ĀHusseinĀ Charlie of ZANU-PF in Hippo Valley Estates Chiredzi, Masvingo Province. The perpetrator, who is now behind bars at Chiredzi Prison awaiting trial, allegedly stabbed the victim to death in a pathway in the sugarcane plantations on 9 July 2012. The two knew each other and had political differences that were well known in the community. The victim's bicycle had a breakdown forcing him to carry it on his shoulders. The perpetrator accused him of stealing the bicycle saying MDC activists are thieves who should be banned in the Estate. An altercation ensued before the perpetrator pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim in the chest leading to his death. ZPP officers travelled to Chiredzi and verified the murder case.

- The arson attack on the house of Mavis Mudhumu- a staunch ZANU-PF supporter belonging to the Tongai Muzenda faction by an unidentified assailant suspected to be from the Shuvai Mahofa faction in Gutu, Masvingo Province.

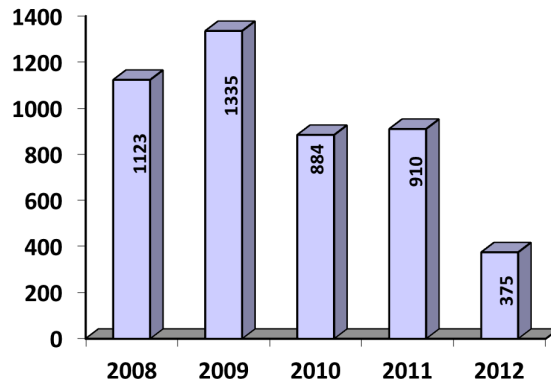


Figure 1: Trends of PMV for July 2008 – July 2012

- Zanu PF youths led by Silver Chitova and Robert Chasikati allegedly took over Adro Motors building in Rusape town on the 4th of July 2012 from a businessman of Indian origin. The youths claimed the takeover was part of the Zanu PF empowerment programme.

- Still in Manicaland ZANU-PF politicians Enock Porusingazi and Fred Kanzama reportedly chased away John Strut and confiscated his drilling plant equipment. They claimed that John Strut a white man who had a drilling contract with a diamond mining company Gecko at Chiadzwa

did not respect President Robert Mugabe and harassed him until he left.

- Peter Madamombe- believed to be a soldier with the 3 Brigade Battalion allegedly set up terror bases in Kasora, Kazangarare and Razor shopping centres in Hurungwe East constituency, Mashonaland West Province.
- On the 30th of July 2012, MDC-T Member of Parliament for St. Mary's constituency- Marvelous Khumalo was allegedly assaulted by an MDC-T youth, Chitungu Jasi who accused him of having misused the Constituency Development Fund.
- On 12 July, about fifteen ZANU-PF youths suspected to be members of the notorious Chipangano gang harassed and displaced a female dance group owner from her house in Mbare accusing her of performing with her dance group at Harare Residents Trust meeting held earlier at Stodart Hall, the trust is accused of supporting MDC-T.

Analysis of factors fuelling politically-motivated human rights violations nationally

Inter and intra-party conflict between the major political parties of Zanu PF and the MDC-T have remained the major sources of conflict throughout the country's ten provinces.

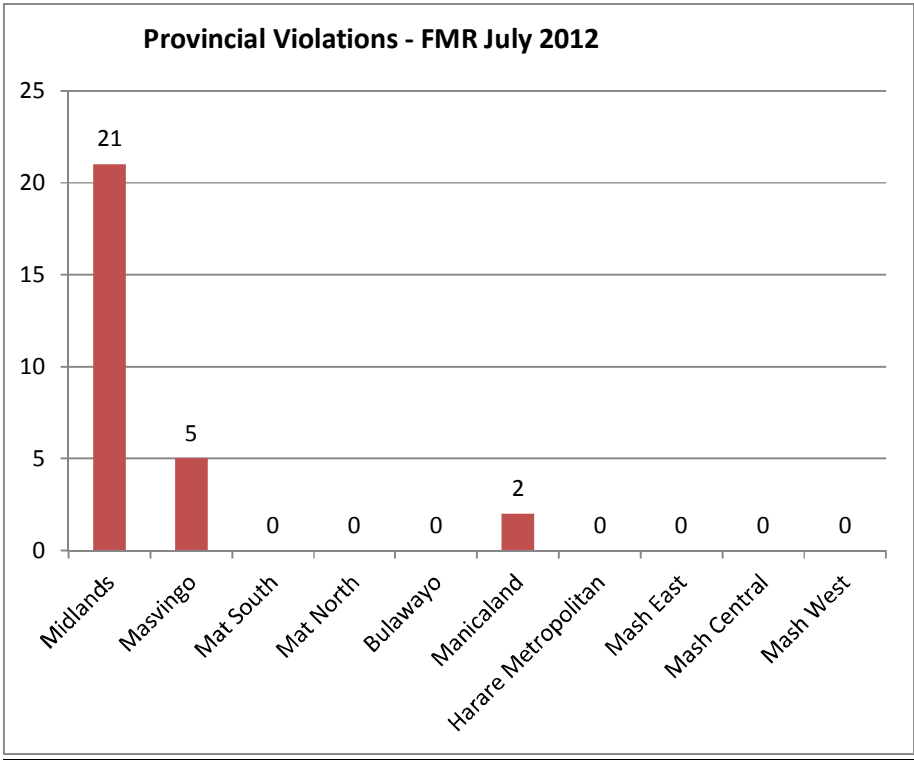
The use of violence to achieve political ends is still widespread in Zimbabwe and was identified as the imperative behind the Gutu arson attack on July 17, 2012. Aspiring leaders especially former Political heavyweights like Shuvai Mahofa who resent being challenged by upstarts within and outside their political formations are behind the persistence of this phenomenon.

MDC-T and MDC-N supporters have been counter accusing each other of defecting from one political party to other resulting in people's rights to freedom of association being violated.

The disturbances in the commercial farming areas under the guise of returning the land to its rightful owners has continued to fuelled conflict across the country. Twelve years after the launch of the fast-track land reform programme by the Zanu PF government- its supporters are still invading white-owned farms, dispossessing the white owners on racial grounds and in the process perpetrating human rights abuses to farm workers.

Traditional leaders aligned to Zanu PF are reportedly denying their own subjects government subsidised food aid on political grounds exacerbating an increasingly dire food situation in drought prone districts of the mentioned provinces below.

While MDC-T supporters remain the major victim of politically motivated human rights violations, Zanu PF supporters who have falled victim to violence has increased significantly. The MDC-T activists constituted 57% of the victims while 20% were from Zanu PF supporters.



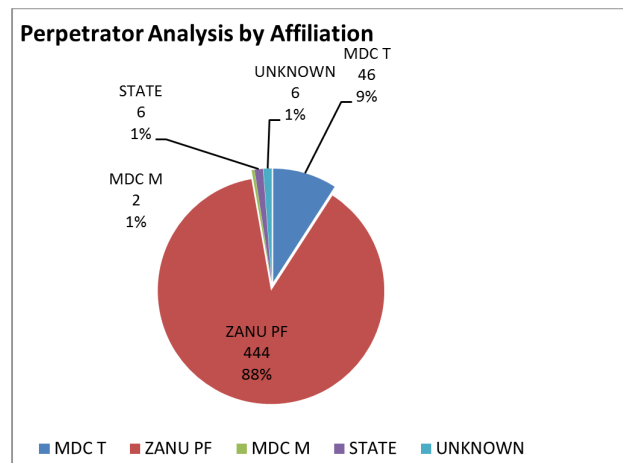
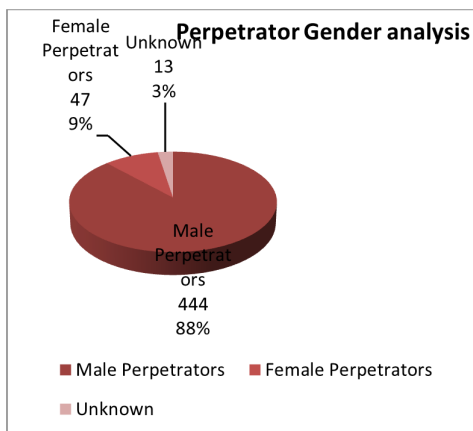
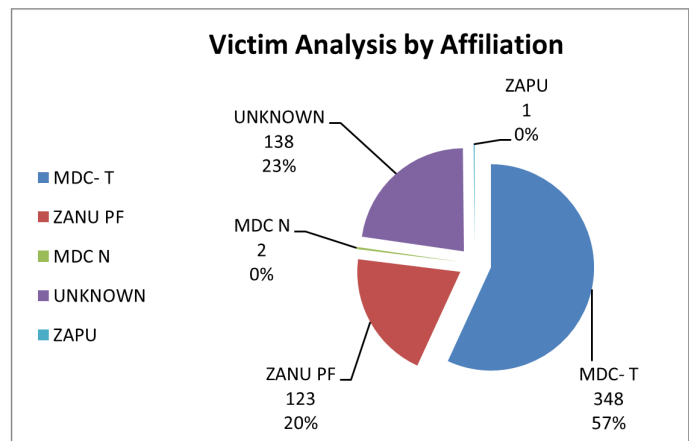
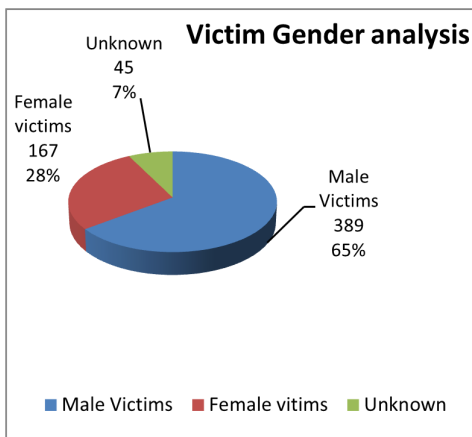
INCIDENCES OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLATIONS

PROVINCE	TYPE OF VIOLATIONS	COUNTS	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONFLICT
Manicaland	Unlawful Detention	2	➤ President Robert Mugabe was in the province on the 26th of July for the launch of the Marange/Zimunya Community Share Ownership scheme while his vice Joyce Mujuru also landed at the Mafarikwa shrine in Marange where she attended the Johane Marange Apostolic church annual Passover. ➤ ZANU-PF politicians Enock Porusingazi and Fred Kanzama chased away John Strut, a white man who had a drilling contract with diamond mining company Gecko at the Chiadzwa Diamond fields and confiscated his drilling plant equipment. They claimed he had insulted the President and generally did not respect black people and they harassed and threatened him until he left. ➤ A shadowy ZANU-PF youth group called Manicaland Youth Empowerment attempted without success to forcefully takeover all public transport ranks within the city. They however managed to takeover Meikles Park parking space which they turned into a flea market putting up stalls without Mutare City Council approval.
	Harassment/intimidation	54	
	Assaults	12	
	Theft/looting	4	
	Discrimination	18	
	Malicious Damage to property	2	
	Displacement	3	
	Total	95	
Midlands	Harassment/intimidation	49	➤ Intimidation and harassment still tops the list of politically motivated human rights violations recorded in the restive Midlands province in July 2012. Soldiers on training exercises are reportedly intimidating residents of Redcliff township by singing war songs while jogging around the suburbs every morning. ➤ An MDC-T activist from Gokwe Kabuyuni was allegedly sentenced to seven years in prison after his family had been targeted by Zanu PF supporters. The victim followed the perpetrators to Vhumba Police Station who had already made an assault report against him. ➤ A Zanu PF supporter Mujubheki Murambwa based in Shurugwi is going around the area screening MDC-T supporters and threatening them with eviction. ➤ The space for civil society organizations is shrinking as shown by the harassment of Centre for Community Development (CCDZ) members who held a voter education workshop at Nyamhara Township. Suspected CIO agents have been threatening them with violence.
	Assault	10	
	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	
	Discrimination	2	
	Displacement	3	
	Total	65	
Mash Central	Harassment/intimidation	39	➤ Most of the people residing in Mashonaland central province are in need of food aid and most of the politically motivated human rights abuses concern discrimination in the distribution of government funded food aid. Headman Russia Sabau of Charunda Village in Muzarabani, Councillor Winby Kagodo and Evaristo Nyamadzawo are reportedly denying villagers access to food aid on political grounds. ➤ A group of war veterans led by Murunyeri and Muzengeya allegedly invaded a white owned Tsoro farm early in July 2012. CIO agents are also going around the province compiling lists of eligible voters in each village. How they are going to use these lists is still a matter of speculation but the affected villagers are now living in fear.
	Assault	1	
	Discrimination	21	
	Displacement	1	
	Total	62	

Mash East	Harassment/intimidation	13	➤ The ZANU-PF Member of Parliament for Mudzi North constituency Newton Kachepa is intimidating villagers in Mudzi District by allegedly forcing them to pay as much as US\$5 per household as contributions to a legal fund set up to defend the suspects currently in remand prison facing charges of murdering MDC-T member Cephaz Magura. ➤ Villagers in Kondo and Jeke villages are the most affected with the MP reportedly having extorted more than US\$2 000 from the two villages. ➤ One of the murder suspects- Eric Chatiza- has reportedly died in Mutoko prison leaving his accomplices petrified of the avenging spirit. Some of the suspects' family members have reportedly approached the Magura family with the hope of culturally resolving the matter by appeasing the spirit of the deceased. ➤ Teachers who are generally regarded as MDC-T sympathizers by ZANU-PF members are being discriminated against in the recruitment of enumerators for the Census.
	Assault	5	
	Discrimination	5	
	Theft/Looting	5	
	Torture	1	
	Total	29	
Mash West	Assault	3	➤ Political tensions have continued to rise in the province due to the presence of the war veterans' leader Jabulani Sibanda who is allegedly advocating for the banning of MDC-T activities in Hurungwe. ➤ The MDC-T launched its election campaigns in Mashonaland West this July and this could also be the reason for the rise in political tensions as Zanu PF sought to stage counter rallies whenever and wherever this party was having a rally resulting in clashes between the two sets of supporters. ➤ The MDC-T party has embarked on a programme to promote voter registration among their supporters. Names of perpetrators that feature strongly in the province Jabulani Sibanda in Hurungwe area, Minister of Local government Ignatius Chombo in the Mhondoro Ngezi area where he is alleged to have threatened MDC-T councillors with a shortlived term of office if they do not defect to Zanu PF.
	Discrimination	2	
	Harassment/Intimidation	33	
	Displacement	1	
	Total	39	
Masvingo	Harassment/Intimidation	39	➤ Intra-party conflicts within Zanu PF continued in July following the dissolution of the party's District Coordinating Committees in May. Factionalism continued with the Gutu arson case described above as one such example where the Mujuru faction represented by Tongai Muzenda in Gutu was on the receiving end of a violent power struggle. ➤ The Chiredzi murder case where Simbarashe Nemauro was fatally stabbed by well-known Zanu PF activist John 'Hussein' Charlie after a political argument shows the depth of political intolerance and polarization in the province. ➤ On a positive note, two victims who were abducted and tortured by war veterans in Zaka West constituency and subsequently handed over to police in Chiredzi on false charges were acquitted by a Chiredzi Magistrate on 25 July. The two, Hardlife Kuzonyei and Rynos Musareva were tortured between 27 and 30 April this year and are now suing their abductors with assistance from the ZLHR. Another activist- Fortune Makanza was acquitted in the Mwenezi Magistrates Courts early this month after being charged with insulting the President.
	Assault	4	
	Discrimination	9	
	Displacement	1	
	Theft/looting	1	
	Malicious Damage to property	1	
	Total	55	

Harare	Assault	2	➤ The month of July 2012 saw a slight decrease in the number of politically motivated human rights abuses in Harare province. The most common violations-harassment / Intimidation and assault recorded a decrease compared to last June 2012. ZANU-PF still remains the biggest perpetrator with MDC-T and other parties mainly being the victims. Harassment and assault of civilians by the police and soldiers is still being reported. ➤ Politically motivated violations still continue in Mbare township and sometimes victims report to police who are not arresting the perpetrators who are mostly members of the Chipangano.
	Harassment/Intimidation	8	
	Discrimination	1	
	Malicious Damage to property	1	
	Torture	1	
	Unlawful Detention	1	
	Total	14	
Mat North	Assault	2	➤ The release of the COPAC draft constitution in July 2012 has raised tension in Matabeleland North province though a low number of violations were recorded this month. Food or rather the lack of it and its distribution along partisan lines has been behind most of the violations recorded this month. NGOs like ORAP and Save the Children are also being denied permission to hold meetings by Police officers with the Police's PISI unit being fingered as being the instigator of this illegal ban. ➤ Forced political meetings are also on the rise- an example being one organized by Samuel Muganda- an Official working in the Ministry of Youth, Gender and Employment creation who forced villagers in the Sianoti Gaza area of Binga North constituency to attend his meeting where he shamelessly lied that ZANU-PF was financing the building of a dam in the area
	Harassment/Intimidation	5	
	Total	7	
Bulawayo	Harassment/Intimidation	2	➤ Despite the proliferation of political parties in Zimbabwe's second city, residents seem to have embraced tolerance of divergent opinions which has resulted in a peaceful political environment. Political parties in Bulawayo province have embarked on peaceful door-to-door campaigns the most visible being ZAPU, Zanu PF, MDC-T, MDC-N, Patriotic Front of Matabeleland and the Mthwakazi Liberation Front. ➤ The defection of members mainly from the MDC-T to MDC-N has heightened tension between the two political formations. Human rights defenders are also being intimidated by state security agents with ZIMRIGHTS activists forming the bulk of victims
	Total	2	
Mat South	Theft & Looting	2	➤ Due to the poor food situation in the province village heads are colluding with corrupt Grain Marketing Board and government officials to divert food from its intended beneficiaries for personal gain. The partisan distribution of drought relief is behind most of the human rights violations recorded. Villagers are also being made to pay US\$1 for administration and US\$3 for transport in order to access government supported food relief. ➤ A Zanu PF leader only identified as Mr Dube invaded Bonn Accord farm in the company of state security agents and displaced Mr. Dupree- a white commercial farmer. Another white commercial farmer- Mr.Cloete of Sala farm is under siege from State security agents who are attempting to displace him. He is now forced to barricade himself in the Farm house to avoid being harassed by the farm invaders.
	Discrimination	2	
	Harassment/Intimidation	2	
	Displacement	1	
	Total	7	
	OVERALL TOTAL	375	

VICTIM/PERPETRATOR ANALYSIS BY GENDER AND ASSOCIATION



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