



**Weekly bulletin- An Update on the political environment in Zimbabwe  
week ending 22-07-12**

<b>Province and District</b>	<b>The general environment</b>	<b>General political atmosphere</b>
Midlands-Gokwe Nembudziya	Tense	There are reported cases of victimization and intimidation of nurses and teachers in Gokwe Nembudziya. They are being harassed by suspected ZANU PF supporters for being sympathetic to MDC. It has been reported that ZANU PF councillors wrote letters to the District Administrator requesting that the accused nurses and teachers be transferred to another district or province and set them as an example of what happens if someone decides to support any other party which is not ZANU Pf.
Mashonaland Central-Bindura South	Moderate	There are reported cases of partisan distribution of food aid. Only ZANU Pf supporters are getting the assistance as the distribution has been hijacked by ZANU PF councillors who have since compiled a new list of intended beneficiaries
Midlands- Kwekwe	Tense	The situation is tense at Sherwood mining area where ZANU Pf youth led by one Owen Ncube popularly known as Muddah Mugabe, a ZANU Pf provincial secretary are terrorizing panners at the mine. They are forcing the panners into conducting ZANU Pf meetings every week where they demand that everyone buys a ZANU Pf card or face eviction from the mine. The panners tried to resist leading to an outbreak of violence. The police had to intervene but Lloyd Mkapiko, Alphas Vengesai and Misheck Kwangwari had already been injured.
Masvingo-Zaka Central	Calm	No cases of political violence were reported. There was a MDC rally last week which went on well without any disruptions.
Manicaland -Buhera North	Calm	The environment is calm as no cases of political violence have been reported.
Manicaland Central	Calm	No cases of political violence have been recorded. All political parties are working together in preparation of the Ndabaningi Sithole's memorial to be held soon.
Mashonaland Central- Muzarabani	Tense	Villagers are being forced to attend ZANU Pf rallies where ZANU Pf youth are recording the names and identification numbers of everyone present at the rallies. This is instilling fear in the villagers as they are not sure what the names will be used for. The district recorded alarming cases of human rights violations during the 2008 political violence.

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