

# **ZIMBABWE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO FORUM**

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## **POLITICAL VIOLENCE REPORT: OCTOBER 2002**

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## OVERVIEW

Reports of organised violence have consistently surrounded the period preceding elections in Zimbabwe. The by-election held in Insiza over the weekend of 26 - 27 October 2002 proved to be no exception as it was allegedly marked by violence and engulfed in intimidation. There were reports of victimization of villagers, real and perceived MDC supporters as well as the MDC candidate himself. In one case, it is alleged when Zanu PF candidate, Andrew Langa, is alleged to have fired a shot at an MDC supporter, Darlington Kadengu, during the campaign period. Siyabonga Mlandu Ncube, the MDC candidate was with Kadengu at the time of the shooting. It is unknown whether the shot that hit Kadengu had been intended for him or not.

The reported presence of CIO officers and youths from the Border Gezi National Service Training Centre observing and monitoring the polls in a breach of the electoral laws, was purported to have had an intimidatory effect on the opposition party supporters. As the Electoral Act Section 14B states, it is only those nominated by and accredited by the Observers' Accreditation Committee before the actual commencement of the polls, and those who also have proof of an accreditation certificate, who are empowered to observe polls; neither of these groups had been accredited.

There were allegations that the police were selective in application of the law as they reportedly targeted only MDC supporters, turning a blind eye to political violence perpetrated by Zanu PF supporters. In one incident, Siyabonga Malandu Ncube claimed that police officers stopped their MDC convoy while on their way from refueling in Gwanda, searched them, and told them that they were no longer allowed in the area until after the elections. The police also reportedly barred MDC party's election campaign manager from Insiza, Mr. Charles Mpofo, on allegations of having incited violence. Mr. Paul Themba Nyathi, director for MDC New Developments, claimed that the police had received instructions not to let MDC vehicles into the constituency but to give Zanu PF vehicles unlimited access. As such, these reports of police brutality and victimization would have led MDC supporters to fear to vote for their party.

Retributive attacks on opposition party supporters have been widely reported in the post – election period for the September 2002 Rural District Council elections. Anderson Chingosho, MDC candidate in the Mount Darwin town council elections, was allegedly assaulted and barred from his home area together with his family. In a related incident, Nkanyiso Nkala of Gwanda as well as MDC winning candidate in the rural district and council elections, was reportedly harassed and forced to defect to Zanu PF.

Cases of farm evictions have decreased by 37.5% in comparison to those recorded in the month of September. However, Zana Nance Van Rensburg, the owner of Monderwa Farm, receiving a one - day notice to vacate the premises after having stayed at the farm for thirty - seven years. In another related incident, Zanu PF supporters, led by the war veterans, reportedly approached Noel Buchanan at Ntshonalanga farm at midnight and torched his thatched buildings in order to force him and his workers away.

With people facing hunger in most parts of the country, Zanu PF supporters have reportedly taken advantage of this to sway the electorate to its side as well as punish the would be supporters of the MDC. In Chimanimani, Zanu PF supporters were allegedly caught red handed rewarding

voters with allocations of maize, moments after they cast their votes in the just ended September 2002 rural district council elections. It was reportedly established that after the persons in a queue for the illiterate were assisted to vote, they would get a handout of maize from the stock of food.<sup>1</sup> This resulted in even the literate people joining this queue so that they could at least get a bag of maize. On the other hand, one Kamusoko, an MDC supporter and resident of Svosve Communal Lands, was allegedly denied access to food aid on allegations of supporting the "wrong party". Zanu PF offices in Tshabalala, Bulawayo, have reportedly turned into stockists of the hard to find maize meal, but it is claimed that the maize meal is only being sold to Zanu PF cardholders.

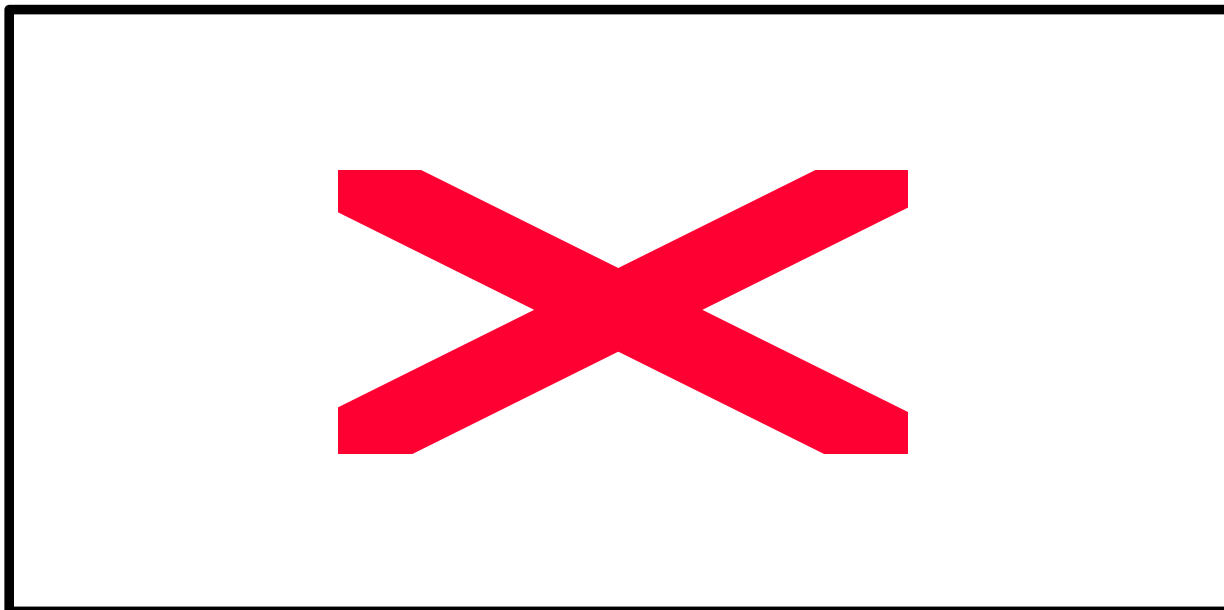
Cases of political intimidation decreased by 65% in comparison to those reported in September, while cases of infringement of freedom of expression, assembly and association increased by 78%. Reports indicate that Zanu PF remained the main instigator of politically motivated violence in the month of October, with the opposition party MDC being responsible for only 9.6% of the cases of violence.

Schoolteachers were reportedly attacked on the basis of their being perceived as opposition supporters. Teachers who went on a strike organised by the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (PTUZ) were reportedly dismissed from their posts. In contrast Health Professionals and University Lecturers who went on strike were neither victimised nor dismissed. Other incidents of victimisation of teachers were reported in Gwanda, Beitbridge and Insiza. War veterans reportedly chased away about ten teachers from five schools in Gwanda and three nurses from Umzimumi Clinic for ostensibly supporting the MDC. In Beitbridge, Sithembinkosi Mthombeni, the Head of Msame Primary School, was allegedly forced off the school premises by seven war veterans on allegations of being an MDC sympathiser. Raymond Manjongwe, the Secretary General of the PTUZ, was reportedly arrested and tortured by the police on allegations of mobilising the teachers to engage in an alleged "illegal" strike. This then appears to place a direct link between political intimidation and professionalism in the country.

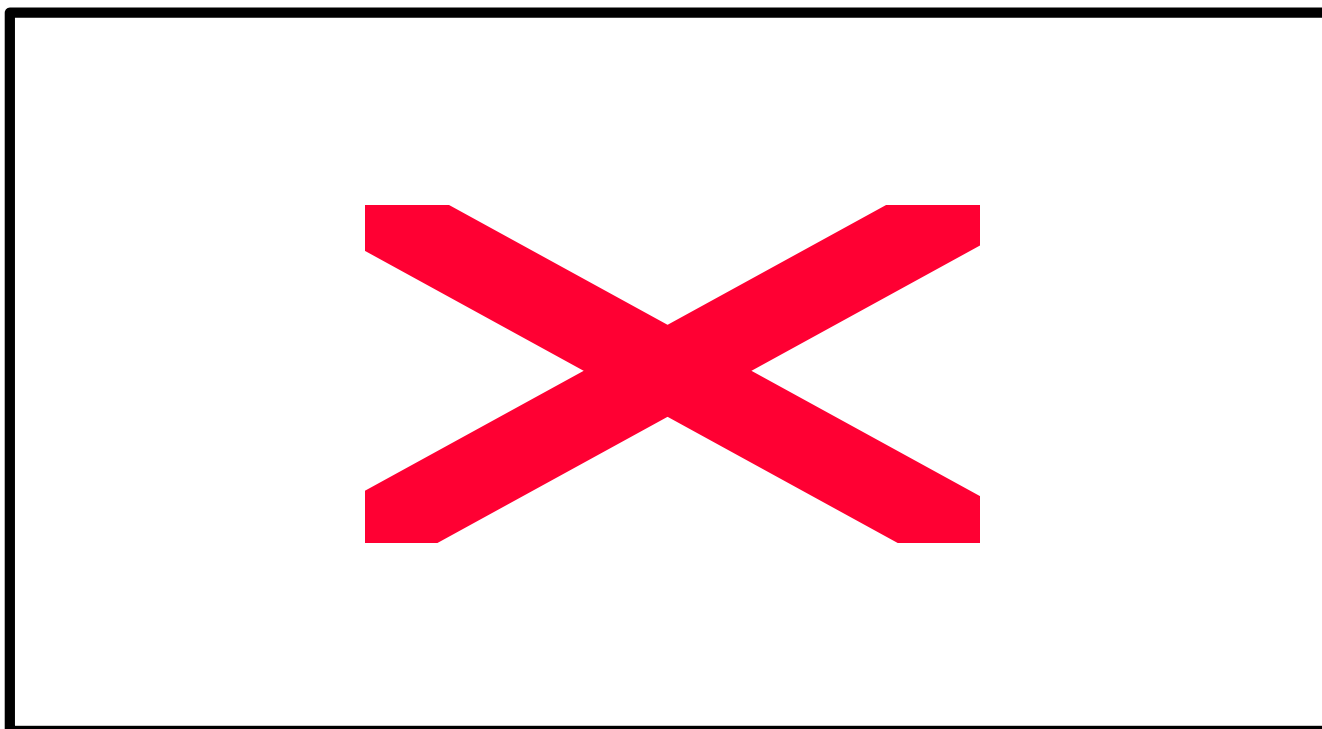
### **Totals 1 to 31 October 2002**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Daily News*, 3 October 2002, page 1



Cumulative Totals 1 January 2002 – 31 October 2002



**Sources:** The information contained in this report is derived from statements made to the Legal Unit of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, CFU reports, newspaper reports, and statements taken by the member organisations of the Human Rights Forum. (See last page for list of member organisations)

### **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 organisation. 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**

CIO – Central Intelligence Organisation

MDC – Movement for Democratic Change

MP – Member of Parliament

NCA – National Constitutional Assembly

PTUZ – Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe

UMP – Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe

ZNLWVA – Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association

ZNA – Zimbabwe National Army

ZRP – Zimbabwe Republic Police

Zanu PF – Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front

## Cases of Political Violence

**Note: The identities of victims that have not been published in the press and are not public officials are protected by the use of initials.**

### BULAWAYO

#### *Makokoba*

*8 October 2002*

- Albert Ndlovhu, the MDC winning candidate in the municipal by-election in Bulawayo, claims that he was attacked while sleeping at his home. A group of about six men, armed with clubs and iron bars, arrived in a green defender vehicle without a canopy. The victim is uncertain what uniform the men were wearing but reported that it looked to him like the ZRP uniform. The Police Law and Order Section allegedly summoned Ndlovhu to their station to identify the type of car that the armed men reportedly used.

#### *Tshabalala*

*18 October 2002*

- Maize meal is allegedly being stocked at the Zanu PF offices in Tshabalala, Bulawayo and is reportedly being sold only to Zanu PF cardholders.

### HARARE

#### *Chitungwiza*

*5 October 2002*

- STG, an MDC supporter, was at a house in Unit K, Seke when a blue Nissan Sunny drove by and parked several metres away from the house. One man personally known to him, summoned him outside the gate for a chat. When he got to the gate eight ZANU PF supporters allegedly assaulted him with a fist on his right eye. They allegedly kicked him with booted feet all over his body and one of the assailants tried to stab him in the chest with a knife. He managed to block the knife, and instead his right little finger was cut. Friends and passers by then rescued him. STG claims that when he later went to Zengeza Police Station to make a police report, he saw the same Nissan Sunny already parked at the station. This deterred him from making the report.

*6 October 2002*

- John Matienga of St. Mary's Constituency Development Trust claimed that when members of the police arrived at Hurudzayo Shopping Centre, the venue for an MDC meeting at around 9:30am in two defender vehicles, they used unnecessary brutality to disperse the MDC supporters. He alleged that their actions were politically motivated and illegal. He reported that the MDC supporters were simply waiting for the rally to commence when the police rounded them up and attacked them for wearing MDC t-shirts. Job Sikhala, MDC MP for Seke, claimed that police accused the MDC supporters of loitering and wearing MDC t-shirts when their meeting was supposed to be a constituency development meeting. The arrested victims were reportedly forced to pay five hundred dollars in fine each, which was then paid,

by Job Sikhala. Reports in the Daily News say the MDC members were arrested for contravening Section 7(a) of the Miscellaneous Offences Act Chapter 9:15, which deals with conduct that is likely to cause a breach of peace.

*14 October 2002*

- JM, MDC election agent in Ward 15 in the September 2002 Rural District Council elections, claims that he was assaulted by a group of about fifteen Zanu PF supporters, while he was in a night club, because he had served as a MDC election agent. They allegedly attacked him while he was outside and then pursued him when he sought refuge inside the nightclub at the shopping centre. They reportedly assaulted him with clubs and chairs, leaving him with a swollen right eye, head injuries and sixteen stitches. The victim reported the incident to the police on 17 October 2002. He managed to identify Pension and Innocent among the perpetrators.

### **Harare Central**

*October 2002*

- Fletcher-Dulini Ncube, Giles Mutsekwa, Mzila Moses Ncube (MDC MPs), Dr Tichaona Mudzingwa (MDC Secretary for Security and Defense), Misheck Shoko (Chitungwiza Executive Mayor, MDC), and twenty war veterans who have defected to MDC, have filed a complaint that their ex-combatants' pension benefits have been terminated by the government. They allege that the move is meant to warn the disaffected members of the ZNLWVA that they should not join the MDC. War veterans reportedly confirmed that the moment it was established that they had joined MDC, government hastened to terminate their monthly pensions. However, the compensation, which the war veterans get, is reportedly a social welfare payment which has nothing to do with Zanu PF as a party.

*3 October 2002*

- It has been reported that as the MDC officials drove away from the hearing of Solomon Chikowero and Linos Mushonga (MDC officials) at the Magistrates' Court, their vehicle came under a hail of stones from a group of Zanu PF youths. Solomon Chikowero and Linos Mushonga were on trial for the murder of Ali Khan Manjengwa, a Zanu PF activist who was shot and killed at Nyere flats in Mbare on 22 August 2002. The youths were reportedly about fifty meters away from the court building, waiting to attack the MDC officials. Police and prison guards armed with rifles and tear gas canisters reportedly maintained a watchful eye on the youths at strategic points around the complex as they perpetrated the violence, but they did not intervene. Four people have so far been reported arrested and remanded in custody.

*24 October 2002*

- Teachers went on strike in the month of October following disgruntlement over salary structures. It was reported that Regional Director of Education for Harare Region, Bossy Nhandarasigned letters of suspension and sent them to approximately 700 teachers. Part of the letter reportedly read that the teachers had committed an act of misconduct by engaging in a work stoppage, and were thus suspended from duty for a period of three months with effect from after duty on the day the teachers received the letters.

*28 October 2002*

- ZRP officers led by Assistant Inspector Dowa of the CID's Law and Order Section, reportedly arrived in two Police Defender vehicles and two Mazda B1800 vehicles and clashed with MDC youths and mourners at the late Learnmore Jongwe's home in Ridgeview. The police allegedly harassed the mourners and brandished guns at them. Jongwe's mother reportedly threatened to throw herself into the fire, as she could not understand why the police would attack her during her time of mourning. The Independent News crew was reportedly threatened with arrest and shooting should they record anything in the press the police did not approve of. Simon Jongwe, the brother of the deceased, claimed that the police officers were not very clear on what they wanted at Jongwe's funeral. At first they reportedly claimed that they wanted to search the house for two murder suspects from Buhera, but they did not specify which case they were investigating.

### **Hatfield**

*October 2002*

- Teaboy Tsura of Murehwa went to CC's home in the company of other Zanu PF youths and allegedly assaulted him for supporting the MDC. They looted his property including all his household articles, carpentry tools, four buckets of maize and two bags of fertiliser. The youths allegedly chased the victim from Epworth. He now resides in the bush together with his wife since he has no alternative accommodation.

### **Mbare East**

*October 2002*

- Zanu PF supporters and members of the ZNLWVA in Mbare have reportedly unleashed a reign of terror as a way of avenging the death of Ali Khan Manjengwa, a Zanu PF activist who was killed in Mbare on 22 August 2002. Eyewitnesses in Mbare claimed that the Zanu PF militias started by evicting people from Nenyere Flats and allocating themselves their flats. The terror is reportedly being co-ordinated through six community halls in blocks of flats. These are said to have been turned into militia bases. Trymore Magamu, one of the eyewitnesses, claimed that he had also been evicted from his flat and that the Matapi flats were now a no-go area for opposition supporters. The property which belongs to the evicted people is understood to have been lying in the corridors as they have no where to put it.

## **MANICALAND**

### **Buhera North**

*October 2002*

- Mathos and Gibson Madombwe, Chakanetsa and Cryson Kangana, Madombwe and Joseph Mandaza, all MDC supporters, allegedly went to Cde. Elliot Manyika's homestead and burnt two buses. Cde Elliot Manyika is a Zanu PF member and the Minister of Youth Gender and Employment Creation. His neighbour, Mr. Katiyo, claimed that he saw the assailants fleeing the scene as the buses went up in flames. They have appeared before a Harare Magistrate on allegations of torching the buses.

### **Chimanimani**

*October 2002*

- Joseph Mwale, a senior officer with the Central Intelligence Organisation, has reportedly declared Chimanimani, a plantation and farming region in the east of Zimbabwe, a no-go area for the private media. This move has forced a private company, Radar Holdings, which was planning a media tour to view its plantations, which were gutted down by a fire in the month of October, to shelve the tour by aeroplane. (MISA). According to the Media Institute for Southern Africa (MISA), an NGO, Radar Holdings lost approximately US\$168M (Z\$9 billion) worth of timber in the fire. Mwale reportedly denied permission for the flight on allegations that it would bring in private reporters who would report negatively on the situation. He is also alleged to have said that proceeding with the flight would only be at the risk of the peoples' lives. Although the High Court recommended that the Attorney General arrest Mwale, nothing has been done as yet. Mwale was implicated in the murder of two MDC activists in the run up to the June 2000 Parliamentary Elections, Talent Mabika and Tichaona Chiminya.

*9 October 2002*

- MM, a personal aide of the MDC MP for Chimanimani, Roy Bennet, was driving in a truck with the Bennets when two police officers allegedly took him to Chimanimani Police Station on allegations of selling the country to the whites. CIO agents, led by Joseph Mwale, allegedly assaulted him with booted feet, fists, iron bars, gun butts and a hosepipe while other police officers watched. He claims that he was also threatened with death if he ever set foot in Chimanimani again. He was then arrested and detained for three days at Middle Sabi Police Station and then at Chipinge Police Station. He was charged under the Electoral Act for allegedly taking pictures of a polling station and was remanded to 15 October 2002.

### ***Mutare Central***

*29 October 2002*

- Youths from the Boarder Gezi National Youth Service Training Centre celebrating victory in the Insiza by-election reportedly went on a rampage assaulting revellers at a nightclub in Mutare City Centre. They apparently descended on the patrons, accusing them of indiscipline and of supporting the MDC. One of the victims alleged that the assailants were asking them why they had voted for MDC in the September 2002 elections. The youths have reportedly become a common sight in and around the city. One taxi driver who declined to be named alleged that the incident took place at around 10pm, and the ZRP dog section was called in to quell the disturbances. The youths were reportedly clad in the standard youth brigade green fatigues, wielding sticks and sjamboks. Edmund Maingire, ZRP spokesman for Manicaland, claimed that he had not received any report on the incident.

### ***Mutasa***

*1 October 2002*

- Zanu PF youths celebrating victory in the September 2002 Rural District Council elections allegedly set on fire the homes of MDC members Tobaiwa Tsadziva, Luke Dambaza and Elias Makwenjere. The case was not reported to the police, the reason reported in the local press being that police officers never do anything to Zanu PF perpetrators of political violence, but instead they arrest the MDC victims of political violence. This incident follows the September 2002 rural district and council elections, in which Zanu PF won in all the seats in the Mutasa wards.

*11 October 2002*

- Prosper Mutseyami, MDC Vice- chairman for Manicaland, claimed that he was dragged from the podium by a group of Zanu PF supporters while speaking at Danford Masaiti's funeral in Samanga Village. Danford Masaiti was the husband of Evelyn Masaiti, MDC MP for Mutasa. He died on 11 October 2002. Mutseyami was allegedly booed at, confronted, grabbed by his left arm and asked to leave the funeral, but mourners came to his rescue. The youths are said to have briefly disrupted the proceedings, but the MDC supporters later intervened and managed to bury Evelyn's husband in peace.

26 October 2002

- Evelyn Masaiti, MDC MP for Mutasa, claims that she was unceremoniously chased away from the commissioning of a water project in her constituency by Zanu PF officials. Masaiti reportedly accused Oppah Muchinguri the Zanu PF provincial governor for Manicaland who was also present at the ceremony, of instigating the violence she got at the ceremony. However, Muchinguri denied the allegations. Masaiti had been invited for the official commissioning of the Mutarazi Water Project, a \$10 million dollar project to draw irrigation water from the Mutarazi Falls for the communal farmers in Honde Valley. Masaiti claimed that she was shepherded away from the venue at the time when a team from the EU office in Harare was arriving at the scene. She then drove to Ruda Police Station, about 40kms away, to formally report the incident to the police but she claimed that the officer in charge at Ruda Police station did not offer her much assistance.

## **MASHONALAND CENTRAL**

### ***Bindura***

*October 2002*

- FK's home was allegedly burnt down by Revhie Chitate and Monica Mudongo. FK was the MDC candidate in the September Rural District and Council elections and was coming from Harare where he had been reporting on the elections in Bindura. His wife and children escaped without retrieving anything.

### ***Guruve North***

*18 October 2002*

- MC, an MDC supporter who operates a retail business, claims that members of the ZRP from Mushumbi Pools and members of the Support Unit Branch confiscated from him 200kg of sugar, 56 kgs maize, 40kg cow peas and \$463.50 cash on false accusations of smuggling goods into Mozambique. He claimed that he had just arrived in a truck when Constable Keke and other police officers approached him. The victim operates from Chikata Business Centre, located about four hundred meters from the border into Mozambique. The police officers reportedly took the victim to the police station where Keke assaulted him with gun butts, booted feet and sjamboks all over the body. The assailants allegedly demanded a bribe from him but he refused to give them anything. The victim is expected to appear in court on 5 November 2002 despite having been innocent of illegal cross boarder smuggling.

### ***Mount Darwin North/ South***

*3 October 2002*

- AC, MDC candidate for Mt Darwin in the September 2002 Town Council elections, claims that he was assaulted and victimised by youths from the Border Gezi National Youth Training Service Centre. He claims that he cannot go back to his home area, as it has been declared a no go area to him and his family.

### **Shamva**

*1 October 2002*

- CM, an MDC supporter, claims that he has been staying in safe houses since he fled his home in April 2002, having been accused by Zanu PF youths of supporting the 'wrong party'. When he went back to his home at the beginning of May 2002, he was threatened with death by Luke Zinamwe, Victoria Chirwa, Timmie Marikopo and Precious Magora, Zanu PF supporters. He claims that Marikopo told him that he would die by the 2002 rainy season if he stayed in the area. The other three alleged that the victim insulted them and Zanu PF before a chief's court and the victim was ordered to pay \$15 000 by chief Mutumba. The victim fled the area in October as the threats from the perpetrators continued.

*20 October 2002*

- Junior policemen allegedly ordered Bernard Gandanhamo, a headman, out of his village for defecting from Zanu PF to MDC. Gandanhamo claimed that Mangirazi, a police sergeant, threatened him with death if he failed to surrender MDC literature, party cards and other material in his possession. In a report with the Standard Newspaper, Gandanhamo stated that Mangirazi had threatened to burn down the headman's homestead and slaughter his cattle if he defied the order to move out of the village. Mangirazi also allegedly barred the Headman from engaging in all farming activities. The incident occurred after the police sergeant spotted Gandanhamo in the company of MDC candidates at the nomination court for the Rural District Council elections held in September 2002.

## **MASHONALAND EAST**

### **Marondera East**

*October 2002*

- AM and CM, well known MDC members in Svosve area, claim that they have been denied access to food under the food for work scheme since the program began, on political grounds. On the day in question, the Zanu PF chairman in the area allegedly announced that all MDC people had to get out of the queue, or risk being beaten up.

*1 October 2002*

- TC claims that she was assaulted by Zanu PF supporters for refusing to take part in their rally during the September 2002 Rural District Council elections. The victim was then denied a chance to buy maize. She said that she once stayed with her uncle who is an MDC supporter and she now suspects this to be the cause for the discrimination.

*30 October 2002*

- AK and AM, MDC supporter and residents of Svosve Communal Lands, claim that they were denied access to food aid and they now fear facing starvation. AK reported that Svosve

Communal Lands are experiencing a severe drought and as a result there has been a severe food shortage. The victim claimed that all MDC supporters are being denied access to food aid in the village, and that Zanu PF supporters have already advised them that they will not get food aid because they support the opposition party.

### ***Murehwa North/ South***

*21 October 2002*

- TN is an MDC supporter. He claims that he was abducted at night from his home by Zanu PF militia. He suspects that he was abducted because he supports the opposition party. He claims that he was taken to a Zanu PF base where he spent a night and was forced to eat some sadza which, he suspects, was poisoned. He now complains of an ongoing stomach-ache. He claims he was assaulted with baton sticks over his whole body.

### ***Murehwa North***

*1 October 2002*

- MG is an MDC member. She claims that she was assaulted by Zanu PF members on allegations of supporting the “wrong party”. She claims that her husband was also kidnapped on 30 August 2002 and his whereabouts are still not known. She alleged that the perpetrators also abducted her baby for about twenty to thirty minutes, and the baby has since developed medical complications.

### ***Murehwa South***

*October 2002*

- Raphinos Madzokere, a war veteran and MDC candidate for Murehwa South in the September 2002 rural district council elections, claims that he lost property worth millions of dollars after Zanu PF supporters descended on him soon after the elections. He also claims that the benefits he was supposed to enjoy as a war veteran were eliminated as soon as it became public knowledge that he was an MDC supporter. He now stays in a single room with his wife and five children as his property was destroyed. The MDC has reportedly attracted not only war veterans, but police officers, prison officers, army personnel and teachers, many of whom have been victimised or even dismissed from work by Zanu PF supporters and war veterans, once it became known that they supported the opposition MDC.

### ***Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe***

*3 October 2002*

- TG was an MDC polling agent in the September 2002 Rural District Council elections at Chikuwa Primary School. Seven war veterans and Zanu PF youths reportedly took him two other MDC polling agents, including Lawrence Muchato, to their base at Choutswa Business Center at around 8 pm. Their commander, Mushungwe, then ordered that the victims be fed with sadza at around 10 pm during which the victim believes that he was poisoned. The victims managed to run away at around 4 am. Although TG did not suffer any after effects, his friend vomited within four hours of taking the sadza.

## **MASHONALAND WEST**

**Kadoma East/ West**

October 2002

- Suspected MDC supporters recently reportedly disrupted a rain making ceremony and severely assaulted elders in Muzvezve 2 Resettlement Scheme in Domani. The MDC youths reportedly claimed that the rain making ceremony was a political gathering called up by Zanu PF supporters. At least fifteen elders were reportedly injured and are still recovering at Kadoma General Hospital. The MDC youths allegedly spilled all the beer and destroyed all the clay pots at the ceremony before ordering all the people gathered at the meeting to disperse.

**Kadoma West**

10 October 2002

- Property worth thousands of dollars was reportedly destroyed by war veterans in a fire at Sanyati growth point, as part of an alleged Zanu PF terror campaign against suspected MDC supporters. The attacks came a week after Zanu PF candidates won almost all the contested wards in the violence torn Rural District Council elections held in September 2002 in Mashonaland West. Stephen Gwandibva and Collen Gotohori are alleged to have led the attack in which they burnt down market stalls and looted goods belonging to MDC supporters.

**MASVINGO****Chiredzi North/ South**

12 October 2002

- Heavily armed soldiers allegedly injured at least five patrons when they raided Chigarapasi beerhall, on accusations of supporting MDC leaving one Obvious Chisina, MDC Chairman for Ward 3, for dead. He reportedly sustained severe injuries all over his body from the assault. The incident apparently turned into a free for all as members of the public tried in vain to stop the marauding soldiers from assaulting more innocent civilians. When the soldiers sensed the danger of mob violence, they reportedly threatened to shoot everyone in the beer hall. The threats sent the patrons scurrying for cover while others took to their heels. Police in Chiredzi confirmed the attack and said that investigations were underway. Lieutenant Ncube of Chiredzi ZRP allegedly accused the victims of being sons of MDC President Morgan Tsvangirai.

**Masvingo North**

1 October 2002

- Lovemore Nyikavanhu, Vincent Chemhere, Pikirai Pikirai and Chenjerai Bhobho, MDC polling agents, claim that they were abducted from their polling stations and severely beaten up by suspected Zanu PF youths from Mushagashe training centre. This former skills training centre was this year turned into a training institution for Zanu PF youths undergoing the so-called "national service".

**Mwenezi**

27 October 2002

- Charles Muzenda, an MDC supporter, claimed that he was brutally assaulted by suspected Zanu PF youths at Neshuro Growth Point in Mwenezi as political violence continues in parts of Masvingo province. The youths were reportedly clad in the National Service uniforms and armed with stones and sticks when they raided Neshuro Business Centre, saying they were on a mission to kill all MDC activists in the area. Muzenda was initially admitted at Neshuro District Hospital following the assault, but was transferred to Masvingo for further treatment due to the serious nature of the injuries. Muzenda claimed that the youths ordered him to go with them to their base and ordered him to stop supporting the MDC. When he refused, they allegedly dragged him to their base but the police managed to rescue him before they got far. His eyes were reportedly swollen and he was referred to an eye specialist for further treatment. By the time this report was made, none of the Zanu PF Youths had been arrested as they had reportedly left the area for their base in Gwanda. Political violence continues in the Zaka and Mwenezi districts of Masvingo as suspected Zanu PF supporters embark on a fresh wave of violence to silence the opposition MDC in the two districts.

## MATEBELELAND NORTH

### *Binga*

October 2002

- Shadreck Mudimba claims that he is now living in fear after he allegedly received death threats from Zanu PF supporters and war veterans, on accusations of supporting the opposition MDC. Mudimba also claimed that he was chased away from his office many times early this year. Sources in Binga reportedly said that pro-ruling party militants had warned Mudimba that he would be killed if he allowed MDC rural district councilors to use council officers. None of these perpetrators of violence have been jailed for their illegal activities. Reports from Binga residents were that Zanu PF supporters want Mudimba out of Binga district. The MDC won sixteen of the twenty seats in the September 2002 Rural District Council elections, a move that has not gone down well with ruling party supporters. A number of winning MDC candidates in the area have been assaulted and forced to flee their homes by Zanu FP supporters.
- Siatema Siambuyu and Mrs. Fife, reportedly died from starvation in two separate incidents, after it was claimed that the Government stopped food aid into the district as punishment for supporting MDC during the September 2002 Rural District Council elections. Siambuyu reportedly died after having gone for days without food. Mrs. Fife from Simbala reportedly died after eating a poisonous root. Hospital sources said they were aware of the death of Mrs. Fife but could not give further details as no post mortem had been carried out. Binga MP, Joel Gabhuza, alleged that as Save the Children, an NGO, had been banned from distributing food in the area, they were more likely to see more deaths in the area. The Government stopped Save the Children and the Catholic Church from distributing food aid in Binga in the month of October.

4 October 2002

- In the period following the Rural District and Council elections held on 28 and 29 September 2002, one non governmental organisation, Save the children, and the Catholic Church, were ordered by the ruling Zanu PF party to stop distributing food to starving Binga villagers. The Zanu PF supporters allegedly saw this as an MDC way supporting their victory. The Zanu PF

candidate lost the seat to the MDC candidate. According to press reports, this denial to distribute food has been described as a way by Zanu PF officials of punishing the Binga villagers for voting for MDC in the elections..

- Terror has reportedly continued in the period after the September 2002 Rural District and Council elections. Sophie Ngwenya claims that she lost property worth more than \$1m when her home was burnt down by suspected Zanu PF supporters. Ngwenya, an MDC losing candidate in Tinde Ward in the September 2002 elections, reportedly lost \$80 000 in cash, and property worth thousands of dollars, which she had been keeping for her brother. Police at Binga reportedly refused to comment on the incident. Van Muyela also claims that his home was burnt down. He was the MDC candidate for Mucheso Ward, Binga in the September 2002 Rural District and Council elections.

### **Gwanda North**

*14 October 2002*

- Jonathan Sibanda, MDC Provincial Organiser for Matebeleland South, claims that eight men travelling in a Zanu PF truck and led by one war veteran Robson Mafu, arrived at the Gwanda municipality fire brigade offices and asked him where he was on Saturday 12 September 2002. Sibanda told them that he had been campaigning for the MDC candidate in Insiza. Sibanda claims that the youths then told him that he could not continue working for the Municipality, an arm of the Government and at the same time campaign for MDC. Sibanda's colleagues were threatened with displacement from office if they let Sibanda in for work. The raid on Sibanda came two weeks after several teachers and health staff workers were fired from their jobs for allegedly aiding the MDC candidates to win in their in the September 2002 elections.

### **Gwanda North/ South**

*9 October 2002*

- MDC officials claimed that the winning candidates in Binga, Gwanda and Plumtree in the September 2002 elections have been forced to flee their homes, while others have been harassed by Zanu PF supporters. Nkanyiso Nkala, an MDC winning candidate in the elections, was reportedly harassed and forced to defect to Zanu PF by some Zanu PF supporters. It has also been reported that Nkala's whereabouts have been unknown since the two day election. Two other winning candidates whose names were not provided in the local press are reportedly in hiding after being visited by Zanu PF supporters at their respective homes. Zanu PF supporters have also reportedly been accused of launching a violent campaign of retribution against MDC members who won seats in the September 2002 rural district council elections. Police officers from Gwanda claimed that they never received any reports on post election violence in the province. The opposition won all three seats in Binga in the Rural District Council elections.
- War veterans have reportedly chased away about 10 teachers from five schools in Gwanda and three nurses from Umzimumi Clinic for ostensibly supporting the MDC. Teachers and nurses were said to have been harassed and accused of helping the MDC win in the September 2002 Rural District Council elections. Zanu PF supporters are reportedly not happy that they lost in the constituency and have been accused of harassing the people in the ward. The opposition MDC won in all the three wards in the elections.

### **Lupane**

9 October 2002

- Zanu PF supporters and police officers reportedly abducted MDC district committee member Nkathazo Ndebele, MDC district security committee member Gibson Moyo, as well as MDC's Lungile and Gibson Moyo from their homes in Lupane. Themba Moyo, MDC Matebeleland North Provincial Youth Vice Secretary, alleged that they last knew of the victims' whereabouts when they were still at Lupane Police Station, which was where the police first took them when they were arrested. It is suspected that they were then moved from Lupane Police Station to another police station. Police in Lupane refused to comment on the matter. Lungile and Gibson were once arrested in 2001 and questioned on the murder of Lumukani Lumphahla, a Zanu PF activist who was abducted and burnt beyond recognition by suspected MDC supporters in Lupane last year. It is therefore suspected that the two could have been abducted for the same reason.

### **Umzingwane**

4 October 2002

- Zanu PF supporters, led by war veterans, are reported to have approached Noel Buchanan at Ntshonalanga Farm around midnight and torched all the thatched buildings at his farm. This was to force Noel Buchanan and his workers off the farm. The Zimbabwe Red Cross provided food to the displaced victims and their families who are from outside Esigodhini. However, the farm was reportedly given relief from the section 8 eviction order served on it earlier by the Government. This section was ruled illegal by the High Court. Despite this ruling by the High Court, a senior Government official has reportedly already laid claim to the property

## **MATEBELELAND SOUTH**

October 2002

- Farmers in the Matebeleland South region claimed that the Government has intensified a crackdown against them, sending in armed police and soldiers to forcibly remove farmers off their properties. 90% of farmers in the area have reportedly been evicted under Section 8. The farmers alleged that Government officials aided by armed units of police and soldiers, have maintained pressure on the farmers throughout the month of October. Zimbabwe army spokesman, Mbosini Gatsheni, however denied that the army was engaged in any operation to drive farmers off their farms. Police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena reported that the police are merely enforcing section 8 eviction orders issued by the Government, and the move is expected to have covered the whole country by mid October. These land evictions have reportedly been part of the Government's fast track land resettlement scheme, which the Government claims is aimed at giving land to millions of landless black peasant families.

### **Beitbridge**

11 October 2002

- Sithembinkosi Mthombeni, the Headmistress of Msame School, was allegedly forced out of school by about seven war veterans, on accusations of being an MDC sympathiser. It appears that the assailants confiscated the school keys from her and threatened to attack the school authorities because the school staff is mainly composed of Ndebeles and Shonas, and not Vendas. Nobbie Dzinzi, Zanu PF MP for Muzarabani, reportedly ordered out of his region all people who are originally from Buhera or Masvingo. Several teachers have reportedly been

blacklisted by the so called “war veterans” who have threatened to return to the school. The war veterans allegedly told the school children to invite their parents to school the following day under the pretext that maize would be distributed, only to have the war veterans inform them that they were not happy with the recruitment of non – Vendas at the school. The teachers were reportedly excluded from a meeting that ensued between war veterans and the parents. The war veterans then vowed to correct that mistake, with the parents’ help. Relations between the war veterans and the displaced head mistress purportedly date back to the year 2001 when she made it clear to the teachers that they do not have to attend political meetings as this was against the Ministry of Education Regulations.

## ***Insiza***

*October 2002*

- Police reportedly recovered offensive weapons from some MDC officials in Insiza, while six party youths and an official were arrested for sparking off the violence at Silalatshani Business Center on 18 October 2002. This followed allegations that MDC was committing acts of violence. The Weapons implicated in the violence unleashed by MDC supporters include four homemade petrol bombs, two one-litre petrol containers and several pairs of catapults. The weapons were recovered from a shop belonging to the party official following skirmishes with Zanu PF supporters. The perpetrators have been arrested for unleashing violence.
- Zanu PF youth brigades, militia and war veterans from Lupane and Hwange who were deployed to do community service in the area, reportedly harassed and intimidated people ahead of the by-election which was held from 26 to 27 October 2002. In a telephone interview, Matebeleland South spokesman for MDC Albert Mkhanda reported that fear had gripped the district as militia and youth brigade units were preventing MDC from addressing rallies, yet Zanu PF rallies were said to have been held without any problems.

*10 October 2002*

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) reportedly abruptly suspended all food aid in Insiza district after rowdy Zanu PF supporters seized tonnes of food aid and distributed it to their supporters. Zanu PF activists allegedly went to the WFP food distribution depot in Senale Centre, Ward 9 in Insiza district, and intimidated the staff, thereafter distributing three tonnes of maize to Zanu PF supporters only. It is feared that the suspension will leave thousands of people at the risk of starvation. The ruling party supporters had been campaigning in Insiza ahead of the parliamentary by-elections held on 26 and 27 October 2002 held to replace George Joe Ndlovhu, the MDC representative who passed away in what relatives claim to be unclear circumstances.

*11 October 2002*

- Darlington Kadengu, an MDC supporter, was allegedly shot near the spinal cord by Andrew Langa, Zanu PF candidate in the October by-election in Insiza. At the time of the shooting, both Andrew Langa and his election agent, Patrick Hove, are said to have been holding firearms and subsequently fired shots at an MDC team within the premises of Filabusi Police Station, hitting Kadengu on the spinal cord. Twelve of the innocent MDC supporters who were with Kadengu when he was shot were reportedly subsequently arrested and detained soon after the shooting. Wayne Bvudzijena, chief police spokesman, claimed that he was on leave, had never heard of the shooting, and was not commenting on the shooting. However, ZANU PF is reported to have sent lawyers to Filabusi to help the victims. A senior Zanu PF member

in Matebeleland South claimed that the MDC supporters had provoked Langa by visiting his home at night searching for materials seized by Zanu PF militia at a roadblock in the constituency that same week. Neither Langa nor Hove were arrested although the matter was reported to the police.

*16 October 2002*

- Charles Mpfu, MDC campaign manager for Insiza in the October 2002 by-election, claimed that he was robbed of campaign funds totaling \$5m and other campaign material by armed men believed to be Zanu PF supporters. Because of the presence of armed police officers in the run up to the by-election, MDC President Mr Morgan Tsvangirai alleged that it would be difficult to hold elections in the area. Mr Tsvangirai reportedly described the violent campaign for the Insiza constituency by-election by Zanu PF as a confirmation of the ruling party's undemocratic way of holding elections.
- Maxwell Zimuto, the MDC National Information Officer, claims that while he, Darlington Kadengu, and other MDC supporters were travelling from Bulawayo to Filabusi, Zanu PF supporters trailing in a car behind them threatened to shoot them. The assailants allegedly robbed the victims of all their campaign material, including more than \$5m in election campaign funds, from the MDC group's car and loaded it into their own vehicle, and then sped off. Zimuto alleged that the MDC team proceeded to Filabusi to Andrew Langa's home, a Zanu PF candidate in the Insiza by-election, so that he could assist them in recovering their property, but he is reported to have fired a gun at the group which then fled to the police station. As they were making a report to the officer in charge, Inspector Shoko, Langa reportedly turned up brandishing a revolver. He allegedly fired at the group, hitting Kadengu below the armpit. Their car's tyres were deflated. It is alleged that the police arrested the MDC victims of the shooting and set the perpetrator free.

*25 October 2002*

- Siyabonga Malandu Ncube claimed that police officers searched their MDC convoy while on their way from refueling in Gwanda and barred from the area until after the elections. Ncube claims that he was then forced to flee the constituency by suspected Zanu PF supporters. Ncube's flight has reportedly been a huge blow to MDC. This follows the barring of the party's election campaign manager, Mr. Charles Mpfu, from Insiza on allegations of having incited violence. Minister Elliot Manyika and Jonathan Moyo were reportedly camped at Filabusi Police Station, a base from which they allegedly directed all Zanu PF operations in the constituency. Mr. Paul Themba Nyathi, the director for MDC New Developments, claimed that the police had received instructions not to let MDC vehicles into the constituency but to give Zanu PF vehicles unlimited access. People in the area claim that the police have allegedly been arresting MDC supporters and activists in Insiza on flimsy charges of violence while the real culprits are being protected by the police.

*27 October 2002*

- The MDC supporters claimed that the CIO officers and Zanu PF youths from the Border Gezi Youth Training Center observed and monitored the poll in Insiza in a clear breach of the electoral laws as no statutory instrument allows them to monitor elections. The by-election pitted Andrew Langa of Zanu PF and Siyabonga Malandu Ncube of the MDC.

## **MIDLANDS**

**Gokwe East/ Central/ North/ South**

2 October 2002

- Mabasa Munotengwa, Cletos Mabika, Given Mapfumo and Chitamba (Zanu PF youths and war veterans) went to IM's home in the morning and reportedly assaulted him, his mother, brother and children with catapults, sticks and stones. They allegedly destroyed his house and all the property, looted six bags of maize and took the victim to a Zanu PF rally at Makore Center where they thoroughly assaulted him and deprived him of food and water, on allegations of supporting the MDC. He and his family were threatened with death if they continued to live in that area. They fled Gokwe.

**Gweru Urban**

29 October 2002

- Suspected Zanu PF militia reportedly made an onslaught on the Daily News in Gweru when they seized and destroyed fifty-four copies of the paper and threatened to beat up the vendors. Police officers reportedly reacted swiftly and arrested six of the youths; some of them clad in Border Gezi Uniforms. The assailants have been detained at Gweru Central Hospital. Mifungo Magutsa, the paper's sales and distribution representative in Gweru, alleged that the destroyed papers were worth \$3 240. The newspaper has reportedly been banned in most areas in the Midlands province, especially in Gokwe, Mberengwa, Zvishavane and Mvuma, on allegations of being an MDC sponsored paper.

**Zhombe**

29 October 2002

- Mourners and MDC youths gathered at the "tension-filled" burial of Learnmore Jongwe, former MDC spokesman and Kuwadzana MP, reportedly assaulted WM, a CIO agent. The MDC team had spotted the CIO agent loitering around in the vicinity with an audio recorder. WM reportedly had on him a ZNLWVA and a CIO membership card, which showed that he was from the President's office. This led the mourners into believing that he was a spy. The MDC youths reportedly pounced on him, accusing him of spying on the funeral of Jongwe, whom the youths claimed, died at the hands of the state. Within a few minutes of the attack, a riot police vehicle arrived at the scene and took the badly injured man away. Learnmore Jongwe died in unclear circumstances in his prison cell. He had been remanded in custody since July 2002 charged with the murder of his wife, Rutendo.

List of deaths reported as having resultant from political violence: 1 January 2002 – 30 October 2002

**NB: This list is subject to update and correction as and when new/additional information becomes available.**

Name, **Political Affiliation if known, Date of Death, Province, Constituency**

- 1 **BHEBHE, Newman** (MDC), February 2002, Matabeleland North, Nkayi
- 2 **CHATUNGA, Richard**, (MDC), 20 January 2002, Masvingo, Bikita East
- 3 **CHIDARI Micah**, (Zanu PF), 2 April 2002, Mashonaland West, Mhondoro
- 4 **CHITEHWE, Mr**, (ZNLWVA), January 2002, Harare, Hatfield
- 5 **CHIBVAMUDEVE, Nikoniari**, (MDC), 21 September 2002, Mashonaland West, Hurungwe West
- 6 **DUBE, Nqobizita**, (MDC), 1 March 2002, Bulawayo, Nkulumane
- 7 **FORD, Terry**, (commercial farmer), 18 March 2002, Mashonaland West, Mhondoro
- 8 **GATSI, Ernest**, (MDC) 19 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve North
- 9 **GWAZE, Tafirenyika**, (MDC polling agent Rukwenjere), 12 March 2002, Mashonaland East, Mutoko South
- 10 **GWIDZIMA, Noah**, (Zanu PF), 4 April 2002, Manicaland, Makoni North
- 11 **JEFTHA, Peter**, 3 March 2002, Harare, Harare South
- 12 **JEKA, Petros**, (MDC polling agent), 4 April 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo North
- 13 **JERANYAMA, Donald**, (MDC polling agent), 25 March 2002, Manicaland, Mutasa
- 14 **KATSAMUDANGA, Tichaona** (MDC), 5 February 2002, Harare, Harare North
- 15 **KUMALO, Khape**, (MDC), 6 February 2002, Mashonaland West, Mhondoro
- 16 **KUVHEYA, Lawrence**, (MDC), March 2002, Mashonaland East, Chikomba
- 17 **MADHOBHA, Tipason**, (MDC polling agent), 2 May 2002, Midlands, Gokwe Central
- 18 **MAHUNI, Funny**, 13 March 2002, Midlands, Kwekwe
- 19 **MANJENGWA, Khan Ali**, (Zanu PF), 22 August 2002, Harare, Mbare West
- 20 **MANYARA, Owen**, (MDC), 17 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Mount Darwin
- 21 **MAPHOSA, Richard**, (MDC), 20 January 2002, Masvingo, Bikita East
- 22 **MAPHOSA, Stephen**, (Zanu PF), 2 February 2002, Harare, Budiriro
- 23 **MAPINGURE, Atnos**, , 9 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka
- 24 **MASARIRA, Gibson**, (Zanu PF), 9 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka
- 25 **MASEVA, Amos Misheck**, (ZNLWVA), 8 March 2002, Masvingo, Gutu North

- 26 **MATOPE, Kenneth**, (MDC), 13 January 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve
- 27 **MIJONI, Simwanja**, 15 January 2002, Midlands, Kwekwe
- 28 **MOYO, Henry**, (MDC), 7 February 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo Central
- 29 **MPOFU, Muchenje**, (MDC), 19 January 2002, Midlands, Mberengwa East
- 30 **MTETWA, Davis** (MDC), 27 April 2002, Harare, Zengeza
- 31 **MUDZIMUIREMA Cosamu**, (MDC), 16 July 2002, Manicaland, Buhera South
- 32 **MUKAKAREI, Tabudamo**, (MDC), 14 February 2002, Masvingo, Masvingo North
- 33 **Munyaradzi** (no surname given) (farm worker), 14 February 2002, Mashonaland East, Marondera East
- 34 **MUNIKWA, Isaac**, (Zanu PF), 17 January 2002, Masvingo, Zaka
- 35 **MUPAWAENDA, Takatukwa Mamhova**, 16 February 2002, Mashonaland West, Zvimba South
- 36 **MUTEMARINGA, Fungisai**, (MDC), 27 January 2002, Mashonaland East, Murehwa
- 37 **NCUBE, Richard** , (MDC), 18 July 2002, Midlands, Zhombe
- 38 **NCUBE, Sambani** (MDC), 17 March 2002, Matabeleland North, Hwange East
- 39 **NCUBE, Mthokozisi**, (MDC), 26 January 2002, Bulawayo, Pelandaba
- 40 **NEMAIRE, Solomon**, (MDC), 23 January 2002, Manicaland, Makoni
- 41 **NGAMIRA, Genus**, (MDC), 5 May 2002, Mashonaland Central, Bindura
- 42 **NGUNDU, Shepherd**, (MDC), 5 February 2002, Mashonaland Central, Mount Darwin South
- 43 **NHITSA, Takesure**, (MDC), 20 February 2002, Mashonaland Central, Rushinga
- 44 **NYANZIRA, Tariro**, (Zanu PF), 8 February 2002, Manicaland, Buhera North
- 45 **PILOSI, Simon**, (MDC), 26 March 2002, Mashonaland West, Zvimba South
- 46 **ROMIO, Edwin**, (MDC polling agent), March 2002, Mashonaland East, Mutoko
- 47 **SANYAMAHWE, Kuziva**, (MDC), 18 January 2002, Mashonaland East, Murehwa South
- 48 **SHELTON, Lloyd**, (Zanu PF) 27 February 2002, Mashonaland East, Chikomba
- 49 **SIBANDA, Charles**, (MDC), 2 March 2002, Midlands, Zhombe
- 50 **SIBANDA, James**, (MDC), February 2002, Matabeleland North, Nkayi
- 51 **SIBINDI, Halaza**, (MDC), 30 January 2002, Matabeleland North, Tsholotsho
- 52 **SIBINDI, Joseph**, (MDC) January 2002, Bulawayo
- 53 **SICWE, Jameson**, (MDC), 29 January 2002, Matabeleland North, Lupane
- 54 **Unnamed**, (2), (farm guards), 23 January 2002, Masvingo, Mwenezi

55 **Unnamed**, 26 February 2002, Bulawayo, Makokoba

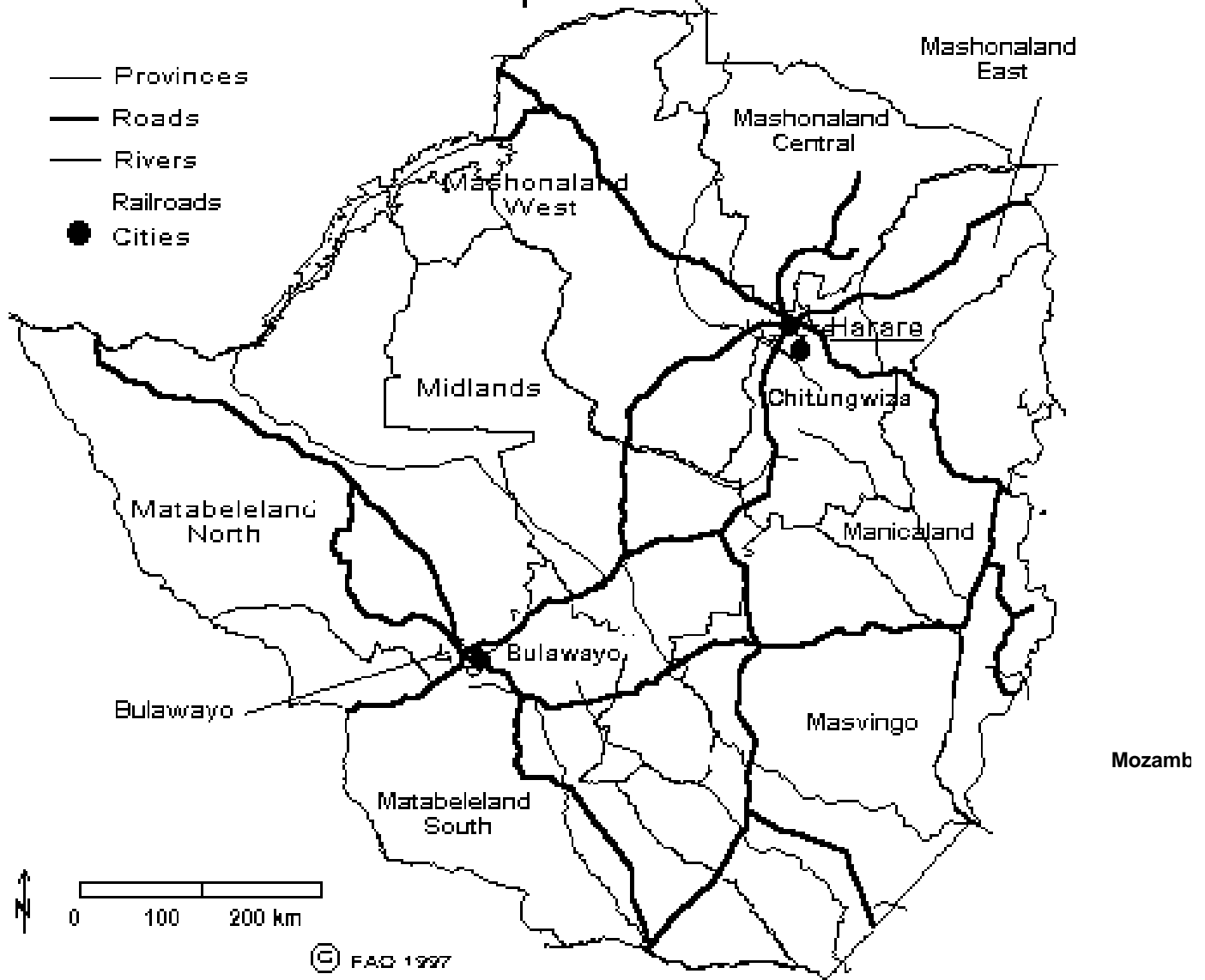
56 **VIKAVEKA, Darlington**, (MDC), 15 March 2002, Mashonaland East, Marondera East

57 **WHITE, Fanuel**, (MDC polling agent), 29 March 2002, Mashonaland Central, Guruve  
North

Total of 58 deaths

**(Political affiliation: MDC- 38; Zanu PF- 8, ZNLWVA- 2, Unknown/none- 10)**

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