

MOUNT DARWIN SOUTH

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Study area

Mt Darwin falls under Mashonaland Central. The constituency has 12 council wards, 7 of which are reserve villages, 4 of which are Chesa communal lands and 1 of which is in the urban area of Mt Darwin. Seven wards within the reserve villages were won by ZANU-PF in addition to the single urban ward: Mt. Darwin. The researchers covered Ward 13 (Chesa area), Ward 22 (Bembere area), Ward 24 (Chiunye area), Ward 25 (Matope area), Ward 26 and Ward 27 (Nyakasikana). These wards were hard hit by violence during the June 27 presidential run-off.

The area receives below average rainfall and cotton is the main cash crop grown in the area. Food relief services are necessary in this constituency. The traditional style of leadership is still very much observed and recognised. The area is under the chieftainship of the Kandeya family and the Matope family.

The constituency has built-up youth training centres like Chaminuka and Border Gezi Youth Training Centres. Mt Darwin is a base for prominent ZANU-PF members like Vice president Joyce Mujuru; Minister of Youth, Saviour Kasukuwere; Deputy Director General of the CIO, Mernard Muzariri; and Mashonaland Central Provincial Chairperson, Dickson Mafios.

1.2 Summary

- ***Organisation of violence***

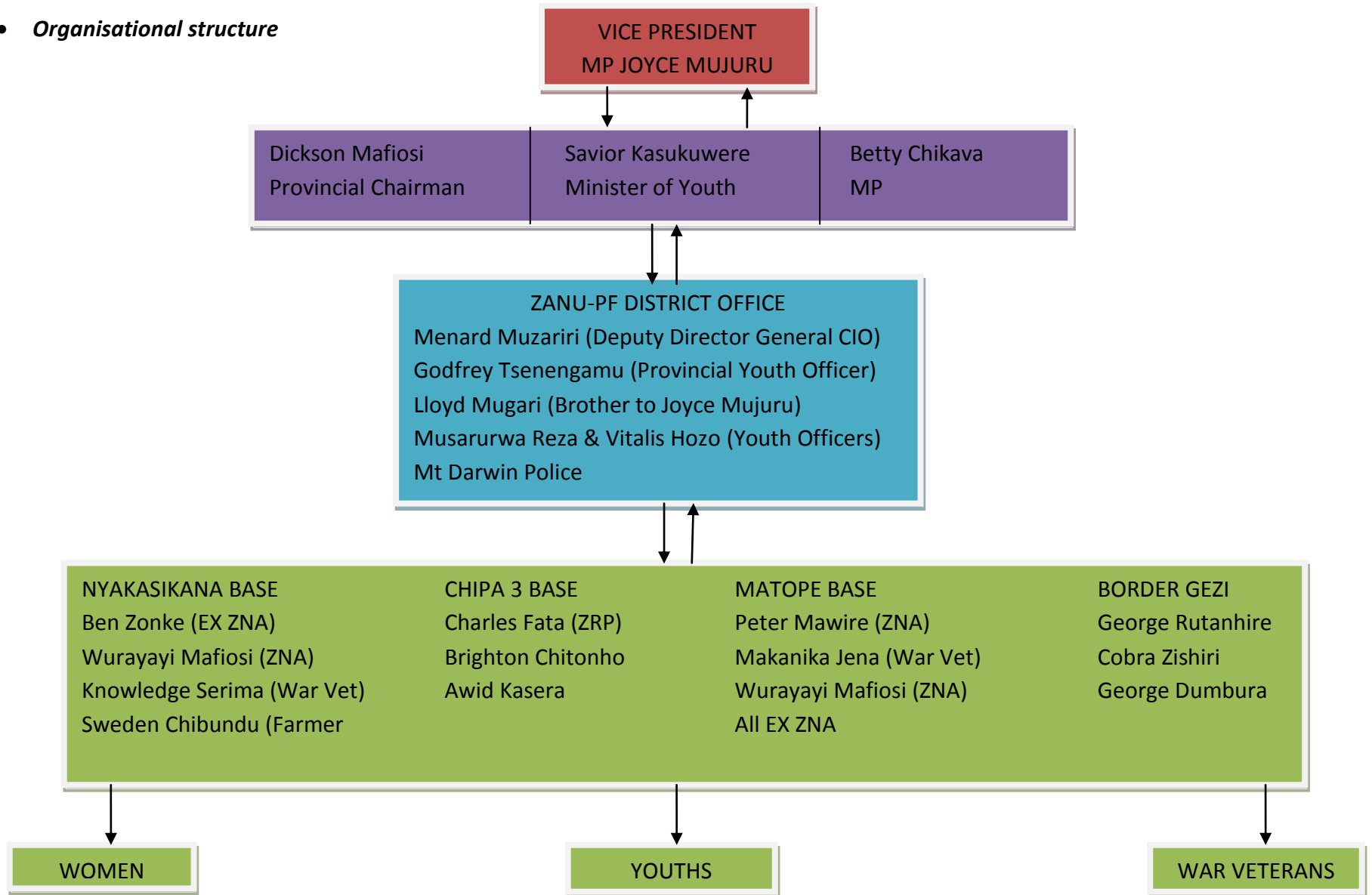
At the apex of the command structure is Mrs Joyce Mujuru - Vice President who gives commands to fellow ZANU-PF legislators, namely Savior Kasukuwere, Betty Chikava and the ZANU-PF Provincial Chairman for Mashonaland Central, Dickson Mafiosis. These people fund the violent operations of ZANU-PF's terror machine. Those funding the violence are beneficiaries of the partisan ZANU-PF black empowerment programme. Some own mines whilst others grabbed farms from white commercial farmers.

Their authority is passed down to the ZANU-PF District Office where youth officers, CIO and councillors formulate the strategies. The CIO provides expertise in abduction and torture. Youth officers ensure that those employed by government at local level are strong ZANU-PF supporters. Mt Darwin Police blocks the administration of justice of those who commit crimes. The footprint of the district office covers the whole province.

Violence is mainly committed by army personnel, war veterans and militia youths, who will commit murder and atrocities to retain power. The Border Gezi training camp provides the manpower. There is a close relationship between the people on the organogram and the state instruments of power. This is evidenced by the active role of army personnel in complimenting the youth militias by providing transport and training (Border Gezi).

There are four active bases and three dormant in Mt Darwin South.

- **Organisational structure**



2. DATA ON BASES

2.1 Table of bases

Name of base	Place(Building?)	Grid ref.	Status	Used			
				02	05	08	10
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Nyakasikana	Primary School		Active	√	√	√	√
ZANU-PF District Office	District Attorney Office		Active	√	√	√	√
Matope	Business Centre		Active	√	√	√	√
Chipa 3	Police Post		Active	√	√	√	√
Border Gezi	Youth Training Centre		Dormant	√	√	√	
Chief Kandeya Home	Village Court		Dormant	√	√	√	
Chaminuka Youth Training Centre	Vocational Centre		Dormant				

Notes:

- ZANU-PF District Office is housed in a government complex together with the Parliamentary Constituency Office and the District Attorney's Office.
- All the active bases are at peak activity during election periods and have been more active lately because of the expected COPAC visits.
- Dormant bases are resuscitated whenever there is need to campaign, to hold meetings and during national holidays (Heroes Day and Independence).
- It was noted that state security officials are visible in the company of youth militias and war veterans.
- Chief Kandeyas Village Court is used as a venue for political persecution during elections even though it is dormant at this time.

2.2 2008 Violence

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

NYAKASIKANA PRIMARY SCHOOL					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p>Arson, GBH, Theft (07/05/08, 2200hrs) 8 huts were burnt and villagers including the headman were tortured. Building materials and livestock were stolen. Wurayayi Mafiosi was leading the perpetrators. None of the alleged perpetrators were arrested and they rub shoulders with villagers everyday.</p>	SC	Burnt huts were seen and the researchers observed permanent scars on the body of Mordar Kamoyo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wurayayi Mafiosi -Damiel Tsungu -Knowledge Serima -Big Boy Tsungu -Todd Katsande -Timothy Makanya -Sweden Chibundu -Gibson Matimura 	About 20 villagers were affected; in particular the Village Headman, MK and SK were specifically targeted for their support for the MDC.
2	<p>Murder (04/05/08, 1800 hours) Laison Nyandoro was beaten severely by a group that was led by Reza Lameck. Logs were used by the group. He was assaulted until he lost consciousness and died. Perpetrators are walking scott-free. Reza Lameck ordered the murder.</p>	Facilitator SC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reza Lameck -Vitalis Hozo -Godfrey -Tsenengamu -Pikani Manono -Awid Kasere -Musarurwa Reza 	LN

Notes: SK was an MDC candidate in the Council elections. He lives only 200 metres from Savior Kasukuwere's house which makes him the first person to be attacked when Kasukuwere pays the youth. A report was made on the following day at Mt Darwin Police Station but no docket was opened by the attending officer who was afraid of being targeted.

LN was targeted because he was an MDC activist who had been recruiting polling agents for the MDC. A report was made to the police but the police refused to open the docket. Perpetrators are walking scott-free and have been intimidating the victims' son.

Verification: Death Certificate was availed for us to see. A copy of the death certificate was made and is attached.

ZANU-PF DISTRICT OFFICE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Arson (04/05/08, 2200hrs) George Dumbura led a group of ZANU-PF activists to petrol bomb SM's house. The wife of the victim escaped with minor burns. Tichaona Mutawu is the person who actually threw the petrol bomb. The perpetrators are still free.	SK (the victim) and his wife.	Burnt marks can be noticed in the living room and soot is on the asbestos roofing. Tenants of Madzvova verified the incident to the researchers.	-Geroge Dumbura -Tichaona Mutawu -Paul Mafuta -Vitalis Hozo -Douglas Bhubho -Godfrey Tsenengami -Jimmy Motsi	SM
2	Murder (11/05/08, 2100hrs) George Soza was severely assaulted by a group of ZANU-PF youths backed by personnel from the District Office. One of the assailants is the son of the Chief Kandeya. Soza died in March 2010 from wounds and sores that had failed to heal and had become cancerous.	PM	Aunthenticity of the information was verified by the members of the MDC who attended the funeral in March 2010.	-Serima Mhembere -Cleopsa Mukoka -Geroge Matimura -Musarurwa Reza -Booker Kandeya -Awid Kasere	George Soza
<p>Notes: SM was targeted by the ZANU-PF supporters because he was the chief election agent for the MDC. A report was made to the police but no action was taken. The perpetrators are always seen in the company of the police. The District Office has control over the police, who are at times sent to the houses of MDC activists to question them.</p> <p>Perpetrators are still free. One of the perpetrators, Awid Kasere, has even gone to Soza's house and threatened to repeat what he did. Soza was targeted because of his good relationship with MDC activists. A report was made to the police but the case was ignored. Policeman who attended to the complaint could not be identified because they were only at the station during election time.</p>					

MATOPE BUSINESS CENTRE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Assault and Torture (07/05/08, 1700hrs) ZANU-PF youths numbering up to 40 forced villagers to march to a meeting place at Munyati Village (Ward 24). They also looted livestock and poultry from a farm owned by RM(uncle to the local legislator).The victims were targeted because they are well known MDC activists in the constituency. Whips, iron rods and logs were used to beat the victims. Perpetrators are still roaming freely in the area.	MM	The incident was reported at Mount Darwin Police Station as confirmed by a police officer named Muzuwa. No documents were available since Savior Kasukuwere had taken them in December 2008. The three assailants (Peace Matekenya, Cleopas Mukoka and Gibson Matimura) were summoned to court but did not turn up.	-Edward Chiunye (headman who provided the list of those to be beaten) -Gibson Matimura -Peace Matekenya -Cleopas Mukoka -Douglas Bhobho -Knowledge Zvidzai -Philip Makachi -Ranious Chagonda -Luxona Kadziteveri	WM FM FM BM TK AM AB MM SM
Notes: Other villagers were spared from beatings after paying fines. The amount paid is not certain. The looted livestock was taken to a farm belonging to Rickson Marodza (uncle to Saviour Kasukuwere).					

2.3 Current intimidation and violence

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

MOUNT DARWIN ZANU-PF DISTRICT OFFICE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Intimidation (03/05/10, 0900hrs)	SM	A report was made to	-Karima Nyaude	Mrs D

	Mrs Dumba was threatened with death by youths if she does not surrender herself from MDC. The youths were travelling around the community with the chief in his car. She was targeted at this time because they wanted to demoralise her from participating in the COPAC programme. She is a MDC activist. Her would-be persecutors are still in the area.		Constable Kurehwa at Mt Darwin Police Station in the presence a Constable only known as Bonyongwe. Nothing was put in black and white but it has been confirmed that a threat was issued.	-Cobra Zishiri -Fadzai Ganda -Musarurwa Reza	
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Notes: Perpetrators are seen during the day threatening more people to prevent participation in the COPAC meetings. Police in Mt Darwin are afraid of confronting the personnel at the base. The best the police can do is to plead with the youth to stop the threats.

MATOPE BUSINESS CENTRE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Threats and intimidation (14/07/10, 1630hrs) Mazorodze was warned not to make any contribution when the COPAC team arrives. Danisa Mavimba promised to burn down Mazorodze's shop. The youth from ZANU-PF have started their meetings in front of his shop.		We were told by ZANU-PF youths not to charge our cellphones in the victim's shop but to charge them in Peter Mawire's shop. Customers are threatened if they buy from his shop.	-Danisa Mavimba -Lea Ncube	PM

Notes: The youths at the grinding mill have closed Mr M's shop at the shopping centre after issuing a death threat. The ZANU-PF youths who issued this threat are walking in the villages and no one has the courage to report them to the police because the youths enjoy a large degree of impunity. Youths at the grinding mill threaten villagers with assault and death if they buy from his shop.

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Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p>Intimidation and harassment (11/07/10, 1235hrs) Mr G was warned by his relative who overheard ZANU-PF members plotting to kill him. When he confronted them they told him that he is a dead snake waiting to be buried. He was followed by 2 youths who told him not to make any contributions during COPAC consultations. Military vehicles are always moving past his house to intimidate him.</p>	Mr G	Researchers came to know about this incident from the research facilitator who is now VFD Defender of Peace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Godfrey Tsenengamu -Fadzai Dhanda -Cleopas Mukoka -Pikani Manono -Peter Mawire 	Mr G
2	<p>Intimidation and harassment (19/07/10) Brian Chita is discouraging villagers from participating in the coming COPAC meetings. On 19 July 2010 during a ZANU-PF Meeting he chanted: 'down with those that participate without permission'. Of particular interest to them was Oliver Hore. Those making threats are walking freely in the villages.</p>	Mr OH	The researchers noted a wave of fear within the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brian Chita -Knowledge Zvidzai -Phillip Makachi -Douglas Bbobho -Gibson Matimura -Peace Matekenya -Terry Marodza 	OH
<p>Notes: Mr G is the MDC Chairman for Ward 27 which is why he is targeted. The perpetrators have threaten to kill his family and burn his tractors which are on his farm. Brian Chita, a ZANU-PF activist has nicknamed himself ' COPAC'. Chita will not conclude a conversation without threatening those who he suspect will 'talk'. The DOP has also confirmed the claim. These threats are not to be ignored because of the degree of impunity enjoyed by those issuing them. No reports were made because the police are behind some of the threats to arrest OH if he conducts a meeting.</p>					

2.4 Description of bases

MOUNT DARWIN ZANU-PF DISTRICT OFFICE						
<i>PERSONNEL</i>						
<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
Savior Kasukuwera		M	Ministry of Youth	Legislator	Financer	SM
Mernard Muzariri		M	CIO	Deputy Director General	Financer	
Lloyd Mugari		M	ZANU-PF	Driver	Transport	
Godfrey Tsenengamu		M	ZANU-PF	Provincial Youth Chair	Commander	
Kennedy Banda		M	ZANU-PF	Councillor Ward 26	Interrogation	
Musarurwa Reza		M	Ministry of Lands	Youth Officer	Organise terror	
Vitalis Hozo		M	ZANU-PF	Youth member	Youth Militia	
Booker Kandeya		M	Nat Youth Service	Ward Chairman	Youth Militia	
George Dumbura		M	Nat Youth Service	EX ZNA	Training Militia	
Cobra Zishiri		M	Nat Youth Service	EX ZNA	Training Militia	
George Rutanhire		M	ZANU-PF	EX ZNA	Recruiter	
Wylis Mapingiza		M	ZANU-PF	Youth Chair Ward 39	Intimidation	
Rekias Erisha		M	ZANU-PF	District Member	Arsonist	
Brian Chitumba		M	ZANU-PF	Youth Officer	Arsonist	
Oscar Zenda		M	ZANU-PF	Youth Officer	Recruitment	
Margaret Chimanzi		F	ZANU-PF	Youth member	Recruitment	
Elizabeth Shongedza		F	ZANU-PF	Youth member	Informer	
Knowledge Mutyambizi		M	ZANU-PF	Youth member	Informer	
Tichona Chipomo		M	ZANU-PF	Youth officer	Beating victims	

FINANCE AND SUPPORT

Payments to personnel (Q22, 23): It is a general understanding that almost everyone at the base receives a salary because they are seen at Agribank when civil servants get paid. *A payroll statement of all civil servants in Mt Darwin will be availed on the next visit for verification.* Some of the personnel, namely Booker Kandeya and Vitalis Hozo receive subsistence allowances of \$210 from Saviour Kasukuwere. He often boasts so, although independent verification has not been possible so far.

Local supplies, food and provisions (Q24, 25):

The youths are provided with generators for their grinding mills and welding machines by Kasukuwere.

Fuel is obtained from CMED at the DDF Complex. This fuel is obtained at no charge because the vehicles used belong to the state.

Food at the base is provided by Kasukuwere. This is done through an account facility opened for those at the base at an eating establishment known as Pagomba. A loan facility has been established for personnel by Kasukuwere. Youths get soft loans in addition to payment they receive for violent acts approved by Kasukuwere.

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>
George Dumbura	Nissan SE	GYD 070	1990	Green	None	Transportation of youths to and from Chaminuka Training Centre in Mt Darwin urban.

WEAPONS

<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
George Dumbura	AK 47 Machine gun	1	Yes	He is frightening people using his gun. The gun owner is ex ZNA.

ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Fuel and water containers	Some of the petrol is used to burn huts.	The perpetrators are commuting from their homes on daily basis. Only resources are stored at the district offices

Notes: Footprint (Q3-4):

The base is in the Central Business District and its footprint is all over the whole district and even spills into Chiweshe. Area of influence is about 40km radius.

Base (Q5-7):

The base is disguised as a government building, when in fact it is a ZANU-PF district office base. Next to it is the constituency office.

Perpetrators of violence (Q15):

People at the base are responsible for arson in the constituency. Musarurwa Reza, Godfrey Tsenengamu and Hozo have been cited as

perpetrators by more than 7 villagers in each of the 12 wards.

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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>
Ben Zonke	60s	M	ZNA	Retired Officer	Commander	SK
Makanika Jena	40	M	War Vet	Organiser terror	Deputy Commander	
Wurayayi Mafiosi	46	M	ZNA	Officer	Financer	
Sweden Chibundu	42	M	ZANU-PF	Ward member	Farmer (provides food)	
Knowledge Serima	35	M	ZANU-PF	War Veteran	Chairman for Ward 27	
Big Boy Tsungu	34	M	ZANU-PF	District member	Militia	
Cleopas Mukoka	35	M	ZANU-PF	District member	Militia	
Toddy Katsande	48	M	ZANU-PF	District member	Militia	
Timothy Makanya	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Ward 27 Chairman	Informer	
Reason Mukweveri	40s	M	ZANU-PF	Coordinator	Intimidation beating	

FINANCE AND SUPPORT

Payments to personnel (Q22, 23):

- Finance for personnel at this base is from Wurayayi Mafiosi.
- The grinding mill is a business venture opened for the youths by Savior Kasukuwere as a retainer. Proceeds from operations at the mill sustain the youths.
- Makanika Jen (a war veteran) receives an allowance from the state. In addition, Ben Zonke (a retired member of the armed forces) receives a salary from the state.

Local supplies, food and provisions (Q24, 25)

- Food at the base is supplied by Ben Zonke as he lives at the base.
- Fuel is given to Lea Ncube, Vice Youth Chairman for Ward 27, because he has a motorbike (given to him by Kasukuwere).
- The fuel is also made available for the generator at the grinding mill.

- Some of the food is maize meal donated by Sweden Chibundu, a farmer who benefited from the land invasions and quasi-fiscal activity of the RBZ under the farm-mechanisation programs.
- Villagers get their maize ground at some of the grinding mills in this scheme. Youths at the grinding mill keep an amount of the maize and give the villagers less than they have brought.
- Youth at the base steal livestock and poultry during the night.

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>
Ben Zonke	-Mitsubishi L200		1998	White		Abducting people; transporting people to meetings
DDF	-Nissan diesel -7 tonne long nose trucks					Used to ferry youths and militia from place to place.

WEAPONS

<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Wurayayi Mafiosi	AK 47 Gun	1	Yes	Mafiosi wears an army uniform and brandishes weapon in public.
Ben Zonke	AK 47 Gun	1	Yes	

ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
2 way radio	Communicating with police	The 2 way radio is in the hands of Ben Zonke who will talk negotiate with police about releasing suspects.

Notes: Footprint (Q3-4)

The footprint of the base extends approximately 30-40km in radius because of the use of state vehicles. These range from army vehicles to DDF vehicles. The base is near people's homes.

Base (Q5-7):

The base is set up in the Nyakasikana Primary School grounds.

Ben Zonke has refused to vacate the school lodgings after his wife, a school teacher, left for a training college.

Perpetrators of violence (Q15):

The personnel at the base are responsible for much of the violence in Wards 27, 25 and 24 because they are backed by armed forces and Nyakasikana area is near Kasukuwere's home.

Sources of information:

Sources of information are SK, JC, PM and Mr G.

MATOPE BUSINESS CENTRE						
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>
Peter Mawire	60s	M	ZNA	Colonel	Financer	Mr G
Ben Zonke	40s		ZNA	Retired Army Officer	Organiser	
Knowledge Serima	50s	M	ZANU-PF	War Veteran Militia	Organiser	
Earnest Marodza	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Uncle of Kasukuwere	Youth leader	
Lea Ncube	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Militia	Livestock theft	
Danisa Mavimba		M	ZANU-PF	Militia	Assault + Threats	

FINANCE AND SUPPORT

Payments to personnel (Q22, 23):

- Financial resources are supplied by Peter Mawire, better known as Colonel Mutasa.
- Mutasa runs a shop trading as Mutasa General Dealer and employs youths on a temporary basis.
- Some of the youths are given overnight accommodation at the shop for security reasons, and Mutasa also supplies the youths

with a credit facility.

- Peter Mawire and Ben Zonke are on the government payroll because they are also soldiers who drive state vehicles.

Local supplies, food and provisions (Q24, 25):

- Mutasa provides lunch to the youths who guard his shop and those at the grinding mill.
- Fuel vouchers are given to Lea Ncube by Kasukuwere to collect the supplies from COMOIL (owned by Kasukuwere).
- The people in the villages are sometimes forced to donate maize meal during national events such as Heroes and Independence Day.
- The youths at the base will set illegal roadblocks between Madziva and Mt. Darwin to confiscate motorists' food supplies during elections. Currently they get into people's fields and help themselves to what they can.
- The youths also grab food relief packages from villagers when NGOs disburse food.

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>
Ben Zonke	Mitsubishi L200	ABD 3448	1998	Sky Blue		Transporting youth to assault villagers
Peter Mawire	Mitsubishi L200		1998	Military green		Transporting youth to assault villagers

WEAPONS

<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Peter Mawire	AK 47 Gun	1	Yes	The AK47 is always seen on the cars dashboard and during all night meetings.

ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Cellphones and generators	Communication Power back up	Generators are stored in Mawires shop.

Notes: Footprint (Q3-4):

The base is in the village shopping centre where it is in a central position. It is not far away from people's homes.

Base (Q5-7):

The base is disguised as a grinding mill and its footprint reaches villages that are 50km away and even further into the next constituencies.

Perpetrators of violence (Q15):

Personnel at the base have been linked to violence in the Nyakasikana area and Matope because they are seen forcing people to ZANU-PF meetings.

Those who do not attend the meetings are later assaulted by some of the personnel at the base.

Vehicles:

Vehicles used are from both Mawire and Ben Zonke. During elections ZUPCO buses are diverted for use at the base. Saviour Kasukuwere diverts the busses to bases in Harare.

Sources of information: PM

CHIPA 3 POLICE POST**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>
Charles Fata	40s	M	ZRP/ZANU-PF	Police Reserve	Militia and prevent arrests	OH
Musarurwa Reza	40s	M	Min of Lands	Youth Officer	Organise terror intimidation	ET
Nixon Katana	50s	M	ZANU-PF	Ward 22 Councillor	Transportation of youths	SM
Moretalent Mawanda	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Ward Youth Secretary	Intimidation and informer	Mr G
Brighton Chitonho	40	M	ZANU-PF	District Youth Member	Summoning people to bases	
Brian Chita	30	M	Min of Youth	Youth Officer	Terrorising villagers	
Awid Kasere	20s	M	ZANU-PF	District Youth	Terrorising villagers	
Herdman Mundoza	60s	M	Chief's Council	Village Headman	Terrorising, informer	
Mafiosi Gatsi	50s	M	ZNWVA	War Veteran	Transport and food provider	
Mark Ruponda	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Nat Youth Service Grad.	Arsonist	
Never Ruona	30s	M	ZANU-PF	Ward 21 Chairman	Arsonist	

Edward Musekiwa	55	M	ZANU-PF	War Veteran	Funding of Youths
Makachivei Manono	50s	M	ZANU-PF	Farmer	Intimidation and transport
Booker Chiwota		M	ZANU-PF	Ward 21 Councillor	Beating victims

FINANCE AND SUPPORT

Payments to personnel (Q22, 23):

- Charles Fata from Mt. Darwin Urban who operates from Chipa 3 receives a salary just like any other civil servant because he is in the police force.
- Other youths at the police post namely Brian Chita are youth officers who receive a subsistence allowance from Kasukuwere. Others are on the government payroll as District Coordinators for ZANU-PF.
- Brighton Chitonho and his group are behind the killing of Tapiwa Meda at Chaona in Chiweshe as evidenced by witnesses.

Local supplies, food and provisions (Q24, 25):

- Food is supplied from the main base in Mt Darwin. Food confiscated from raids on illegal vendors is part of the supply.
- Mafiosi Gatsi who is a farmer/war veteran also supplies some commodities.
- The personnel at the base are notorious for penalising villagers for trumped up criminal charges. The fines are usually paid in the form of poultry and small livestock.
- Other provisions at the base include police uniforms especially during election times.

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>
Nixon Katanha (nicknamed 'ZUPCO')	Mazda B1600	563-525B	1990	Sky Blue		Transporting youth

WEAPONS

<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Charles Fata	Baton		Yes	Batons are being used by the police support unit. Handcuffs have been used to apprehend before interrogation.
Nixon Katanha	Sticks		Yes	
Charles Fata	Whips Handcuffs		Yes Yes	

ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Fuel tanks	Storing reserve fuel	Fuel is obtained from CMED depot in Bindura and Saviour Kasukuwere's fuel service station:

Drums + Vehicle reflectors	Terror activities	COMOIL. Drums and reflectors are used to set up roadblocks.
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Notes: Footprint (Q3-4):

The base is located in the village. Its footprint spans 50km and some of the personnel are from Mt. Darwin urban so they have access to the whole district and further into Chiweshe.

Base (Q5-7):

The base is disguised as a police station. The police post does not function for the benefit of the villagers. It serves as a torture base and Musarurwa Reza and Charles Fata are in control.

Perpetrators of violence (Q15):

Intelligence officials who include Wellington Mushore also operate from the base.

Vehicles:

CMED Vehicles are used.

Sources of information: OH, Mr C

2.5 Summary of Means of Control

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

Saviour Kasukuwere has access to the Grain Marketing Board food reserves by virtue of his position as a legislator in the government. Through the assistance of youth officers, names of those who will receive inputs are screened depriving perceived MDC supporters access to food and agricultural inputs. When they are hungry they are told to join ZANU-PF first. In 2008 he diverted GMB maize meant for relief to his personal use. He assigned Douglas Bhubho to exchange 100kgs of maize for a cow from vulnerable villagers.

- **Raiding resources and destroying property**

Control is also maintained by raiding and grabbing villagers' livestock especially when villagers do not attend meetings. To attract people to the meetings, food is provided, which is usually food seized from other villagers. Immovable property is destroyed by fire. Arson is widespread during elections. This is done to displace people who are perceived to be MDC votes.

- **Coercion, threats and violence**

The militia threaten victims reminding them of the June election. They are threatened with death, arson and beatings. Threats to teachers are very common. The militia enjoys the full support of the ZANU-PF leadership in government as well as the police.

3 COMMUNITY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR VIOLENCE-FREE ELECTIONS

3.1 Background

- **Community assessment**

Level of fear

Able to speak freely

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Unable and unwilling to speak freely

Willingness to resist violence

Strong will to resist violence

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No will to resist violence

Capacity to resist violence

Well organised, strong leadership

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Weak organisation and leadership

Comments

- Villagers are unable to speak freely because threats of various degrees have been issued against them. With the memories of the June 2008 violence still fresh on their minds, villagers will not dare speak at COPAC meetings. There is a willingness to reduce violence but the logistics are a challenge. Villagers want to resist violence but they are demoralised when they see perpetrators being rewarded by the state.
- The communities are weakly organised because of entrenched fears.

- **Non Governmental Organisations**

ORGANIZATION	MANDATE	LEVEL OF INDEPENDENCE
World Food Programme	To give food to local people in need.	Not independent because ZANU-PF dictates what to do and forces them to co-opt its activists into the organisation.
Goal Zimbabwe	To give food aid to vulnerable people.	Not independent because they make use of people in structures of ZANU-PF.
OXFAM GB	To prevent the outbreak of cholera as well as giving aid in form of treatment to victims.	Not independent; ZANU-PF interferes with day to day business.

3.2 Organisation

- **Establishment of committees and operational unit**

Peace committees were established at both district and ward levels. 12 people were drawn from each of the 12 wards to form the district peace committee. The number of people in the ward peace committees is 10 for each of the 12 wards. The total number of Defenders of Peace for the whole district is 5. To give these peace committees an element of influence, committee members were drawn from various fields such as teachers, politicians, religious leaders and a headmaster were also co-opted. Defenders of Peace were picked from a crop of vibrant, active and fearless youths from the community

- **Building of membership**

Each of the 12 wards has 14 members. Peace committees at ward level will hold discussion meetings known as 'the dare' where collective community views are harnessed so as to build confidence and drive membership. Every member has been tasked to recruit at least 3 members.

3.3 Information and communications

- **Method of gathering information**

The Defenders of Peace have been tasked to identify members of the community who can join ZANU-PF structures for the purpose of gathering information. These individuals are going to attend all ZANU-PF meetings as well as stimulating internal factionalism between ambitious politicians who wrestle for power. The ward Defenders of Peace shall continuously observe the movements of key perpetrators. Shopping centres shall be areas under surveillance so as to establish any information that might be of necessity to the planning processes.

- **Method of Relaying information**

Network coverage is fairly good within Mt. Darwin South. Cell phones are therefore a fast method of relaying information. Word pass is another method that shall be used to relay information. Some areas are remote and need to be accessed through public transport or the use of bicycles.

3.4 Strategic Objectives

- To minimise levels of violence so as to produce a free and fair election
- To weaken the perpetrators' confidence and means of control
- To build morale and confidence so that citizens can freely express themselves during next elections

3.5 Key Strategies

- **Food and Medication reserves**

It is necessary to ensure that food will not be used as a tool to patronise villagers into engaging in violence when elections draw near. Since starvation will force people to do what they do not want to do, it is imperative that food reserves be sufficient towards election times to eliminate opportunities for Kasukuwere to dangle food in front of vulnerable villagers in order to co-opt them into his militia.

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

This strategy is to make sure that if there is impending danger the vulnerable and targeted will be safe and far away from violence. Lives should be protected first and foremost, followed by property.

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

Key personnel in the structure of violence need to be neutralised. These people include local MP Saviour Kasukuwere and key perpetrators involved in the actual violence. There is also need to demoralize perpetrators. The recruitment of youth at training camps needs to be prevented.

3.6 Tactical Actions

- **Food security and livelihoods**

The Defenders of Peace will challenge the councillors from the two political parties to be fair when compiling and submitting the names of those who will receive farming implements and inputs like seeds. They will engage impartial councillors to submit list of intended beneficiaries to the GMB. There is a need to engage NGOs who are involved in agriculture. The private sector can also assist by opening a hardware shop where farming implements are sold. The price of farming implements needs to be low enough to make sure they can compete with the subsidized government farming implements.

The local peace committees and their Defenders of Peace will also push for the establishment of a committee dealing with the selection of food beneficiaries that is fair and inclusive. They will also liaise with local NGOs to ensure that ZANU-PF will not tamper with the disbursement of food relief packages in times of political elections. Suitably qualified members of the peace committees are going to submit their curriculum vitas to the local NGOs for any vacancies might arise.

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

Mt Darwin South has good transportation networks. The area also has an abundance of public transport. Defenders of Peace will escort those targeted to a place outside Mt Darwin where they will access transport to a safe destination. The DOPs have resolved that they will avoid evacuating people in large numbers as this draws attention.

- **Neutralising key points in the structure of violence**

To neutralise Saviour Kasukuwere there is need to quarantine his businesses to make sure the source of funding for violence is strained. All his businesses shall be avoided by customers. These businesses include: Comoil, Com Security and Com transport. People will be urged to desist from buying anything associated with Saviour Kasukuwere. Locals in Mt Darwin will also avoid visiting the grinding mills owned by key perpetrators especially the youths who generate their income from these grinding mills.

Key personnel shall continuously be exposed to the media. The exposition shall be an attempt to name and shame perpetrators. Crimes committed by the key personnel shall be revealed to the print media and other broadcasting channels. Demonstrations against the failure to open police dockets shall be held. Members of the peace committee shall mobilize people for these demonstrations. The media, ZLHR and the LRF shall be invited.

To neutralise key perpetrators civil cases will be brought against them. Cases where key perpetrators played a direct role during the June 27 violence shall be pursued through civil courts.

It is also necessary to remove ghost workers from the government pay roll. There is need to continually collect information and evidence such as pay slips and bank statements and then send them to the relevant ministry. Stripping the militia from the government payroll will cut the incentive given to perpetrators of violence.

To neutralise Border Gezi militia training bases, the peace committees will liaise with parents of school leavers to discourage their children joining such centres. Peace committees shall also work with teachers in secondary schools to ensure they are counselled by their teachers before they leave school. It is for this reason that the peace committees are comprised of a few teachers. Literature discouraging violence (from non governmental organisations) shall be distributed to students. The literature will find its way from the students to their brothers and sisters at home.

4 SUPPORT

- From the civic society – literature and material that promotes peace and shuns violence.
- From the donor community – funds for the logistical and technical support necessary for the pursuing of civil cases. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Resources Foundation shall assist victims in the realisation of this agenda. Cell phones for communication.
- From the business sector- cooperation for the isolation of Saviour Kasukuwere's businesses.