

Operation Mavhoterapapi (how did you vote) - Post-election violence in Manicaland
April 20, 2008

The photographs below show the charred remains of farm workers homes on Muniya Farm. Muniya Panganai, a war veteran who seized the farm in 2006 from the former white owner, began evictions on April 15, 2008 as "punishment" because the area had voted overwhelmingly for MDC. The acting Officer in Charge of the Mutare Police, Mr. Goronga, supervised the evictions at gunpoint.



Wanton destruction of homes and property on Muniya (formerly Envant) Farm.

Many of the evicted farm workers are sleeping in the open, surrounded by whatever belongings they were able to take out with them. There are 106 children under the age of 12 and 113 adults, many of whom are elderly. They share a single toilet and have limited access to running water.



Vulnerable people left without shelter or livelihood by violent Zanu (PF) supporters.



Children queue for the little food that is available.

Efforts are being made to feed these displaced farm workers. Additional food, tents, mobile toilets and blankets are needed.

Operation Mavhoterapapi (how did you vote) - Post-election violence in Dzivarasekwa, Harare
April 20, 2008

The photographs below are of a young man (38) from Dzivarasekwa, Harare who was abducted by "soldiers" - militia in full combat camouflage kit and fringed hats. They beat him for hours with chains and fan belts on his back, chest, feet and hands. The reason for this terrible beating is that he transported MDC supporters to pre-election rallies.



Operation Mavhoterapapi (how did you vote) - Post-election violence in Penhalonga
April 17, 2008

The photo's below are taken on a farm in Penhalonga, Mutare, Zimbabwe .The people in these homes were attacked for being opposition (MDC Tsvangirai) supporters. They were beaten and their houses burnt. They have no-where to go and what they have left is what they could rescue from their houses before everything was burnt. There are approximately 80 people including many children. The local churches has been approached for help and aid for these people, but many have said that they will not help.



Homes laid waste and lives disrupted by pro-Zanu(PF) individuals and initiatives.



People and their belongings scarred and homeless.



Many of the victims displaced by the violence are women and children.



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Tapiwa was identified as someone who voted MDC by Zanu PF supporters. He died Saturday 12 April 2008.



Biggie Haurubi, MDC representative Hurungwe North:

“We are having a very terrible problem now. As we finished the election Zanu PF has come up with a strategy that they are calling Operation Mavhotera Papi, They are going around and they have got all the election statistics, and they are identifying the strongholds of MDC, and they are doing everything to destroy MDC membership so if there is ever to be a re-run, they want to make sure they have destroyed the party. Our polling agents in the rural areas they are staying in the bush, our prominent supporters who are identified by Zanu PF are sleeping in the bush in groups.

“The strategy is clear, they are always talking about a re-run and they are saying they want to destroy MDC there, They are taking peoples IDs and throwing them away, and beating people. We have nursed a lot of people who have injuries.

“They identified him (Tapiwa Mubwanda) without wasting time, they rushed to him and they gave him no chance, They stabbed him with a very long sword, in his ribs. Straight away he fell on the ground and within five minutes he was no more.

“In the farming community where there are some resettlements, whoever is identified as an MDC supporter or election agent is being beaten up, victimised, belongings thrown out of their houses, and they are just desperate. Peoples lives are in danger here in Mashonaland West now.”



Tapiwa's fatal wounds are displayed.



Tapiwa's widow

We were on our way from Masikote. They grabbed my husband and said you are the MDC people I want to fix you today. I ran away because I wanted to take my child to a safe place because I realised that if I stayed they were going to kill me. Then I had to go back and see what was happening to my husband. When I got back my husband was lying down, bleeding from the mouth, blood on the stomach, I removed my blouse and put it on his stomach to try and stop the bleeding and make him better.



Lynos Mubwanda (brother of deceased)

They used to say that you voted for the MDC, now we want to do this in order to teach you to vote. You wasted your vote by voting for Tsvangirai. He will never be the president of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe will remain. So we want to teach you to vote so that when we have the run offs that means you will be aware, you will know how to vote. I was struck by a stone on my forehead, that's when I fell down. After falling down I didn't know what was happening because they came to me, attacking me with sticks all over my body. Even now I am not feeling ok, I'm in a lot of pain. Now I can't help it, I've got to go home my brother is going to be buried there and I have got to attend that burial but I am in a lot of pain.

The images below are of a 22 year old male from Musaruro Village Mudzi. He narrated what happened to him:

"The ZPF youth came to my shop on Friday 11 April 2008 at 9pm, broke the door down and dragged me out of the building. They said "you are an MDC member". They took all the groceries from my shop then burned grass on both my hands. After that they beat my hands and back with wooden poles. I went to Kotwa rural district hospital and they gave me 2 paracetamol - they had nothing else."



Injuries sustained by 22 year old from Musaruro Village Mudzi: Burns to both hands and left arm. 2 metacarpels and 1 metatarsal bones and ulna broken left hand/arm and on the right hand thumb and fifth finger broken.



Injuries sustained by 22 year old male from Chibamo Village, Mudzi South: a lacerated top lip and deep tissue bruising and wounds to the buttocks.

Left: This 22 year old male from Chibamo Village, Mudzi South said:

"15 or so ZPF youth came to my house on Friday 11 April 2008 and started to hit me with fire wood and kick me in the mouth. They beat me on my buttocks, left arm and hand. The perpetrators are known to me (names recorded). They said "why are you supporting MDC, we promise you we are here to vandalise you".

The violence continued yesterday.

Over 500 farm workers displaced in Mutasa South and Chipinge (Tanganda and Southdown Holdings) following invasions by so called war veterans.

A passenger on a bus reported seeing a man being hung by his hands from a tree while a group was beating him at Corner Store, between Muhrewa and Mutoko - this took place at approximately 4 pm Sunday 13 April 2008.

Frans Joubert, a Chipinge farmer has been detained in Chipinge Police cells since Friday for allegedly "insulting Pres. Mugabe". He is being denied access to legal representation and relatives.

It has been reported that a teacher in Mudzi has also been murdered and 8 women have been abducted. We are awaiting verification of this report.



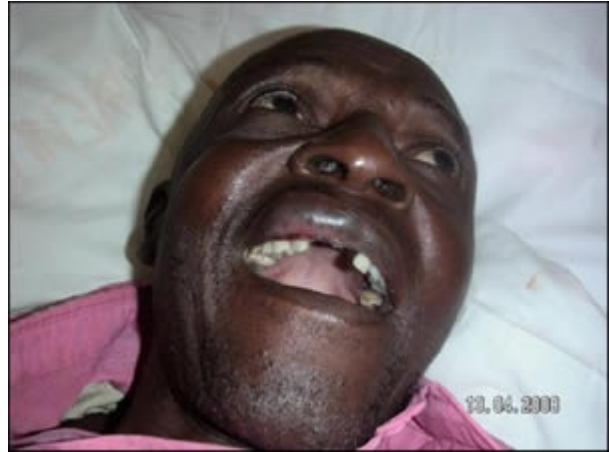
The women shown in the images above were viciously beaten and have sustained deep tissue bruising of the buttocks. All were admitted to hospital. These attacks took place on Friday night, April 11, 2008.



This 38 year old woman (left) from Chivaka Village, Mudzi, was beaten with poles for being MDC. Her fifteen year old daughter (right) was also beaten.



This man has a badly broken foot.



This kraal head from Zimuto, Masvingo, was accused of getting people to vote for MDC. He was stoned and beaten with logs. His lip was split, he lost two teeth, and he sustained fractured ribs. His wife is 50 years and was beaten viciously on her right leg.

In addition to these pictures and reports are the following incidents:

The MDC Secretary for Ward 1 Zimuto Masvinga, who is 36 years old, was attacked on Tuesday in Baradzi Village, Masvingo. ZPF youth broke his door down and dragged him outside insisting that he take them to all the other MDC members houses. He refused to comply so was beaten with iron bars and logs of wood. He slept the night in the bush and then found his way to medical facility. The thugs referred to their actions as Operation Mavhoterapapi - "where you put your X".

The Mudzi/Mutoko area is particularly bad, with homes being burned. One man had his home ransacked, and his chickens and goats burned alive. He and his family have left fearing for their lives.

We have also received information that one white farmer in Chipinge is in police cells (lawyers being denied access). And that 55 farmworker families have been displaced from Tanganda and Southdown holdings and are in need of urgent assistance.

There are also a number of injured people who have been beaten with logs requiring medical treatment. The local Doctor has been displaced. The situation is reported to be out of control.

Look at the way our brothers and sisters are being treated in Zimbabwe! God forbid!

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April 21, 2008

The photographs below are of a man from UMP (Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe) area. He was tied to his hut door by militia and then set alight. This happened last week and he only managed to get to hospital April 21. Ambulances trying to go into that area are either turned back by Police or threatened by CIO.



Victims of violence are being prevented from accessing medical assistance by ZRP.



Injury exacerbated by withholding of medical treatment.

The photo on the left is of a man from the Mudzi area, Mashonaland East who was brutally beaten on the buttocks by Zanu PF militia for being an MDC supporter. This occurred on Apr 14. He was taken to the local government hospital who dressed his wound and gave him Panadol (that was all they had). Ambulances sent to the area to uplift him and 5 other injured people were turned back by CIO operatives. The ambulance crew were told that if they valued their lives they would turn back. The CIO vehicle followed them for over 100 kms to Harare.

This photo gives you an idea of how severe the beating was, and what happens when medical treatment is denied.



This man (left) managed to get in to Harare from UMP after three days. He had burning plastic put on his back and arms. His home was burned and his animals were doused in diesel and burned alive.

Cruel and inhuman treatment was meted out to this man and his livestock.