

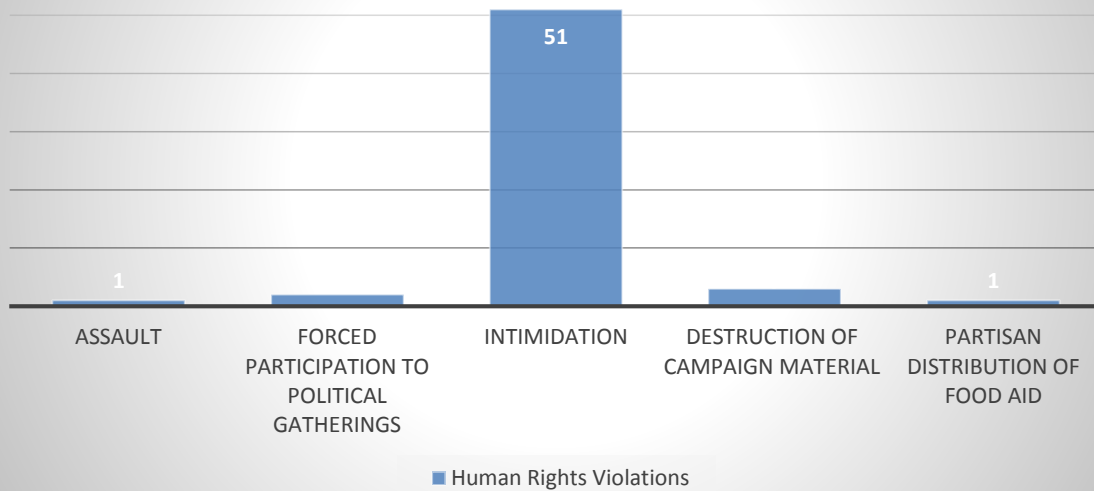
Human Rights Report (17 – 30 June 2018)

1. Summary of Violations.

Heal Zimbabwe recorded a total of 58 human rights violations in 20 districts in the second half of the month of June (17 – 30 June 2018). Five categories of human rights violations that include intimidation, destruction of campaign material, forced participation to political gatherings, assault and partisan distribution of food aid. Intimidation recorded the highest number of human right violations recording 87.93% (51 cases) four cases higher than to the previous report which recorded 78.33% with 47 cases. Destruction of campaign material recorded 5.17% (3 cases), forced participation to political gatherings recorded 3.44% (2 cases), assault and partisan distribution of food aid both recorded 1.72% (1 case). Heal Zimbabwe observed that the human rights violations recorded in this report emanated from (i) ZANU PF community meetings (ii) Presidential proclamation of the elections and rerun dates, (iii) political party rallies (ruling and opposition) and (iv) food handouts from the Department of Social Welfare.

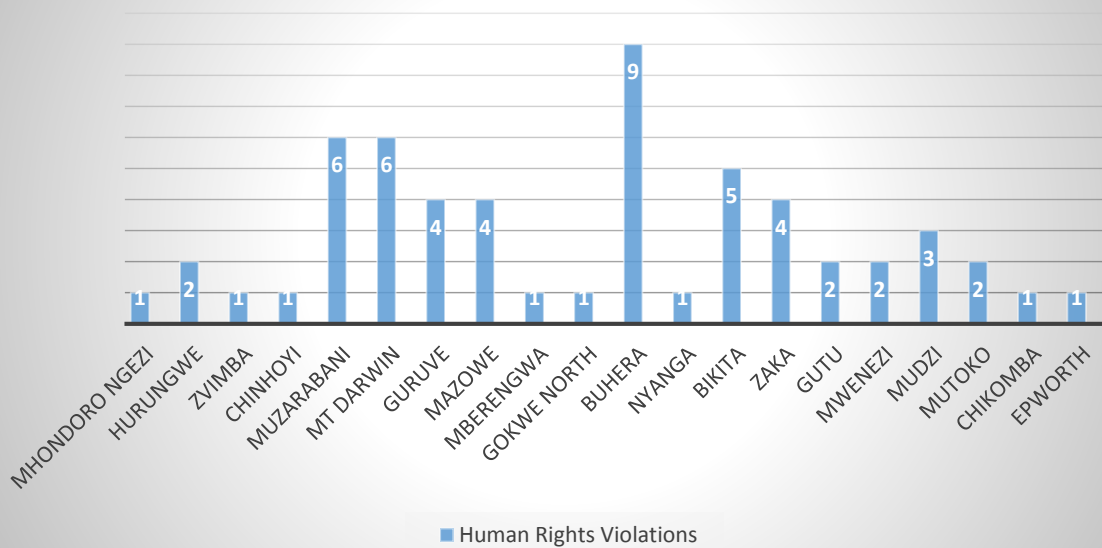
Heal Zimbabwe is greatly concerned by the continuous prevalence of human rights violations as the nation prepares for the July 30 elections. Intimidation recorded the highest number of cases with 51 cases, four cases higher compared to the previous report which recorded 47 cases. Intimidation to Heal Zimbabwe erodes the gains of peaceful co-existence achieved through social capital within rural communities and directly hinder citizens to freely express themselves and participate in democratic processes. The organisation established that intimidation manifests taking the format of threats and reminders of past electoral violence (chaotic 27 June 2008) and threats of rerun violence if ZANU PF loses the elections. Other notable threats issued include withdrawal of food aid and evictions from villages. Issuers of these threats include ZANU PF leaders, traditional leaders, war veterans and MDC supporters. Victims ranged from opposition supporters and ordinary citizens. Heal Zimbabwe continues to call for peace and tolerance ahead of the general elections. The continued prevalence of human rights violations is worrisome as it impedes peaceful coexistence and free expression of citizens' rights in democratic processes.

Nature of Violations Recorded



2. Distribution of Violations by District

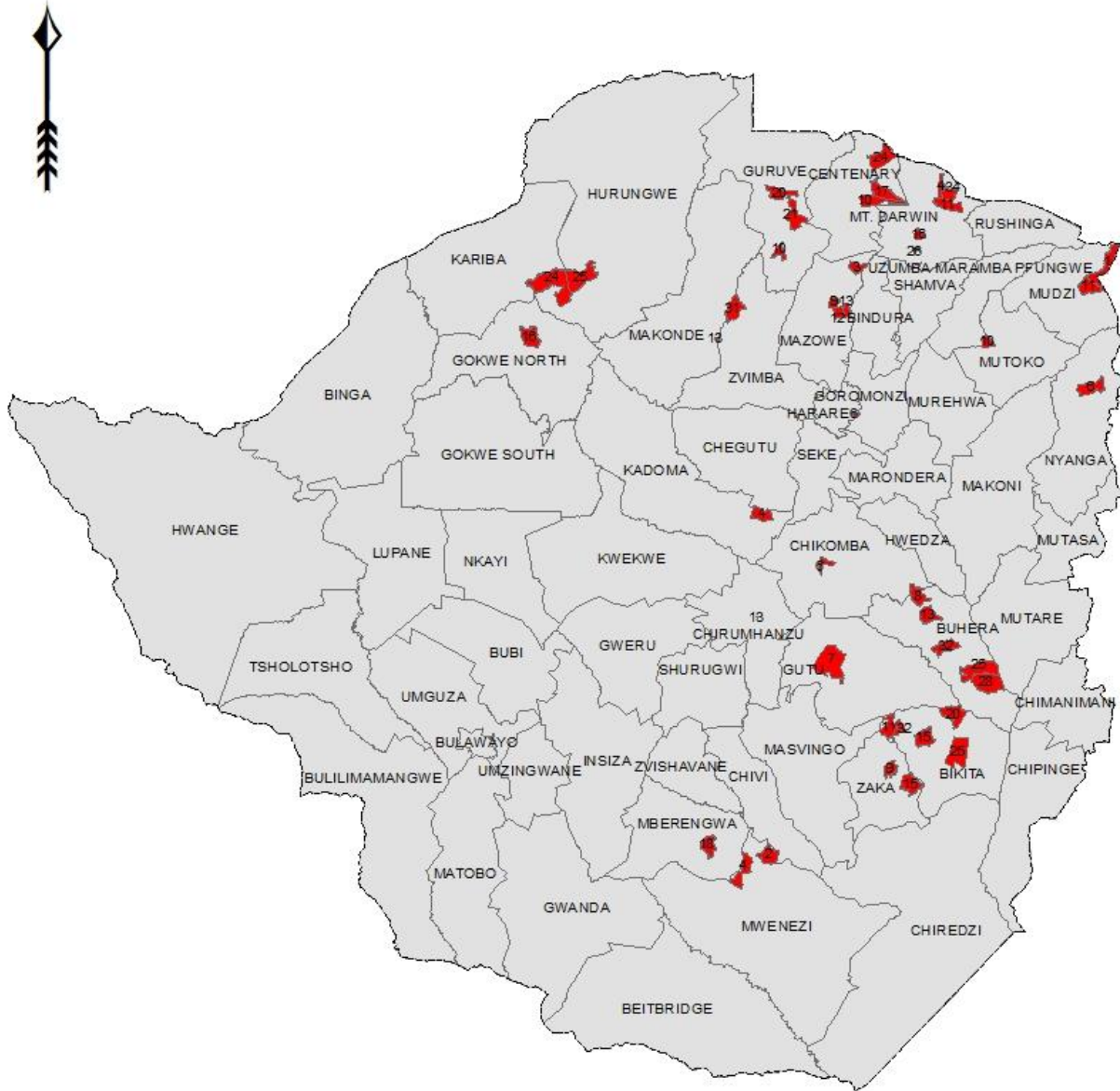
Distribution of Violations by District





The above diagram illustrates the distribution of human rights violations across the 20 districts. The Districts which recorded the highest number of human rights violations include Buhera, Muzarabani, Mt Darwin and Bikita respectively. Buhera recorded the highest with 9 cases compared to the previous report which was dominated by Bikita, Buhera, Nyanga and Muzarabani which all recorded 6 cases each. Heal Zimbabwe observed that the increasing numbers in Muzarabani, Mt Darwin, Buhera and Bikita is a cause for concern considering the history of violence in the recorded districts. Lack of tolerance directly inhibits citizens from exercising their democratic rights and further exposes citizens to violence and abuse of human rights.

3.Distribution of Human Rights violations

Human Rights Violations



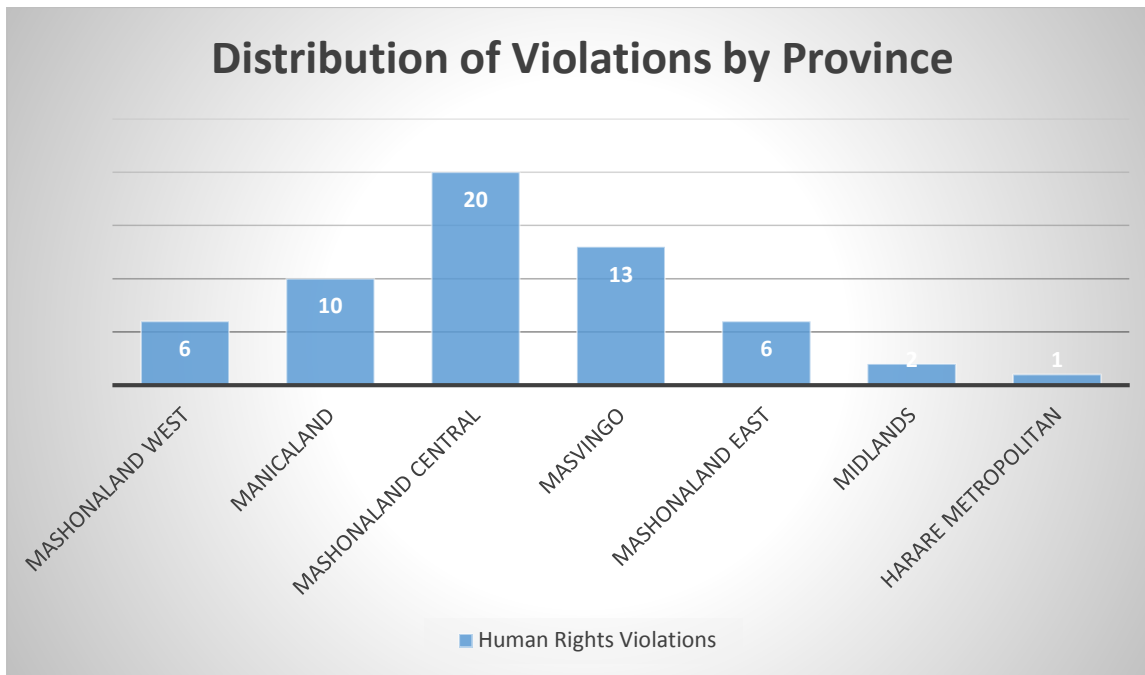
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-  Wards where violations took place
-  District

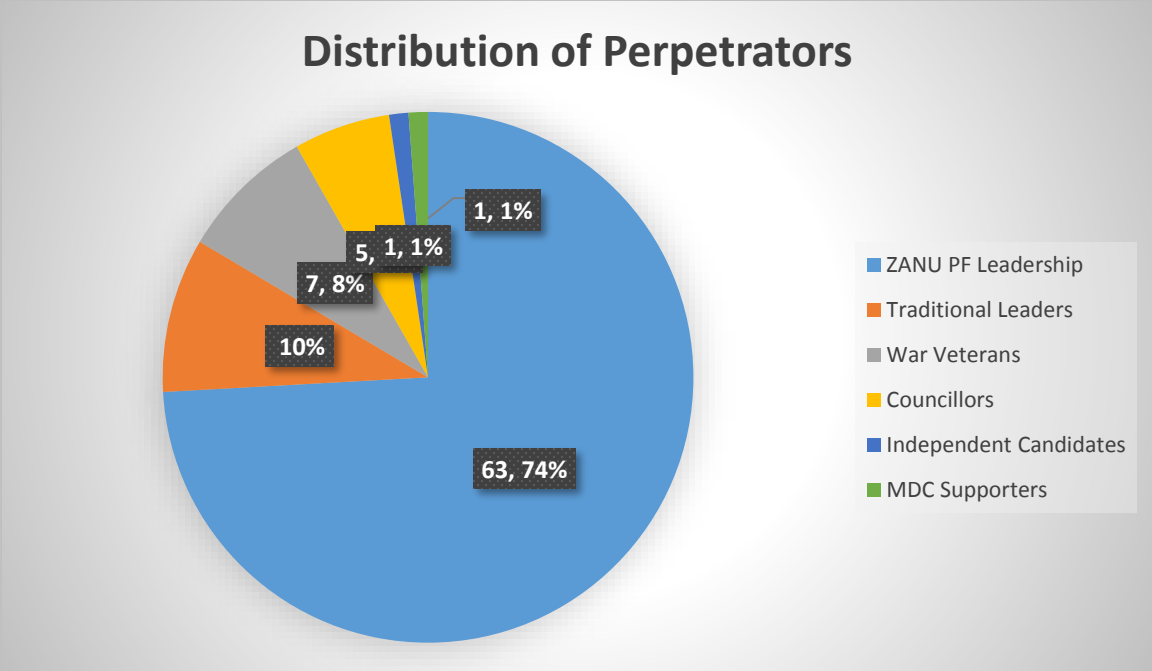
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4. Distribution of Violations by Province



The above chart depicts the distribution of human rights violations across the seven provinces. Heal Zimbabwe observed that the recorded 58 human rights violations fall under seven provinces similar to the previous report which recorded 60 human rights violations in seven provinces. The provinces include Mashonaland West Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Masvingo, Mashonaland East, Midlands and Harare Metropolitan. Mashonaland Central recorded the highest number of human rights violations registering 34.48% (20 cases) compared to Manicaland province which recorded 26.66% in the previous report. Masvingo province was second with 22.41% (13 cases) whilst Manicaland came third with 17.24% (10 cases). Midlands and Harare Metropolitan provinces were the least recording 3.44 % (2 cases) and 1.72% (1 case) respectively. Heal Zimbabwe forecast an increase in human rights violations given that the nation is 24 days away from conducting elections.



The chart above chart illustrates the distribution of the implicated human rights perpetrators. A total of 85 human rights perpetrators (83 males and 3 females) were involved in the recorded 58 human rights cases. Six categories of human rights perpetrators were recorded, these include ZANU PF leadership, Councillors, war veterans, traditional leaders and independent candidates.

ZANU PF leadership recorded the highest number of perpetrators with 63.74% subduing MDC leadership which topped the list in the previous report with 34%. Traditional leaders were second registering 10% of the perpetrators followed by war veterans which recorded 7.8%. Independent candidates and MDC supporters recorded the least with 1.1% each. The victims in the recorded human rights violations included opposition supporters and ordinary citizens across the country.

5. Our Interventions

Heal Zimbabwe has intensified its campaign on the need for peaceful elections ahead of the 2018 elections. As part of responding to cases of human rights violations, Heal Zimbabwe has initiated Sports for peace tournaments in areas where there has been an increase in cases of human rights violations to build tolerance among youths from various political parties. Heal Zimbabwe has to date initiated sports for peace tournaments in areas such as Murehwa and Gokwe. At these platforms, aspiring candidates, Traditional leaders and youths from various political persuasions

have pledged for peace and committed to uphold political tolerance ahead of elections. Heal Zimbabwe has also invaded other areas such as Zaka, Chipinge and Bulawayo where the organization is currently carrying out Peace concerts that specifically target aspiring candidates and youths. The objective of the concerts is to encourage citizens to go out in their numbers on election day and vote peacefully. The campaigns are also a follow-on activity to President Emmerson Mnangagwa's call for peace during elections which is also in compliance with Section 155 (d) of the constitution that highlights that elections must be free from violence and other electoral malpractices.

The organization has also been working with independent Commissions such as Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) and National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC). On several occasions, the organization has facilitated for victims of human rights violations to report cases of human rights violations to these independent commissions and investigations have been carried out. The NPRC highlighted that it encourages members of the public to submit reports of human rights violations, but also stressed that they were also supposed to closely monitor if institutions such as the police were carrying out their role of enforcing the law without fear or favour in compliance with Section 219 of the constitution. Added to this, the NPRC has since assigned its commissioners to deal with cases of electoral related human rights violations from all the country's ten provinces.

Heal Zimbabwe through its national peace campaign has also engaged perpetrators in areas where the organization has noted an increase in human rights violations. Further to this, as part of its target advocacy initiative, the organization through its community structures such as community peace clubs has initiated conflict mediation trainings spearheaded by Traditional leaders. To date the organization has carried out these trainings in areas such as Gokwe, Gutu, Zaka, Buhera, Headlands and Mutoko. The purpose of these trainings is to raise awareness on sustainable peacebuilding and to educate communities on how to pursue non-violent channels when resolving conflicts such as dialogue and mediation.

In Mhondoro Ngezi, the organization facilitated for MDC T supporter Emmanuel Mhazo to report to the police after he was assaulted by ZANU PF members Michael Nyatsambo and Mugove Maigurira in the ward. In Buhera ward 13, the organization also engaged Village head Gonzi who was intimidating community members with evictions if they continued to support opposition

party, MDC-T. Village head Gonzi highlighted that he was aware that he was not supposed to be involved in partisan politics but pointed out that he was under immense pressure from the local political leadership to do so. The Village head further highlighted that he has been on several occasions been threatened with unspecified action after he turned down the request to chant political slogans during one of the village meetings.

The organization also successfully engaged all perpetrators of human rights violations and emphasized the need for peaceful conduct and tolerance ahead of elections. Heal Zimbabwe also engaged other Traditional leaders and Councillors implicated in human rights violations from areas such as Gutu, Bikita, Buhera, Nyanga, Mt Darwin, Chimanimani and Muzarabani on the need to exercise tolerance and upholding peace. Generally, the Village heads highlighted that most of the directives came from the local ZANU PF leadership within their areas. Heal Zimbabwe implored the traditional leaders to uphold their constitutional duties as enshrined in Section 281 of the constitution.

6. Conclusion

Heal Zimbabwe through its National Peace campaign will continue to campaign aggressively on the need for citizens to uphold peace before, during and after the 2018 elections. The organization has sent all related cases to the ZEC and ZHRC for redress. The organization will continue to monitor human rights violations especially in political hotspots areas.

Annexure: Specific cases recorded

Mashonaland West Province

Mhondoro Ngezi ward 4

On 28 June 2018, MDC -T supporter, Emmanuel Mhazo was assaulted by ZANU PF members Michael Nyatsambo and Mugove Maigurira in the ward. On the day in question, Mhazo was drinking beer in the ward when the two confronted him and started accusing him of campaigning for opposition party, MDC T.A debate then ensued after which the two started assaulting Mhazo. The case was reported at Mamina police station but no arrests have been made.

Mhondoro Ngezi ward 4

ZANU PF District Political Commissar, Last Huni on the 28th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Mandedza Business Centre. Huni highlighted that all opposition will be heavily beaten during rerun if they fail to vote for ZANU PF.

Hurungwe West ward 24

On 25 June 2018, ZANU PF aspiring candidate for Hurungwe West, Mary Mliswa addressed a rally at Deve Business centre and instructed all Village heads in the constituency to compile names of opposition party supporters within their villages. Mliswa further instructed the Village heads to evict opposition party supporters soon after the 30 July elections.

Hurungwe ward 25

On 30 July 2018, a woman only identified as Mai Nzombe addressed a rally at Matau Business centre and warned that if people voted for the MDC Alliance, ZANU PF was going to unleash a violent campaign during the election rerun.

Zvimba ward 31

ZANU PF members, Zanda Mazhambe and Elijah Chipangura on the 26th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Mayfort farm. Mazhambe and Chipangura warned that opposition party supporters in the ward will be heavily assaulted during the election run off.

Chinhoyi ward 13

On 25 June 2018, MDC-T ward 13 member Batanai Mvengera had his shoe repair workshop destroyed by fire on Monday evening by unidentified people. On the same day, unidentified men

defaced opposition posters and threatened people with unspecified action for supporting the opposition.

Mashonaland Central Province

Muzarabani ward 10

ZANU PF District Chairman, Club Safarawa and ZANU PF Youth Chairperson Albert Chiweshe on the 26th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted in Gahadza village. The two highlighted that no one should vote for opposition parties and further warned that people who vote for opposition parties will be assaulted after the 30 July elections.

Muzarabani ward 10

ZANU PF District Chairman Toni Jasi on the 28th of June 2018 force-marched community members to attend a ZANU PF meeting conducted in Gahadza village. Jasi later highlighted that community members who vote for the MDC Alliance will be heavily beaten in the upcoming elections similar to 2018.

Muzarabani ward 17

Village head Charuma on the 26th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a community meeting conducted in Charuma village. The Village head highlighted that people who vote against ZANU Pf will be detected through the Biometric kits.

Muzarabani ward 24

Village head Tedious Penduka and Ephraim Chikochi, a ZANU PF member on the 17th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted in Mutendereki village. The two highlighted that people will be heavily beaten in the upcoming elections if they vote for MDC alliance candidate Nelson Chamisa.

Muzarabani ward 24

ZANU PF aspiring candidate for Muzarabani North Zhemu Soda and Councillor Regis Munda on the 19th of June 2018 intimidated community members Chibongo village. ZANU PF aspiring candidate for Muzarabani North Zhemu Soda and Councillor Regis Munda highlighted that community members should vote for ZANU PF in the upcoming elections to avoid violence during the rerun similar to that of 2008.

Mt Darwin North ward 4

On 23 June 2018, ZANU PF losing Councillor candidate in the primary election Makandiwana Manyara was threatened with death by an unknown person during the night. On the day in question, Manyara was ambushed while in his house by an unidentified person while he was sleeping. The person warned Manyara to stop supporting National Patriotic Front (NPF) aspiring Legislator for the constituency, Hamunyare Maponga. The matter was reported at Mukumbura police station but no arrests have been made to date.

Mt Darwin ward 11

ZANU PF members that include Chadzimba Mudziwedombo and Caesar Mudziwedombo on the 20th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Chengoma Primary School. The two highlighted that all opposition supporters will be heavily beaten in the upcoming elections.

Mt Darwin ward 11

Village head Madhogo Patsanza on the 27th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a meeting conducted in Patsanza village. The Village head highlighted that all opposition supporters will be beaten during and after the elections if they voted for MDC Alliance President, Nelson Chamisa.

Mt Darwin ward 16

On 21 June 2018, ZANU PF Vice Chairperson Kinirosi Sosera conducted a meeting at Sosera Business Centre and announced that ZANU PF was going to unleash a terror campaign if people fail to vote “wisely” in the 2018 elections. At the same meeting, the party’s District Secretary for Security, Stycot Mtefura also warned people that soldiers were also going to be deployed after elections to beat up those who would have voted for MDC Alliance Presidential candidate, Nelson Chamisa

Mt Darwin ward 26

Three unidentified ZANU PF youths on the 22nd of June 2018 intimidated community members at Kandeya Business Centre. On 21 June 2018, the same youths had moved around the night during the night highlighting that people who fail to attend all ZANU PF meetings called for will be heavily assaulted during elections.

Mt Darwin North ward 34

On the 22nd of June 2018, war veterans Kaibosi Dzabaya, Erick Chipemvu and Shereni Mashini threatened people with violence during a meeting conducted in the ward and highlighted that in the event that ZANU PF loses the 2018 elections, soldiers were going to unleash a violent campaign similar to the one experienced during the 2008 presidential run off.

Guruve ward 10

Councillor Kaseke on the 26th of June 2018 intimidated opposition supporters at Nyandoro Primary School. Councillor Kaseke highlighted that all opposition supporters will be heavily beaten by soldiers if ZANU PF loses the elections.

Guruve North ward 20

ZANU PF District Chairman Tencil Jonas and a war veteran only identified as Dombo on the 22nd of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting at Rupara ward centre. Dombo highlighted that opposition supporters are not allowed to campaign in the ward and further threatened that ZANU PF was going to unleash a violent campaign if it loses the July 30 elections.

Guruve ward 20

On the 29th of June 2018 in Guruve, Nhamo Mangeyi (ZANU PF Chairperson) addressed a meeting at Bakasa Business centre and told people they were going to be beaten by soldiers during the rerun. Mangeyi further warned that people who also fail to vote for ZANU PF were going to be denied food aid.

Guruve ward 21

On 28 June 2018, a war veteran only identified as Dombo moved around the ward defacing campaign posters for MDC Alliance presidential candidate, Nelson Chamisa. Dombo also announced that he was also not going to allow opposition parties to conduct campaign rallies in the ward.

Mazowe ward 3

A ZANU PF supporter identified as Anybody Gwabada on the 22nd of June 2018 threatened community members with violence during a meeting at Bari Business Centre. On the same day, Gwabada moved around the ward highlighting that opposition supporters will be heavily beaten and have their houses burnt if they fail to vote for ZANU PF.

Mazowe ward 9

On 30 June 2018, MDC Alliance aspiring Councillor Blessing Muroyiwa conducted a meeting at Chidhawu Business centre and highlighted that all independent candidates were going to be deprived of food aid once the MDC Alliance wins the 2018 Presidential elections.

Mazowe ward 12

On 25 June 2018, Councillor Night Mushira and Zanu PF ward chairperson Lovemore Godzi conducted a meeting at Gweshe Business Centre and warned that people who vote for MDC Alliance will be dealt with during the rerun.

Mazowe ward 13

Village head Nehemiah Mukwenya on the 28th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted in Chiromudzimu village near Kanyemba Secondary School. The Village head highlighted that community members should attend all ZANU PF meetings called for in the ward or risk being evicted from the village. The village head further revealed that the list of food aid beneficiaries will be compiled during ZANU PF meetings.

Midlands Province

Mberengwa ward 18

On 28 June 2018, Ward 26 Councillor Mathias Shirichena accompanied by 3 unidentified ZANU PF members intimidated community members at Mataga Growth Point. Councilor Shirichena highlighted that opposition supporters will be heavily beaten in the upcoming elections.

Gokwe Gumunyu ward 16

ZANU PF Chairman Cleto Seya and Clemence Machejera, a war veteran on the 17th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at. The two highlighted that people will be heavily beaten if they fail to vote for ZANU PF.

Manicaland Province

Buhera ward 8

ZANU PF member Kudzanai Magarasadza on the 28th of June 2018 intimidated community members at St Benards Primary School. Magarasadza highlighted that community members will be heavily beaten during rerun if ZANU PF loses the upcoming elections.

Buhera ward 10

Acting Chief Cosmore Chimombe and ZANU PF District Secretary, Jotham Gotyo on the 24th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a funeral conducted in Chiwunduru village. Acting Chief Chimombe and Gotyo forced community members to chant slogans at the funeral and highlighted that community members will be heavily beaten if they fail to vote for ZANU PF.

Buhera ward 10

ZANU PF Youth Nyasha Dzimiri on the 20th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Mambo Business Centre. Dzimiri highlighted that community members will be heavily beaten by soldiers if they fail to vote for ZANU PF in the upcoming elections.

Buhera ward 13

On 28 June 2018, Village head Gonzi announced during a meeting at his homestead that people who support opposition party, MDC T were going to be evicted from the village. To date, one youth (name withheld for security reasons) has since fled from the village after the village head threatened him with unspecified action.

Buhera ward 25

Jairos Dzimati and 10 ZANU PF youths on the 21st of June 2018 intimidated teachers and children at Zvenyika Primary School. Dzimati led the youths singing party songs around the school blocks during school learning hours (around 10am) and warned that teachers who will vote for MDC Alliance Presidential candidate, Nelson Chamisa will lose their teaching posts.

Buhera ward 28

ZANU PF District Chairman Boas Chimombe on the 19th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a meeting conducted at Murove Primary School. Chimombe highlighted that community members will be heavily beaten during the run off if ZANU PF loses the elections. Chimombe further highlighted that on the day of voting, opposition supporters must volunteer to be assisted to vote.

Buhera ward 32

On 30 June 2018, ZANU PF member, Elias Mukombwe moved around the churches in the ward warning people that if they fail to vote “wisely” they were going to be assaulted by soldiers. Churches that Mukombwe have visited include Roman Catholic and Methodist church.

Nyanga ward 6

Village head Arnold Machededze on the 18th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a meeting conducted in Makosa village. The Village head highlighted that community members who fail to attend ZANU PF campaign rallies called for by ZANU PF candidate, Chido Sanyatwe will pay a fine of a goat.

Masvingo Province

Bikita ward 11

Petros Mangwiro and Tarisai Tarusenga (both ZANU PF Youths) on the 29th of June 2018 intimidated community members in Chikwadze and Goredema village. The two conducted a door to door exercise in the two villages highlighting that people will have their houses burnt if they fail to vote for ZANU PF.

Bikita East ward 20

On 30 June 2018, Gideon Nyamadzawo, conducted a meeting in the village and warned that people who attend opposition party rallies will be heavily assaulted and evicted from the village.

Bikita ward 25

ZANU PF District Chairperson Patricia Mushayavanhu on the 25th of June 2018 intimidated opposition supporters during a food distribution exercise conducted at Uteke Business Centre. Mushayavanhu highlighted that community members who received rice should declare themselves illiterate on the election day and therefore must be assisted to vote for ZANU PF. She further highlighted that people who fail to comply with the directive will be heavily beaten by soldiers during rerun if MDC wins the elections.

Bikita ward 32

A ZANU PF member only identified as Muchafa on the 27th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a meeting conducted at Makotore ward centre. Muchafa highlighted that community members must vote for ZANU PF if they wanted to continue enjoying peace.

Bikita ward 15

ZANU PF member Samson Nyamunda and Councillor Ronald Kanjera on the 26th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a meeting conducted at Silveira Mission Business Centre. Councillor Kanjera highlighted that community members must without fail attend all ZANU PF meetings. Councillor Kanjera further highlighted that community members who fail to attend the meetings will be labelled sell-outs and heavily beaten during the election rerun. At the same meeting, ZANU PF member, Samson Nyamunda compiled a list of people who had attended the meeting.

Zaka ward 9

On 27 June 2018, Councillor Moses Mutandavari who was in the company of ZANU PF supporters, Andrew Tom, Scholar Murambiwa and Elisha Zingwanda and intimidated community members at Chinyagwite VIDCO centre. The four told people that highlighted that soldiers will beat up community members during the rerun if ZANU PF loses the elections.

Zaka ward 9

A ZANU PF member only identified as Mrs Kunaka on the 27th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Mbuya Maswa ward Centre near Madondo Primary School. Mrs Kunaka highlighted that community members will be heavily beaten by soldiers during rerun if ZANU PF loses the upcoming elections.

Zaka ward 15

ZANU PF District Chairperson Njodzi Zinhuka on the 27th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Panganai Business Centre. Zinhuka highlighted that all the pictures captured by BVR kits will assist ZANU PF to identify where people would have voted. Zinhuka further highlighted that people who will fail to vote for ZANU PF will be beaten during the rerun in September.

Zaka ward 15

ZANU PF District Chairperson Njodzi Zinhuka on the 23rd of June 2018 intimidated community members during a ZANU PF meeting conducted at Fuve Business Centre. Zinhuka highlighted that blood will be spilt during rerun in September if community members vote for opposition candidates.

Gutu ward 7

Witness Marani, a war veteran on the 28th of June 2018 intimidated opposition supporters at Haig Farm. Marani highlighted that the campaign material of opposition parties will not be tolerated in the ward. Witness Marani further highlighted that he will personally beat up any opposition supporter trying to smuggle posters and fliers in the ward.

Gutu ward 7

Witness Marani a war veteran on the 20th of June 2018 intimidated community members during a community at Haig farm. Marani highlighted that opposition supporters will be heavily beaten if ZANU PF loses the upcoming elections.

Mwenezi ward 2

On 24 June 2018, ZANU PF youth chairperson, Sam Mahachi addressed a meeting in the ward and announced that if people fail to vote for ZANU PF, soldiers were going to unleash terror in the ward. Mahachi also announced that community members were going to be assaulted in the event that there is a run off. At the same meeting, a war veteran only identified as Muhwadarira announced that as war veterans they were going to “go back “to war if MDC Alliance Presidential candidate, Nelson Chamisa wins the 2018 elections.

Mwenezi ward 4

On the 26th of June 2018, Tobias Mahowa, a war veteran forced people to attend Zanu Pf rally held at Maranda Secondary School grounds. He further threatened to deal with MDC supporters if Zanu Pf loses the 2018 election. He went further to promise that people will be heavily beaten if the ruling party fails to win.

Mashonaland East Province

Mudzi ward 1

Anyway Mupanduki an independent candidate for Mudzi North on the 25th of June 2018 defaced campaign material belonging to MDC alliance candidate Peter Chabveka at Nyamapanda Growth Point. The case was reported at Nyamapanda Police Station on the 25th of June 2018 under RRB3519892.

Mudzi North ward 11

On the 30th of June 2018, ZANU PF MP Newton Kachepa hijacked the maize distribution process by social welfare in the ward and forced people who had attended to chant slogans. Kachepa who

was in the company of a ZANU PF member only identified as Nyamayauta further threatened people with violence if they failed to vote for ZANU PF.

Mutoko ward 10

On 26 June 2018, ZANU PF members Silver Muhomba and Fungai Zihute moved around in Kapikinyu village, threatening people with violence if they vote for MDC Alliance President, Nelson Chamisa.

Mutoko ward 10

On 23 June 2018, Councillor Robert Mabvuta and ZANU PF ward chairperson Chapeyama Kirebasi conducted a meeting at Kanyongo Business centre and warned that if people vote for MDC Alliance, ZANU PF was going to deploy soldiers who would assault people during the re run.

Chikomba ward 6

On 21 June 2018, ZANU PF aspiring Councillor candidate Joseph Madzivire conducted a meeting in the ward and warned that people who fail to attend ZANU PF meetings were going to be assaulted. At the same meeting, ZANU PF Youth Chairperson, Svondo Dzvova also warned that military personnel were going to launch a violent campaign in the ward if ZANU PF loses the 2018 elections.

Harare Province

Epworth ward 6

On 28 June 2018, ZANU PF Aspiring candidate for Epworth, Kudakwashe Dhambusoni addressed a meeting in Overspill and warned that if people fail to vote for ZANU PF, soldiers were going to unleash terror similar to that experienced during the 2008 electoral run off.