

# UZUMBA SOUTH

## 1. OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Study area

Uzumba is a constituency found in Mashonaland East province. The constituency has many prominent ZANU-PF officials. Uzumba has 8 council wards and residents survive on subsistence communal farming. The area receives moderate rainfalls and locals are able to produce enough food for their survival. Researchers managed to cover 7 wards, which included Ward 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15.

The constituency is the home area for Prisons Commissioner, General (Retired) Major General Paradzai Zimondi, Brigadier General Douglas Nyikayaramba, the head of Operation Maguta, Colonel Wirisha Mudzimba, Senator Olia Kabayanjiri and Farisi Kandemiri (Secretary of Zimbabwe Liberation War Collaborators (ZILIWACO)).

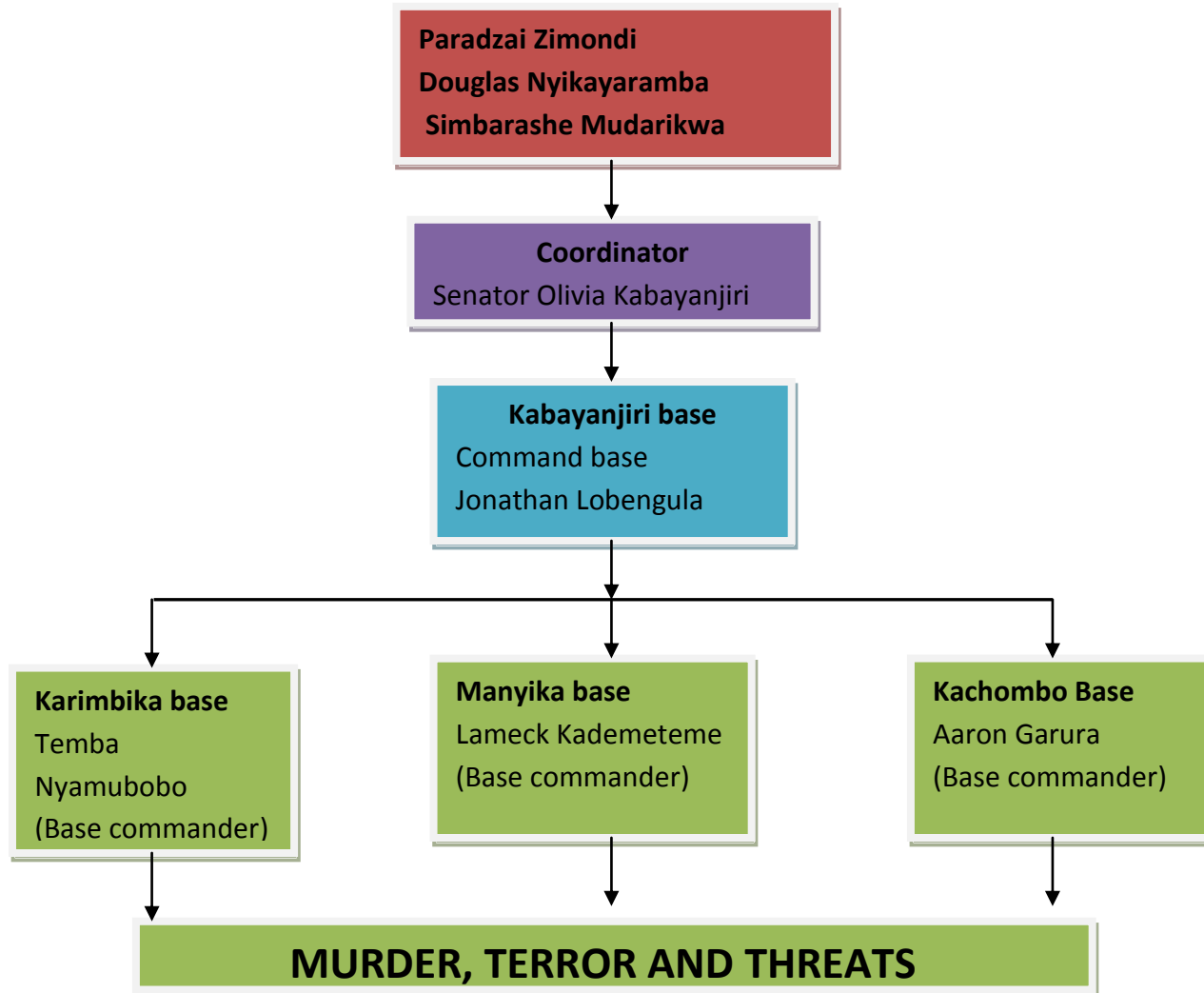
### 1.2 Summary

- **Organisation of violence**

Senior military officer, Douglas Nyikayaramba, and former Prisons Commissioner General, Paradzai Zimondi, and the local MP, Simbarashe Mudarikwa, are the men at helm of the structure of violence. Senator Olia Kabayanjiri coordinates all the bases in the area. Kabayanjiri is the base commander for Kabayanjiri base (the overall command base) and works closely with Jonathan Lobengula. Kabayanjiri and Lobengula work together in formulating strategies and identifying base commanders.

The base commanders formulate programmes such as *pungwes* (all night sessions), *toyis* and the scheduling of daily organised activities. It is at this level where victims are identified and programmes to assault, torture and murder are arranged and implemented. The perpetrators, mainly youth officers, war veterans and militia, approach victims at their place of residence. Seven bases are dormant whilst four are active.

- **Organisational structure**



## 2. DATA ON BASES

### 2.1 Table of bases

Name of base	Place (Building?)	Grid ref.	Status	Used			
				02	05	08	10
Manyika school	Manyika school		Active	√	√	√	√
Kangara	Business centre		Dormant			√	
Matsenga	Business centre		Dormant			√	
Kabayanjiri	Kabayanjiri bus premises		Active	√	√	√	√
Karimbika	Karimbika B/centre		Active	√	√	√	√
Kachombo	Madzinga B/centre		Active			√	√
Gadaga	Gadada B/centre		Dormant			√	
Mupaya	Mupaya primary school		Dormant			√	
Muswe	Muskwe B\C (Vertinary)		Dormant			√	
Fibion mbizi	homestead		Dormant			√	
Racheal Chipumba	homestead		Dormant			√	

**Notes:** All active bases are controlled by ZANU-PF senator of the area, Kabayanjiri.

## 2.2 2008 Violence

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

KABAYANJIRI BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Murder (19/04/08, 0000hrs)</b>            ZANU-PF militia travelled to the victim's homestead, who was seven months pregnant, and murdered her. The perpetrators used logs and iron bars to assault the victim and she died as a result of severe assault. They latter ripped her open using a knife, removed the foetus and vanished with it. Senator Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. The case was reported to Mtawatawa police station, but no action was taken.            Perpetrators are still roaming freely within the constituency.</p>	WC	Researchers saw the victims grave	Jonathan Lobengula Goddy Nyamajiwa Kujarawanza Towaparira Elvis Mango Harare Mango Goddy Kandemiri Josiah Mango Mrs Nyamahowa Bezeki Makoto Lovemore Matanhire (ZANU-PF Councillor)	Mrs Kamukosi (MDC activist)
2	<p><b>Murder (20/04/08, 0100hrs)</b>            Senator Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. The victim was forcibly removed from her bedroom and the militia took turns to assault her using iron bars and whips till she died. Councillor Lameck Kademeteme (Ward 13) was commanding the base. The case was reported at Mutawatawa police, but no action was taken.            Perpetrators are still roaming freely within the constituency.</p>	WC	Researchers saw the victims grave	Senator Olia Kabayanjiri, Councillor Kademeteme, Lovemore Danga, and Sheila Mango	Lillian Kadere (MDC-T activist)

3	<p><b>Arson (20/04/08, 0310hrs)</b>          Senetor Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. The youth militia sought to kill PD. They proceeded to his house. Hearing the militia approach, PD deserted his home. The perpetrators were angry not to find their target and petrol bombed his house. The houses were burnt to ashes. The case was reported to the police but no action was taken. Perpetrators are still roaming freely within the constituency.</p>	LD [mother to victim]	The researchers saw the rubble and burnt property such as fridges and stove.	Shepherd Mashonganyika Wirisha Mudzimba (Serving ZNA) Rangarirai Kondo Chamunorwa Manhando Lovemore Matanhire (ZANU-PF Councillor) Paradzai Gosa (Civil Servant) Pondai	PD
4	<p><b>Murder (20/04/08, 0200hrs)</b>          Senator Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. Nyamukapa Karimazondo was beaten to death at his home by militia from the Kabayanjiri base. They went to his home and started beating him using iron bars and logs until he died. No report was made to the police or to the local leadership. Perpetrators are still roaming freely within the constituency.</p>	WS)		Jonathan Lobengula Goddy Nyamajiwa (ZANU-PF Secretary) Samba Manhando Elvis Mango Harare Mango Goddy Kandemiria Josiah Mango	Nyamukapa Karimazondo (MDC activist)
5	<p><b>GBH and Grain and stock thefts (20/04/08, 0230hrs) (Dumbura Village)</b>          Violence was ordered by Senetor Kabayanjiri. The militia invaded the victim's homestead led by Jonathan Lobengula who severely assaulted the victim until his hand was broken, while others confiscated goats and grain. The assailant used logs to assault Mafios. No report was made and the alleged perpetrator is still in the area.</p>	WS		Jonathan Lobengula (war veteran)	Mr M

**Notes:**

- (a) A misconception that a wife of a soldier was supporting the MDC resulted in the militia killing Lillian Kadere (the soldier's wife) to show the community that whoever supports the opposition would be killed.
- (b) PD was a teacher at a local primary school (Manyika primary school) and was an MDC-T polling agent in 2008.
- (c) Brighton was targeted because he was an MDC activist. The commander of the base was Councillor Lameck Kademeteme. Reporting cases worsened the situation. The victims were targeted because they were MDC activists. No attempt was made by victims or potential victims to prevent the violence.

KARIMBIKA BUSINESS CENTRE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Murder (01\06\08, 0030hrs)</b></p> <p>Olia Kabayanjiri (senator) ordered the violence. Mariseni Kasambire was beaten by ZANU-PF activists while his brother Dzingai Kasambare was watching. After lengthy torture, Dzingai Kasambare offered to finish off the victim claiming that he was his brother so he should kill the victim. The alleged perpetrators used iron bars and stones in victimising their target. Mariseni Kasambire was targeted because he was the Organising secretary for the MDC at district level. The matter was not reported to the police because on a previous occasion no action was taken. Perpetrators are roaming freely within the constituency.</p>	TK TG		<p>Samuel Chikandira</p> <p>Temba Nyamubobo</p> <p>Collonel Wirisha</p> <p>Muzimba (currently serving in the ZNA)</p> <p>Ruddolf Garura (war vet)</p> <p>Dzingai Kasambare</p> <p>Givemore Kasambare (ZANU-PF Councillor)</p>	<p>Mariseni Kasambire</p>

**Notes:** Mariseni Kasambire was killed by his brother, Dzingai Kasambare while his son, Tatenda watched from a tree. The victim was the Organising Secretary for the MDC-T Party at district level. He was accused of bringing MDC-T information in the ward. Karimbika base is always active during elections.

Kabayanjiri is the headquarters of all bases, with all wards reporting to this base. Senator Kabayanjiri organised the violence that led to the deaths of Lillian Kapere, Mrs Kamukosi, Ruth Muhayahembe, Benson Chipungu, Musafare Mudimu and Brighton Mambwera's two year old son. These killings took place in April 2008 after the Independence celebrations. Kabayanjiri supplied drugs, meat and beer at the Karimbika base.

**MANYIKA PRIMARY SCHOOL (Mutarimanja Village)**

Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Murder (18\04\08, 2300hrs)</b>                      Senator Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. Jonathan Lobengula, Tafadzwa Kanyama, Simbarashe Manhando, and Takura Chigumbura assaulted Ruth Mushayahembe at her homestead using iron bars and stones. They tortured her until she died. The case was reported to the police, but no action was taken from the police. While the above mentioned perpetrators were assaulting the victim, Jeremiah Manhando, Lovemore Matanhire, Kademeteme and Josiah Mango were also assaulting her husband. They left him unconscious. He gained consciousness in Harare at the MDC hospital. None of the perpetrators were arrested and they are constantly seen in the area.</p>	WC	The researchers visited the grave of Ruth Mushayahembe	Jonathan Lobengula (ZANU-PF district Youth leader) Tafadzwa Kanyama Samba Manhando Takura Chigumbura Jeremia Manhando Lovemore Matanhire (ZANU-PF Councillor) Kademeteme Josiah Mango	Ruth Mashayahembe (an MDC supporter) Mr. Mashayahembe
2	<p><b>Murder (19/04/08, 0000hrs)</b>                      Senator Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. Jonathan Lobengula, Tafadzwa Kanyama and Simba Manhando assaulted Musafare Mudimu using iron bars and stones until he died. Perpetrators have not been arrested.</p>	WC	LD	Jonathan Lobengula (Youth Leader) Tafadzwa Kanyama Samba Manhando Takura Chigumbura Jeremiah Manhando Lovemore Matanhire (ZANU-PF Councillor) Kademeteme Josiah Mango	MU Mud

FIBION MBIZI (Mbizi Village)					
Incident	Description of Incident (Date, Time)	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Torture and Murder (15/06/08, 2330hrs)</b>            Senetor Olia Kabayanjiri ordered the violence. Kaseke Mbizi Nyajiradema was severely assaulted by Fibion Mbizi, Desmomd Mashongamhende, Jeffias Nhire and a group of ZANU-PF activists. They used logs and iron bars. The victim did not recover from his injuries and died on July 15 2010. The case was reported to Mutawatawa police station but no action was taken. All the perpetrators are in the area.</p>	GM		Desmond Mashongamhende Jefias Nhire Rachel Chipumba Mpaya (ZANU-PF Councillor) Mutandwa Muchena Mahupa Masango Denford Chitimbe Chomias Mudarikwa (ZANU-PF Chairman) Simbarashe Mudarikwa (MP) Simbarshe Chinyerere	Kaseke Mbizi Nyajiradema- MDC supporter

**Notes:** Fibion Mbizi's homestead is being used as a base and it was also used as a transit base where all victims were kept before being transported to other bases. MP Simbarashe Mudarikwa did not want people killed in the area because he was afraid of the repercussions. All the victims were denied medical attention. Simbarashe Mudarikwa supplied vehicles for the whole exercise.

<b>MUSWE BASE (NYAMHARA VILLAGE)</b>					
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Description of Incident</b>	<b>Source of info</b>	<b>Verification</b>	<b>Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators</b>	<b>Names/IDs of victims</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arson (12\05\08, 0030hrs)</b> Senator Kabayanjiri was in charge of the violence. Senator Kabayanjiri and a group of ZANU-PF activists teamed up from Muswe base and proceeded to CM`s homestead and razed two huts and killed ten goats. CMlost household property as a result of the arson. The case was reported to the police who came to the scene of the crime. When the militia saw the policeman coming to CM`s homestead, they in turn assaulted CM`s wife (RN ). Perpetrators have not been arrested.	RN (a polling agent during the 2008 elections)	The researchers saw the remains of the burnt huts.	Olia Kabayanjiri Cde Sangodema Cde Madziko Cde Katonha Lovemore Nyawasha Cde Chikoto Evans Nyatsomba (ZANU-PF Secertary) Tapfumaneyi Marera Wirisha Mudzimba (ZNA) and Leenmary Mutasa	CM RN

**Notes:** The victim`s homestead was burnt down in 2002 and this was repeated again in 2008. He was a polling agent for the MDC-T in2008 and also the organising secretary for Ward 12.

<b>MANYIKA BUSINESS CENTRE (Mutarimanja Village)</b>					
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Description of Incident (Date, Time)</b>	<b>Source of info</b>	<b>Verification</b>	<b>Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators</b>	<b>Names/IDs of victims</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Murder (19\04\08, 0300hrs)</b> Senator Olia Kabayanjiri was in charge of the violence. The victim was beaten to death using iron bars. Perpetrators have not been arrested up to this day.	EM WS	Researchers saw the grave of the victim.	Jonathan Lobengula (Youth Leader) Tafadzwa Kanyama Simbarashe Mahando Takura Chigumbura Jeremiah Manhando Lovemore Matanhire	Benson Chipungu

				Kademeteme Josiah Mango.	
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**Notes:** Benson Chipungu was a committed supporter of the MDC-T. He was beaten to death. His relatives could not disclose any information for security reasons and even believed the researchers were spies from the ruling party.

Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p><b>Murder (29/05/08, 0000hrs)</b> Youths numbering 40 came from Katiyo. They approached the victim at his homestead. They threatened to burn the victim's house. When the victim came out they assaulted him using iron bars and logs. The victim died and was ferried by police the next morning to the hospital for a post mortem. The case was reported to police (CR No 14/104/08) and the officer who handled the case was Gadzira (force number 078-22107). No arrests were made and perpetrators are still in the area. Before the victim was killed, perpetrators looted his bales of cotton.</p>		Police CR No 14/104/08. (A copy of death certificate can be produced.)	<p><b>From Madzwawawa Village</b> Zivanai Chinyanga, Maxwell Chinyanga, Chapi Sitima,, Isaiiah Chinyanga, Jacob Chausa,, Zvauya Magaya, Mutopo Magaya, Shupikai Kahute, Denford Soki</p> <p><b>From Chipuriro Village</b> Stuart Chiudye, Matambo Chikoto, Givemore Murembu, Zvidzai Gororo, Nyasha Murombedzi, Solomon Murombedzi, Stinger Murombedzi, Chakururama Chakururama, Bigboy Chakururama, Clement Gororo, Oswin Chipuriro, Givemore Ngide</p> <p><b>From Muza Village</b> Yobe Kaduwa, Bernard Mapete, Jeremiah Kaduwa, Innocent Ngirazi, Kapisa, Givemore Maindo, Lorence Mapete, Onesmo Mapete, Chibedu Kashiri, Willard Kapisa, Farai Gukwe, Wilbert Kasikai</p>	Wedzerai Manjera

### 2.3 Current intimidation and violence

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

KARIMBIKA					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
	<p><b>Arson (19/07/10, 1330hrs)</b>            Givemore Kasambarare was in charge of the violence. Whilst the victim was working in his garden the perpetrator set his house ablaze. On the same day Givemore Kasambarare's friends Rudolf Garura and Aaron Garura accused TG (victim) of supporting the MDC.</p>	TK TG	Rudolf Garura (war vet) Temba Nyamubobo Aaron Garura Givemore Kasambarare		TK TG

KABAYANJIRI					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
	<p><b>Threats (07/05/10, 1100hrs)</b>            ZANU-PF militia approached PD at his workplace (Primary school). He was threatened with death. The victim was accused of teaching politics to students. He was accused of preaching the MDC gospel during the last elections.</p>	LD (victim's mother) MD (victim's daughter)		-Jonathan Lobengula - Tafadzwa Kanyama -Simbarashe Manhando -Takura Chigumbura -Lovemore Matanhire( councillor ward 13) - Lameck Kademeteme ( councillor) - Sheila Mango - Colonel Wirisha Mudzimba	PD

**Notes:** Pachawo Dumbura was transferred from Manyika Primary School to Murehwa. The victim reported the case to the police but no action was taken. The perpetrators are still in the area. Manyika base works under the tutelage of Kabayanjiri base.

## 2.4 Description of bases

<b>KABAYANJIRI</b>						
<b>PERSONNEL</b>						
<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
Jonathan Lobengula	49	M	ZANU-PF	D.C.C	Base	WC
Wirisha Mudzimba	50	M	ZNA	Colonel	Commander	LD
Rangarirai kondo	38	M	ZANU-PF	Y\Officer	Y\ leader	MD
Chamunorwa Manhando	43	M	ZANU-PF	Y\Officer	Y\Officer	
Shepherd Mashonganyika	40	M	ZANU-PF	Y\Officer	Y\officer	
Lovemore Matanhire	50	M	ZANU-PF	Councillor	Y\Officer	
Kademeteme	52	M	COUNCILOR	Councillor	Councillor	
Paradzai Gosa	35	M	COUNCILOR	Y\Officer	Y\Officer	
Sheila Mango	25	F	ZANU-PF	Y\Officer	Y\Officer	
<b>FINANCE AND SUPPORT</b>						
Payments to personnel (Q22, 23): Youth officers receive their salaries from government at P.O.S.B (Murehwa centre branch) and Metropolitan (Harare branch not supplied). Youth officers receive the same salaries as civil servants. Local supplies, food and provisions: People were forced to donate maize meal up to May 2010. Villagers were also forced to contribute \$10 per household per month.						
<b>VEHICLES</b>						
<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>
Senator Olia Kabayanjiri	Isuzu			White		To visit the base
<b>WEAPONS</b>						
<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>		

<b>ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Kabayanjiri shops backyard	ZANU-PF Offices	

**Notes:** The base is about 600 metres away from peoples' homes. The influence of the base covers Wards 10, 13, and 15. The base is disguised as a ZANU-PF youth office. Jonathan Lobengula, Wirisha Mudzimba, Rangarirai Kondo, Chamunorwa Manhando, Shepherd Mashonganyika, Lovemore Matanhire, Lameck Kademeteme, Paradzai Gosa and Sheila Mango are always at the base. More than 50 youths are usually at the base.

<b>KARIMBIKA</b>						
<b>PERSONNEL</b>						
<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
Samuel Chikandira	29	M	ZANU-PF	y/officer		TG
Temba Nyamubobo	45	M	ZANU-PF	y/officer		EM
Wirisha Mudzimba	50	M	Z.N.A	Colonel		EM
Ruddolf Garura	42	M	ZANU-PF	War vet		TM
Aaron Garura	52	M	ZANU-PF	War vet		
Dzingai Kasambarare	40	M	ZANU-PF	y\officer		
Givemore Kasambarare	45	M	ZANU-PF	B. commander		
Freddy Savanhu	35	M		Headman		
<b>FINANCE AND SUPPORT</b>						
Youth officers receive their salaries from government at P.O.S.B ( Murewa centre branch) and Metropolitan (Harare branch not supplied). Youth officers receive the same salaries as those of civil servants						
<b>VEHICLES</b>						
<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>
Senator Olia Kabayanjiri	Isuzu			White		To visit the base
<b>WEAPONS</b>						
<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>		
<b>ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT</b>						

<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>
Karimbika Shops; Madzinga's Business Centre	ZANU-PF Offices	Although the base is in Karimbika, it is controlled by Senator Kabayanjiri and war veterans: Aaron and Ruddolf Garura. ZANU-PF youths are always at the base.
<p><b>Notes:</b> The base is 100m away from peoples' homes. The influence of the base covers Ward 11. The base is disguised as a ZANU-PF youth office. Samuel Chikandira, Temba Nyamubobo, Ruddolf Garura, Aaron Garura, Dzingai Kasambarare and Givemore Kasambarare are always at the base. Meetings at the base are usually attended by more than 100 people.</p>		

## 2.5 Summary of means of Control

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

ZANU-PF controls the distribution of food aid and agricultural inputs. They have used the army and the GMB to implement their biased distribution of resources. Brigadier Douglas Nyikayaramba heads this operation. He makes sure that anyone perceived to be MDC does not get food hand-outs, fertilizer or seeds. Prisons' Commissioner General, Retired Major General Paradzai Zimondi, awards jobs in the prison services to ZANU-PF youths who are involved in perpetrating violence.

- **Raiding resources and destroying property**

Youths burn food stocks and livestock owned by MDC supporters with impunity. They seize resources from opponents for their own consumption and to cripple their victims.

- **Coercion, threats and violence**

Threats are made with impunity as no arrests are made. It has become a norm that police do not attend to political violence.

During the 2008 March election, Paradzai Zimondi released Jeki Muskwe from prison who was serving 8 months for stuffing ballot boxes. Jeki Muskwe had served only 2 months of his sentence. Youth commit crimes and remain in the community along side the victims. This instils fear in the community and confidence in the youth.

## 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*

1	2	3	4	5
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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**

Most people in Ward 12 are afraid to speak freely and the same applies to other wards. They were afraid to discuss strategies and opted to run away when violence was imminent. Three quarters of the constituency is dominated by ZANU-PF supporters.

- **Non Governmental Organisations**

There are no local organisations working in the area. Christian Care used to operate in the area but was chased away after they proposed to assist victims. In 2009 Christian Care brought food meant for victims. ZANU-PF councillors took the food and gave it to ZANU-PF youths who threatened to beat Christian Care officials. Christian Care has since suspended all operations in the area. Crisis Coalition once distributed radios.

### **3.2 ORGANISATION**

- **Establishment of committees and operational unit**

A district peace committee was set up comprising of seven members drawn from each of the wards. A Defender of Peace at district level was also instituted. Ward peace committees were also set up in Ward 8, 9, 10,11,12,13 and 15. Each of the ward committees comprise of six people. Tendai Muswe is the head of the district committee.

- **Building of membership**

About 10 people from each ward have joined the peace initiative agenda. The district committee manages the membership drive. Ward peace committees are responsible for expansion of membership within their respective wards. Meetings at community level are held to explain the agenda of the programme.

### **3.3 Information and communication**

- **Methods of gathering information**

The peace committees have formulated an operation wing that shall be called Defenders of Peace. These DOPs shall attend ZANU-PF meetings to gather information about violence and targeted villagers. Ward Defenders of Peace shall continuously monitor the situation to prevent the eruption of violence.

- **Methods of relaying information**

The committees have resolved to make use of cell phones. Network is not a problem in Uzumba. Many of the Defenders of Peace have cell phones making the method a viable option.

### **3.3 Strategic Objectives**

- To facilitate the capacity of locals to prevent or mitigate organised political violence
- To reduce fear, build morale and confidence in locals so that they can cast their votes freely in the next election
- To facilitate the registration of new voters and the removal of ghost voters
- To foster a spirit of camaraderie within the peace committees

### **3.3 Key Strategies**

- **Food security and livelihoods**

The area receives sufficient rainfall to produce food for consumption. The problem is the partisan distribution of agricultural inputs. There is need to engage non-governmental organisations involved in the agricultural sector.

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

Since most of the personnel at the helm of the violence are state-sponsored and highly trained military personal, it is necessary to get targets of violence as far away as possible.

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

There is need to neutralise the influence of key personnel like the Prisons Commissioner General Paradzai Zimondi, Brigadier Douglas Nyikayaramba, Senator Olia Kabayanjiri, and MP Simba Mudariki. These people are the key personnel in the perpetration of violence.

Grinding mills which provide an incentive to the militia who kill people need to be neutralised. These grinding mills have been given to youths as an incentive for a "job well done" during the June 27 election violence.

There are also youth officers who are on the government pay roll. There is an urgent need to remove these ghost workers from government pay roll. The other strategy is the engagement of traditional leaders. There is a need for negotiations, but only after an array of tactics have been implemented. The peace committees will only negotiate from a position of strength.

### **3.4 Tactical Actions**

- **Food security and livelihoods**

The peace committees, assisted by the leadership of the Voice for Democracy, will approach organisations like the Swedish co-operative which assists farmers in the agricultural sector. The committees shall try to negotiate for the extension of assistance offered by these organisations to areas in Uzumba.

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

There is only one bus operating in Uzumba and the bus belongs to a ZANU-PF member. Commuter omnibuses operating in the area are not cooperative. The only option for evacuating people is the arrangement of special transport in the form of hiring commuter omnibus operators from Harare. It shall be the responsibility of Defenders of Peace to communicate with VOD leadership in Harare whenever the need for evacuation arises. It shall be the duty of VOD leadership to hire transport. Defenders of Peace shall recommend the route to be used.

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

Personnel:

There shall be continuous exposure of Paradzai Zimondi's involvement in violence in Uzumba constituency. The committees shall also pursue civil cases against Senator Olia Kabayanjiri who was directly involved for the murder of Mrs Kamukosi, and implicated in several other murder cases. Peace committees shall also open civil cases against Farisi Kandimiri and Trymore Muromba for murdering Wedzerai Manjera.

The peace committees shall also write letters to the Prime Minister complaining about the criminal offences committed by soldiers deployed under Operation Maguta who are told by Brigadier Douglas Nyikayaramba to beat MDC activists in Uzumba. The peace committees will also press their cases through the traditional courts so as to put the traditional structures under pressure.

Resources:

To neutralise grinding mills, villagers will be mobilized to desist from grinding their maize meal at ZANU-PF mills. Funding for violence will be adversely affected. To neutralise youth officers the leadership of VOD will engage the Ministry of Finance, Public Service Ministry and Ministry of Youths to remove youths from the government payroll.

## **4 SUPPORT**

- Air time for communication
- Bus fares for evacuations
- Safe houses
- Legal assistance from LRF and ZLHR. The donor community should assist with funds necessary for the pursuing of civil cases.