

# HURUNGWE NORTH

## 1. OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Study area

Hurungwe North is made up of communal lands that fall under Chief Chundu and Chief Kazangarare. It used to be a ZANU-PF stronghold but has since changed. The area has 4 wards and researchers managed to cover two wards (Ward 7 - Nyamakate areas; and Ward 9 - Kazangarare areas). The area under study falls under the Mashonaland West province. Residents thrive on farming, particularly tobacco farming. The area falls under natural region 2 which receives adequate rainfall.

### 1.2 Summary

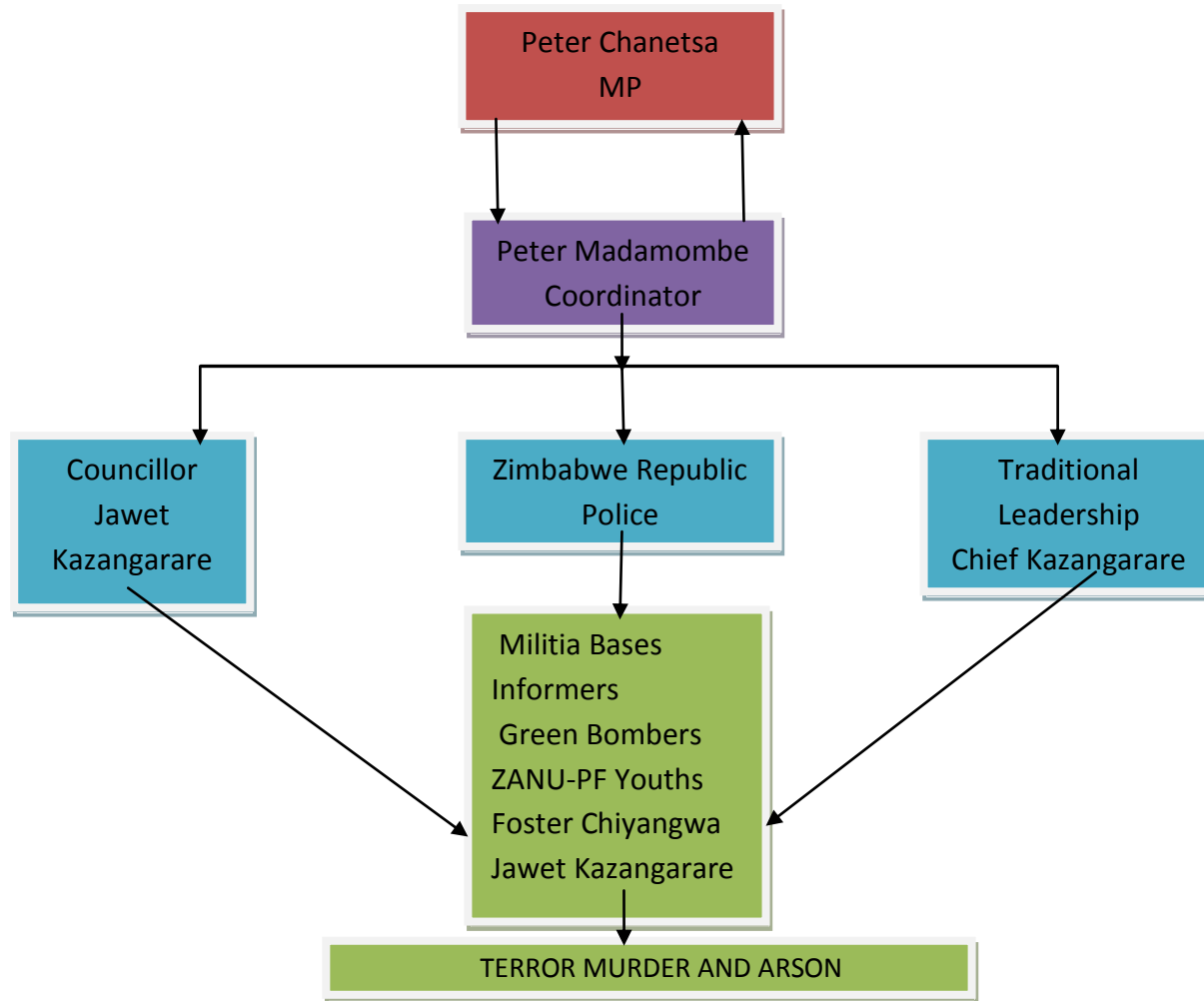
- *Organisation of violence*

The member of Parliament for Hurungwe North, Peter Chanetsa, is at the helm of the structure of violence. Peter Chanetsa owns three farms in Tengwe area where he derives the resources to finance terror campaigns. Chanetsa's is helped by Peter Madamombe (coordinator). The two formulate campaigns of violence in the area. The coordinator then liaises with the ZRP to avoid arrest, and the traditional leadership to mobilise villagers. District police officer Cuthbert Mandizha (who is a war veteran) assists Madamombe by preventing the administering of justice.

Chief Wobhiri Kazangarare talks with the traditional leadership to mobilise villagers. The ZANU-PF councillor then implements strategies and works with ZANU-PF militia, as well as ZANU-PF structures to set up bases. Besides implementing strategies, the councillors (in particular Jawet Kazangarare) also engage in violence on the ground. The strategies are then relayed to militia, informers and youths at the bases.

In Hurungwe, police protection is important as this gives confidence to the militia. The area under study has three dormant bases and two active bases.

- **Organisational structure**



## 2. DATA ON BASES

### 2.1 Table of bases

Name of base	Place (Building?)	Grid reference	Status	Used			
				02	05	08	10
Dunga	Dunga township Kaninga shop		Dormant			√	
Kazangarare	G.M.B Kazangarare township		Active	√	√	√	√
Chitenje	Chitenje primary school		Active		√	√	√
Chawagona Hapana	Nyamakate village		Dormant				
Karuru	Karuru		Dormant				

#### Notes:

- All dormant bases are likely to be active during election period.
- Two bases are continuously active.
- The bases are located at public places mostly shopping centres.

### 2.2 2008 Violence

- 2008 incidents of serious violence (for each base/place)

KAZANGARARE BASE (G.M.B)					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<b>Rape (20/06/08, 2200hrs)</b> The victims were abducted from their homes and gang raped at the base. The perpetrators were armed with sticks and iron bars plus a (303) riffle that belongs to a ZANU-PF councillor Jawet Kazangarare. The case was reported after the	ER (Victim)	Jawet is uncle to Sarudzai Kazangarare. After the rape, Jawet was forced to marry her and they are now living together. The researchers visited Sarudzai and she confirmed the story.	-Jawet Kazangarare (ZANU-PF councillor) -Peter Nyamadzawo -Madamombe Kaunda -Trymore Dzenge	SK ER ON

	elections on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of June but no docket was opened. Jawet Kazangarare was the base commander. The perpetrators are still moving freely within the constituency.			-Leonard Chawasarira (ZNA)	
2	<b>G.B.H (24/06/08, 2200hrs)</b> The perpetrators entered the victims' place of residence and used iron bars and sticks to assault the victims. Jawet Kazangarare ordered the violence. The perpetrators are moving freely around Hurungwe.			-Tavengwa Kapesa -Leonard Chawasarira (ZNA) -Peter Nyamadzawo -Desmond Million	JK LM

DUNGA TOWNSHIP					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<b>Murder (02/04/08, 0000hrs)</b> The victim was abducted from his home and murdered at the base. The perpetrators used a matchet to kill the victim. The victim was stabbed once in the arm pit seven centimetres deep which was the cause of death. Jawet the sitting ZANU-PF councillor ordered the violence and Peter Madamombe was the base commander. The perpetrators are still in Kazangarare area.		Police confirmed the incident. The researcher spoke to the son of the deceased Mbwanda Tawanda ID no.63-1139639W38. Cell phone: 0915 219 073.	- Leonard Chawasarira (ZNA) -Trymore Dzenge	TM

**Notes:** Kazangarare base is the major base and it coordinates all other bases in Hurungwe North. The perpetrators are never arrested. The perpetrators use big and dangerous weapons such as rifles (303) from Jawet Kazangarare. The base took food, grain and livestock under duress to support their activities. ZANU-PF paid the perpetrators in the form of cash. The perpetrators benefited from unfair distribution of drought food relief from the GMB.

## 2.3 Current intimidation and violence

- Incidents of current violence and intimidation (for each base/place)

KAZANGARE BASE (Kazangarare Township GMB)					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Intimidation and Forced Participation (05/08/10, 1200hrs)</b></p> <p>Since the introduction of COPAC, the base has become more active. Activities include forcing people to participate in the ZANU-PF meetings where threats are issued to villagers. They are reminded of the 27 June 2008 violence to intimidate them. The militia ask people to remain quite during the COPAC meetings in order to pave the way for coached personnel who understand and will articulate the position of ZANU-PF. Janet Kazangarare the sitting ZANU-PF councillor commands the base and its activities. The base is disguised as a GMB (Grain Marketing Board) post. Most of the youths are the 2008 perpetrators of murder, rape and brutality. The traditional leader Chief Kazangarare is very active in ZANU- PF activities and actively bars the opposition from their right to freedom of association. He is using headmen such as Luke Zvinyenye and Mapfungautsi to force people to participate in ZANU-PF programmes.</p>	MDC-T	Researchers witnessed one such forced attendance to a ZANU-PF meeting.	<p>-Chief Kazangarare (Headman)</p> <p>-Luke Zvinyenye (Headman)</p> <p>-Mapfungautsi (Headman)</p> <p>-Jawet Kazangarare (Councillor ZANU- PF)</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>BK</p> <p>MDC supporters.</p>

CHITENJE PRIMARY SCHOOL BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Assaults (02/08/10, 1000 hrs)</b>            Following the introduction of COPAC, ZANU-PF youths have suddenly become active again. They had been quiet since the June violence but are now actively campaigning for the ZANU-PF position on the constitution. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August they gathered people at the Chitenje Primary school base at around 10 am. They assaulted two MDC officials as a lesson to everyone present that the June 27 election violence is not gone for good. After forcing everyone to participate, they then assaulted the MDC officials as a way to intimidate villagers. They told everyone not to participate in the COPAC meetings unless instructed. The youths were carrying iron bars and sticks. Jawet Kazangarare is commanding the programme and ZANU-PF COORDINATOR Tavengwa Kabesa.</p>	Villagers (Victims)	The researchers saw some of the sticks used in the assault which are still kept at the base.	-Elisha Mukangapoto -Trymore Dzenge -Leornard Chawasarira (ZNA)	Opposition members; SK SC

## 2.4 Description of bases

KAZANGARARE BASE						
<i>PERSONNEL</i>						
Name	Age	Sex	Organisation	Rank/ID	Role	Source of information

Janet Kazangarare	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Councillor	Base Commander	Facilitator
Trymore Dzenge	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Co-ordinator	Co-ordinator	
Peter Nyamadzawo	20s	M	ZANU-PF	Chairman	Day-to-day program	
Desmond Million	40s	M	ZANU-PF	Treasurer	Enforced donations	
Kaunda	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Member	Militia	
Leonard Chawasarira	30s	M	ZANU-PF		Strategy and mobilisation	

#### **FINANCE AND SUPPORT**

Payments to personnel (Q22, 23). Most of the youths are employed at G.M.B Hurungwe as part of payment for participating in ZANU-PF organised violence. Traditional leaders force villagers to contribute in cash or kind to ZANU-PF local structures.

#### **VEHICLES**

<i>Name of owner/ driver</i>	<i>Make/model</i>	<i>Reg.No</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Marking</i>	<i>Use</i>

#### **WEAPONS**

<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
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ZRP police (used by Jawet)	AK47	1	Yes	
Militia	Iron bars and sticks	Several	Yes	

#### **ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
They use GMB as a base. Violent strategies are decided upon at this location.	Communication GMB vehicles for transport	ZANU-PF is using the Grain Marketing Board (G.M.B) supplies as a campaigning tool. People are forced to support ZANU-PF as a way of getting food and other agricultural inputs.

#### **CHITENJE BASE**

#### **PERSONNEL**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
Learned Chawasarira	30s	M	ZNA		Strategy and mobilization	MDC Officials

Trymore Dzenge Elisha Mukanga	30s 30s	M M	ZANU-PF ZANU-PF	Coordinator Member	Coordination Militia	SK SC
<b>FINANCE AND SUPPORT</b>						
Payments to personnel (Q22, 23). The youths are employed by GMB Hurungwe. They also get maize and other inputs from GMB. Villagers are forced to donate towards ZANU-PF programmes. The process is always done through the traditional leadership. Local supplies, food and provisions (Q24, 25)						
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<b>ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT</b>						
<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>				
There is no one who resides at the base, the base is mobile	Meeting place	They usually come and gather during times of meetings to arrange strategies to perpetuate violence.				

## 2.5 Summary of Means of Control

- **Denial of access to food, resources and benefits**

The distribution of agricultural inputs in the area of Kazangarare is done through GMB. Only ZANU-PF sympathisers receive the inputs. MDC activists do not have access to agricultural inputs. Food distributed through NGOs like Goal is also hijacked by ZANU-PF and given only to sympathisers of ZANU-PF.

- **Raiding resources and destroying property**

During election time houses belonging to MDC activists are burnt and destroyed. Livestock is looted as well as food items which are consumed by ZANU-PF youths at bases. This occurs mainly in the Kazangarare area and Nyamakate Ward 7 area.

- **Coercion, threats and violence**

Whenever there is a gathering or event, people are being threatened with death. The current constitution making process has seen several threats issued to MDC supporters. People are forced to attend ZANU-PF meetings especially in the Kazangarare area. ZANU-PF activists enjoy the protection of the police since District policeman Cuthbert Mandizha is a war veteran who sympathizes with ZANU-PF.

## 3. COMMUNITY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR VIOLENCE-FREE ELECTIONS

### 3.1 BACKGROUND

- **Community assessment**

#### Level of fear

*Able to speak freely*    1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5    *Unable and unwilling to speak freely*

#### Willingness to resist violence

*Strong will to resist violence*    1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5    *No will to resist violence*

#### Capacity to resist violence

*Well organised, strong leadership*    1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5    *Weak organisation and leadership*

#### **Comments**

People in Hurungwe are living in fear. They are not sure of what to do since the MDC has not been working with them to address the issue of violence. The police are in cahoots with ZANU-PF officials. The police urge villagers to co-operate with ZANU-PF rather than resist.

- **Non Governmental Organisations**

ORGANIZATION	MANDATE	LEVEL OF INDEPENDENCE
Goal	-food distribution -educational assistance	The organisation was infiltrated by ZANU-PF in 2008. They have developed a process of partisan food relief distribution. This involves removing opposition members' names from the food register

### **3.2 Organisation**

- **Establishment of committees and operational unit**

A district peace committee comprising 10 people was set up. The committee will coordinate peace initiative activities in the area. ZK was chosen to be the district Defender of Peace. Ward committees in Wards 7 and 9 were also set up. These ward structures comprised of six members who are responsible for recruiting more members in their respective wards. Ward Defenders of Peace were also established to monitor key perpetrators of violence.

- **Building of membership**

The established district committee which comprised ten members will monitor the overall membership drive. It shall be the duty of ward committees (who currently have six members) to recruit more members. Strategies such as soccer tournaments can be used to recruit people as members.

### **3.3 Information and Communications**

- **Methods of gathering information**

Defenders of Peace will gather information by participating in ZANU-PF activities. It is also the priority of ward Defenders of Peace to continuously monitor perpetrators in order to establish any early warning signs of violence. Activities at Kazangarare and Chitenje bases which are currently active will be monitored and observed.

- **Methods of relaying information**

Cell phones will be the viable option for relaying info. Most areas have network coverage so communication will be possible. However in areas where there is no network members who have motor bikes shall be sent to convey information to other members.

### **3.4 Strategic Objectives**

- To combat election related violence so as to facilitate voters' capacity to freely express themselves
- To build confidence and morale amongst voters before the dawn of the next election
- To facilitate the registration of new voters and also highlight ghost voters on the voters' roll

### **3.4 Key Strategies**

- **Food security and livelihoods**

There is need for adequate food supplies in the Kazangarare area well before elections. The issue is ZANU-PF's control over the Grain Marketing Board. There is need for equal access to agricultural resources and inputs.

- **Conflict avoidance: Getting out of harm's way**

In the event that violence rears its ugly head with a force beyond mitigation, there will be a need to evacuate candidates for council and parliamentary seats. Movable property of the candidates will need to be moved out. Immovable property will be protected under the tutelage of Defenders of Peace.

- **Neutralizing key points in structure of violence and control**

Key personnel who include Jawet Kazangarare and Peter Madamombe need to be demoralised, named and publicly condemned. The influence of the Grain Marketing Board has to be neutralised.

### 3.6 Tactical Actions

- **Food security and livelihoods**

The problem in Hurungwe North, especially in the Kazangarare area, revolves around the denial on inputs resulting in the incapacity of locals to produce food/income for themselves. To ensure equal access of resources it is necessary to engage British American Tobacco (a private company that is already assisting in some parts of the constituency). This will break the influence of the GMB.

- **Conflict avoidance: Getting out of harm's way**

The area of Hurungwe North has a major highway running through it to Kariba. The nearest towns where safety might be possible are Karoi and Kariba. Through the facilitation of ward peace committees and the district peace committee, potential victims of violence will be transferred to the nearest and safest town. It shall be the duty of the committees to ensure safe movement of potential victims out of the danger zone. The established committees have assured the researchers that they will trigger a safe evacuation tactic that revolves around the information gathered by the DoPs. The committees have suggested that peace committees and operational units be established in the nearest towns so that there will be easy and safe entry of asylum seekers into towns.

- **Neutralise key points in structure of violence and control**

To expose and demoralise key perpetrators like Jawet Kazangarare there is need to **distribute posters** around the constituency **showing crimes that were committed during June 27 election**. Heinous crimes such as rapes committed against relatives shall be publicised. Whilst the poster campaign is in progress, **civil cases will be opened against perpetrators**. Whilst these cases are pursued, **it will be suggested that Jawet Kazangarare will soon be convicted**. Additional posters **warning other perpetrators** will also be distributed in the area. Another belief about **spirits haunting perpetrators** will also be circulated.

### 4. Support

- Assistance with agricultural resources from BAT to the residents of Chitenje and Kazangarare area. The approximate number of families who need assistance is 100.
- There is need for bus fares for people who will be evacuated.
- There is need for legal aid from organizations such as Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) to take up civil or criminal cases.