



Election Day: Close of Voting Report

7pm, July 30, 2018

We the People of Zimbabwe (WTPZ) has set up a structure of peace monitors, in which **11,000+** citizen monitors across every province in the country are currently tracking and reporting incidents in their communities through the WTPZ call center.

Between midnight and the close of voting, 133 calls with violations were recorded.

Only 8 polling stations were reported by more than one person, meaning that information was received from **125** polling stations across the country. **95%** of reports were from rural constituencies.

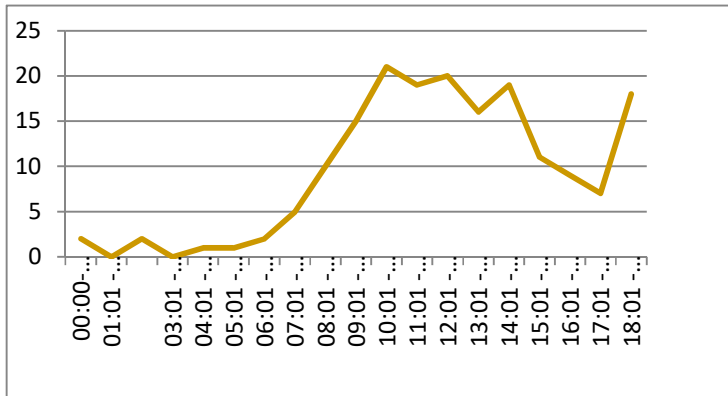
Table 1: Election Day Violations, midnight to midday

Violation	Count of Election day violations
Assisted voting	29
Threats of violence	19
Intimidation at polling station	16
Campaigning at polling station	13
Information/ told not on voters roll	10
People bussed to polling stations under supervision	9
MDC polling agents blocked	4
Vote buying	5
Incorrect ballot papers	5
Village head as polling agent	5
Queueing issues	3
Unclear ballots	3
Accused of double voting when hadn't yet voted	2
Campaigning (not at polling station)	2
Marked ballot papers	2
People asked who they voted for at the polling station	2
Suspicious people at polling stations	2
Violence	2
Voting not opened	2
Armed youths	1
Ballot papers outside polling station, polling station moved	1
Councillor asking unregistered voter to be allowed to vote	1
Election candidate also party agent	1
Party members disrupt voting process	1
Grand Total	140*

*Note: totals sums to 140, as 7 callers each reported two incidents

A group of unidentified ZANU-PF youth have been moving around with weapons such as axes, thick sticks and iron rods. (Mutasa Central, Manicaland)

The ZANU-PF contestant for councilor was roaming around in a white land cruiser with observers in two polling stations in Ward 6. When asked by the presiding ZEC officer they said they just want to make sure that their agents have been given food. Agents were also telling people that they should vote for ZANU-PF, and there are posters of ZANU-PF that were not removed and they were less than 50m away from the polling station. (Mashonaland West, Mhondoro-Mubaira, Ward 6)



Violations were shown to increase though the morning, dropping off after lunch but then increasing sharply towards the closing of polling stations.

In total the call centre received 178 calls for which records were taken. 44 calls reported that “all is well” or reported issues which caused inconveniences but were not categorised as violations, such as long queues and poor lighting.

The call centre will continue to record during and post-election violations through the night.

A group of ZANU-PF members has been sitting at the polling station since 7am, there were first declared to be polling agents but when their identification and accreditation could not be found the presiding officer and the police told them to leave but they remained at the polling station within the 300m radius. After the police further questioned them and told them to leave they left for about 20 minutes and came back. At 6pm they have been allowed access to the polling station it is being said their ids and proof of accreditation has been received from ZEC this evening.
(Midlands, Gokwe Kabuyuni, Ward 30)

The village head had instructed all people to assemble and he would lead the team to go and vote. He would also be assisting everyone to vote so that no one 'makes a mistake'. Police were notified, and this has since been cancelled.
(Midlands, Gokwe-Kabuyuni, Ward 1)