

# Country Advice

## Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe – ZWE37945 – National Youth Service – MDC – Family Members – Exit Procedures 11 January 2011

1. Are family members of low level MDC supporters at risk of violence from authorities and ZANU-PF groups?

There is evidence that the family of some Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) supporters are at risk of violence from authorities and ZANU PF groups. However the incidents reported were of relatively prominent MDC activists, members of parliament (MPs) or office holders rather than low level supporters. In April 2010, *SW Radio Africa* reported that Mike Chiwodza, a ZANU PF district chairman in Mashonaland East, had threatened to "deal with family members should their targeted MDC activists flee the crackdown. He said if the MDC activists escaped, they would find their spouses and children and kill them, after the World Cup showcase in South Africa". In May 2010, IRIN News reported that the wife of Freddie Matonhodze, an official of the opposition MDC in Muzarabani district, in Mashonaland Central Province, died from injuries sustained while trying to escape ZANU-PF thugs in 2009. Matonhodze told IRIN sources that when he later returned to his property his house and livestock had been destroyed.<sup>2</sup>

Human Rights Watch (HRW) reported in August 2009, the July 2009 bashing of 73 year old Athanacia Mlilo, the mother of the MDC's international relations coordinator, Nqobizitha Mlilo. HRW stated that Athanacia Mlilo was attacked by suspected ZANU PF militants "with iron bars". The same report also states that in August 2009 three soldiers assaulted Howard Makonza, a gardener at the home of Finance Minister Tendai Biti. HRW reports that "[w]hile Makonza was reporting the assault at a police station, one of the soldiers who had assaulted him threatened – in the presence of the police – to assault Makonza again." <sup>3</sup>

Despite the signing of the MDC/ZANU PF power-sharing deal in 2008, the families of MDC MPs and officials continue to be harassed by authorities and groups allied to ZANU PF. In September 2008 the wife of MDC MP for Epworth, Eliah Jembere, was "detained and interrogated by police for seven hours". According to *SW Radio Africa*, this followed Jembere's arrest "on charges of rape". In June 2008 Abigail Chiroto, the wife of the MDC

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sibanda, T. 2010, 'ZANU PF threatens crackdown on MDC after SA World Cup', *SW Radio Africa*, 22 April <a href="http://www.swradioafrica.com/news220410/zanuthreatens220410.htm">http://www.swradioafrica.com/news220410/zanuthreatens220410.htm</a> – Accessed 16 September 2010 – Attachment 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Freddie Matonhodze, "We fear there could be a blood bath" 2010, *IRIN News*, May <a href="http://www.irinnews.org/HOVReport.aspx?ReportId=89084">http://www.irinnews.org/HOVReport.aspx?ReportId=89084</a> – Accessed 16 September 2010 – Attachment 2 Human Rights Watch 2009, *False Dawn: The Zimbabwe Power-Sharing Government's Failure to Deliver Human Rights Improvements*, 31 August pp.5-6 – Attachment 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bell, A. 2008, 'MDC MP's wife detained as pressure on members continues', *SW Radio Africa*, 9 September http://www.swradioafrica.com/news090908/mdcwife090908.htm – Accessed 16 September 2010 – Attachment 4

Mayor of Harare, Emmanuel Chiroto, was abducted and murdered. Abigail's four year old son was also abducted, however, he was reportedly "dumped at Marlborough police station later that day". <sup>5</sup>

# 2. Would known MDC sympathisers being targeted by ZANU-PF groups be able to leave Zimbabwe through Harare Airport without much difficulty from authorities?

High profile MDC sympathisers being targeted by ZANU-PF groups are likely to face difficulties attempting to leave Zimbabwe through Harare International Airport and other airports in the capital. Little information was found to suggest that low profile MDC sympathisers would also face difficulties.

The Zimbabwean constitution and law provide for freedom of movement within the country, foreign travel, emigration, and repatriation and no exit visa is required to depart the country. Despite this, the government restricts freedom of movement in practice. The US Department of State (US DOS) reported in 2007 that a "2005 constitutional amendment allows the government to restrict foreign travel for reasons of national security and public order".

### **Procedures**

It is likely that authorities would be aware of MDC sympathisers attempting to leave the country as there are procedures in place at airports to record information on all those who exit Zimbabwe. In 2005 *The Herald* reported that the Zimbabwean Department of Immigration, with the assistance of the International Organisation for Migration, had introduced a Personal Identification and Registration System (PIRS) at Harare International Airport. A December 2009 UK Home Office report stated that that anyone who returns to Zimbabwe through Harare Airport has their details fed into a "central system as part of Zimbabwe's paranoia to detect undesirables, like journalists, or trade unionists". 12

### **Difficulties Faced**

MDC supporters known to be active are likely to face difficulties passing through Harare Airport. In 2007 the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) advised that students active in organisations subject to harassment by the Government, such as the MDC, trade unions or civil society organisations, might be identified on arrival at Harare Airport. They

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Karimakwenda, T. 2008, 'MDC Mayor's wife found dead and ZESN observer murdered', *SW Radio Africa*, 18 June <a href="http://www.swradioafrica.com/news180608/mdcmayorswife180608.htm">http://www.swradioafrica.com/news180608/mdcmayorswife180608.htm</a> – Accessed 16 September 2010 – Attachment 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> US Department of State 2010, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2009 – Zimbabwe, 11 March, Section 2d – Attachment 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Nkala, O. 2007, 'Chinamasa slammed over "exit visa" threat', *New Zimbabwe*, 13 February <a href="http://www.newzimbabwe.com/pages/senate23.13157.html">http://www.newzimbabwe.com/pages/senate23.13157.html</a> – Accessed 26 March 2007 – Attachment 7 

<sup>8</sup> US Department of State 2010, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2009 – Zimbabwe*, 11 March,

<sup>\*</sup> US Department of State 2010, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2009 – Zimbabwe, 11 March Section 2d – Attachment 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> US Department of State 2007, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* 2006 – *Zimbabwe*, 6 March, Section 2d – Attachment 8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 'Immigration Department to Unveil Computerised Technology At Airport' 2005, *The Herald*, 18 October, allAfrica.com website <a href="http://allafrica.com/">http://allafrica.com/</a> – Accessed 26 March 2007 – Attachment 9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Thornycroft, P. 2006, 'Zimbabwe's morgue-like airports', *Telegraph Blogs*, 22 May <a href="http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/foreign/petathornycroft/may06/airport.htm">http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/foreign/petathornycroft/may06/airport.htm</a> – Accessed 26 March 2007 – Attachment 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> UK Home Office 2009, *Country of origin information report: Zimbabwe*, 23 December, p49 – Attachment 11

are at risk of being detected by the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) whose agents are known to work undercover as Immigration Officers at Harare Airport.<sup>13</sup>

The reports found of people facing difficulties travelling though airports were exclusively of high profile MDC members. In 2008, MDC candidate Jameson Timba was arrested together with his senior aide and a pilot at Charles Prince Airport in Harare. <sup>14</sup> In 2007, MDC Spokesman for the Tsvangirai faction Nelson Chamisa was attacked and beaten unconscious by "unknown assailants" at Harare International Airport. Chamisa was on his way to Brussels to attend a meeting of the European Union – African, Caribbean and Pacific Group. Pearson Mangofa, an opposition MP who drove Chamisa to the airport, "said the attack bore the hallmarks of Zimbabwe's domestic spy agency, the Central Intelligence Organisation". According to Chamisa, "There were lots o[f] riot police at the airport but they behaved as if nothing was happening, showing that the whole thing was planned. The state was determined to block me from going to Brussels". 15 16 Also in 2007, MDC faction leader Arthur Mutambara was arrested at Harare International Airport. Mutambara's passport and air ticket were seized, only to be returned upon orders by the Zimbabwe High Court. <sup>17</sup> In 2007, senior officials for MDC's International Affairs Department, Sekai Holland and Grace Kwinjeh were arrested at Harare International Airport on their way to South Africa for medical treatment. The Zimbabwe High Court subsequently ordered the police to release their passports and allow the pair to leave Zimbabwe. 18 19

It is worth noting however that in spite of these difficulties, the US DOS reports in 2009 that "a number of persons, including former government officials, prominent businessmen, human rights activists, MDC members, and human rights lawyers, left the country and remained in self-imposed exile". <sup>20</sup>

# 3. Please provide information on whether the ZANU PF faction known as the 'Border Gezi Youth Group' actively seeks out young girls and forces them to join.

The Border Gezi Youth Group or Border Gezis is another name for the National Youth Service. Other names the group is known by include "the ZANU-PF militia", the "Green bombers" and the "Taliban".<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2007, *DFAT Report No. ZWE32420 – Zimbabwe: RRT Information Request: ZWE32420*, 23 October – Attachment 12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Mpofu, P. 2006, 'MDC candidate arrested at airport', *ZimOnline*, 25 March

http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=2930 – Accessed 21 December 2010 – Attachment 13 Meldrum, A. 2007, 'Mugabe opponent beaten again while trying to leave country', *Guardian*, 19 March <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/zimbabwe/article/0,.2037226,00.html?gusrc=rss&amp;feed=12">http://www.guardian.co.uk/zimbabwe/article/0,.2037226,00.html?gusrc=rss&amp;feed=12</a> – Accessed 26 March 2007 – Accessed 28 March 2007 – Attachment 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Mukaro, A. 2007, 'Opposition Remains Defiant', *Zimbabwe Independent*, 23 March, allAfrica.com website <a href="http://allafrica.com/">http://allafrica.com/</a> – Accessed 26 March 2007 – Attachment 15

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> US Department of State 2010, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2009 – Zimbabwe, 11 March, Section 2d – Attachment 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The Solidarity Peace trust 2003, *National youth service training - "shaping youths in a truly Zimbabwean manner": An overview of youth militia training and activities in Zimbabwe, October 2000 – August 2003*, 5

There is evidence to suggest that the Youth Service is now compulsory or at the very least, youth are pressured into joining, meaning that it is likely that girls would be forced to join. In 2007, Deputy Youth Minister Saviour Kasukuwere was quoted as saying that the Youth Service was a "noble idea and said that soon all youths would have to undergo training". 22 The South Africa based anti-ZANU PF Church group, Solidarity Peace Trust, argues that in the two years preceding 2003, the Youth Service moved from a "supposedly voluntary, small scale training that allegedly aimed at skills enhancement, patriotism and moral education" to "what is now intended to be a compulsory, large scale, paramilitary training". It adds that despite the need for national service having never been formally debated in Parliament and no legislation controlling its implementation, the Youth Service is now referred to by the Government as compulsory. In order to pressure youth to join, the Government is said to have implemented policies that deny school leavers access to tertiary training facilities and civil service posts, including teaching and nursing, unless they have proof of having done Youth Service training.<sup>23</sup> A highly critical 2003 report on the Youth Service by the Solidarity Peace Trust cites alleged discussions with those who had completed their Youth Service training, claiming that a "sizeable number were coerced into the training". 24

As to whether the Youth Service actively seeks out young girls, the Solidarity Peace Trust claimed to have interviewed a girl who was kidnapped into Youth Service training. In 2003, *The Daily News* reported the confessions of a former Youth Service trainee who alleged that she was "forcibly conscripted in 2001" and sent for training at Ntabazinduna near Bulawayo. Bulawayo.

# 4. Please provide information on whether the ZANU PF faction known as the 'Border Gezi Youth Group' abuses girls who are forced to join the group.

Several sources suggest that the Border Gezi Youth Group or Youth Service, abuses girls who join the group. No information was found to suggest a difference in the treatment of girls who join voluntarily as opposed to those who are forced to join.

### **Sexual Abuse**

The most common form of abuse reported to be suffered by girls in the Youth Service is sexual abuse. The aforementioned 2003 report by the Solidarity Peace Trust church group states the "most conspicuous example of this abuse is the rape, and multiple rape, of young girls by the boys undergoing training with them, and by their military instructors". It adds

 $September \ \underline{http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/download/report-files/youth\_militia.pdf} - Accessed\ 21 \ December\ 2010 - Attachment\ 19$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 'MPs horrified at Zim youth camps - report' 2007, *IOL*, 24 May <a href="http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/mps-horrified-at-zim-youth-camps-report-1.354507">http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/mps-horrified-at-zim-youth-camps-report-1.354507</a> - Accessed 21 December 2010 - Attachment 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> National youth service training – "shaping youths in a truly Zimbabwean manner" 2003, Solidarity Peace Trust website, 25 March <a href="http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/205/national-youth-service-training/">http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/205/national-youth-service-training/</a> – Accessed 21 December 2010 – Attachment 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The Solidarity Peace trust 2003, *National youth service training* - "shaping youths in a truly Zimbabwean manner": An overview of youth militia training and activities in Zimbabwe, October 2000 – August 2003, 5 September <a href="http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/download/report-files/youth\_militia.pdf">http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/download/report-files/youth\_militia.pdf</a> - Accessed 21 December 2010 – Attachment 19

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> 'Gang Rape Rampant At Youth Training Centres' 2003, All Africa website, 1 March http://allafrica.com/stories/200303010125.html – Accessed 21 December 2010 – Attachment 23

that female youth militia "reported rape on a systematic basis in some camps, involving girls as young as 11 years of age". Camp instructors are alleged to be "commonly implicated as among the rapists". This was however said to have been strongest in the first year of implementation of the Youth Service. There was said to be rampant sexual activity and it is claimed that a "variety of sources" have stated that pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections including HIV have resulted from Youth Service training. It quotes the Zimbabwe Liberators Platform – an organisation founded by former war-of-liberation fighters who advocate for peace, democracy and good governance<sup>27</sup> – who state that "[t]he establishment of the partisan youth training programme last year has exposed the youth and the public to the HIV/AIDS menace through sexual orgies and rape".<sup>28</sup>

The report claimed medical staff from hospitals had attested to the abuse going on at the camps. A nurse from Masvingo General Hospital stated that Youth Service camps should be closed due to youths being abused. Interviews with a doctor in a Matabeleland North hospital apparently revealed problems with both teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases emanating from Youth Service camps in the area.<sup>29</sup>

The report discusses stories of girls who are alleged to have suffered sexual abuse. It cites documentary program and a video aired in South Africa which contained interviews with female Youth Service recruits speaking of their experiences of sexual abuse. In addition, 35 recruits abandoned during the presidential election had approached human rights organisations and reported "orgy-like sexual activity", with girls being subjected to sex with multiple partners "on an almost nightly basis". Six of the female militia interviewed were pregnant, allegedly as a result of rape in the camps. Recruits have described situations where girls would be ordered to report to the room of a senior commander and then be coerced into sex.<sup>30</sup>

In another instance, a recruit from the Kamativi camp provided an interview detailing abuse in the camp in August 2003:

These guys, J and his deputy, M and his other National Youth Service officers, they sleep with any girl that they would like to. Some of the girls are from the National Service and some of the girls are actually school children, like the deputy, he's had an affair with one of the children at the school and the teachers are aware of it. And the mother of this child is also aware of this. And since the National Youth Service came at Kamativi, there has been a very big rise, when you get the statistics from the hospital of STIs. For example there was one of the girls who they were treating for this STI, and they said who is your partner, because you have to be both treated. She said I just have to tell you the truth: my partner is J. 31

September, p47 <a href="http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/download/report-files/youth-militia.pdf">http://www.solidaritypeacetrust.org/download/report-files/youth-militia.pdf</a> - Accessed 21 December 2010 - Attachment 19

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Nenji, H. 2007 'Zimbabwe Liberators Platform condemns violence gripping nation', *ZimOnline*, 24 April <a href="http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=1278">http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=1278</a> – Accessed 21 December 2010 – Attachment 21 The Solidarity Peace trust 2003, *National youth service training - "shaping youths in a truly Zimbabwean manner": An overview of youth militia training and activities in Zimbabwe, October 2000 – August 2003, 5* 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> The Solidarity Peace trust 2003, *National youth service training - "shaping youths in a truly Zimbabwean manner": An overview of youth militia training and activities in Zimbabwe, October 2000 – August 2003*, 5

In 2007 a report by South Africa's *IOL News* also alleged that Youth Service trainees may be at risk of sexual abuse. <sup>32</sup> *The Daily News* detailed the story of one trainee who claimed to have been raped during her training and left HIV positive and pregnant. She alleged that "female members of the National Youth Service are often raped by their colleagues". Youths were said to have slept in "one big room regardless of sex" and "the boys would take turns in raping the girls and when they reported to the base commanders they were assaulted and labelled MDC traitors". <sup>33</sup>

#### **Other Abuse**

Abuses other than sexual abuse have also been alleged in Youth Service camps, although these abuses are not particular to girls.<sup>34</sup> The Solidarity Peace Trust asserts that the youth are being brutalized during the Youth Service training.<sup>35</sup> According to *IOL News* recruits receive very little food. It cites a parliamentary report which states that recruits often go to bed hungry and are fed a "monotonous diet of sadza (corn paste) and beans or cabbage for lunch". At vocational training centre, a youth was said to have had his arms broken in a scuffle with army personnel over delays in the provision of meals. Recruits are also said to be housed in substandard barracks.<sup>36</sup> The violence against fellow citizens that youths are forced to commit and witness also impacts on their psychological well-being. Youths coming out of the training are said to show signs of severe depression, anger, alienation and guilt.<sup>37 38</sup>

## **Government Response**

The Government is said to be taking some steps to manage the level of sexual and other abuse within the Youth Service. It was reported in 2007 that members of parliament, including some from President Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party, toured several National Youth Service camps and vocational training centres. According a parliamentary report, they were apparently "horrified at what they found". Solidarity Peace Trust stated in 2003 that while the Government flatly denied any sexual abuse was occurring in the Youth Service camps, and never even officially admitted to the problem of teen pregnancies and sexually

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transmitted infections, there seems to be more of an "effort to separate male and female trainees in more recent training". A girls-only training centre in Manicaland was created in June 2003. The Solidarity Peace Trust, however, pointed out that while this prevents male and female militia from sexual activity with each other, it does not protect the girls from "predatory instructors". It should be noted that in addition to reports of abuses, there have also been youth who are "reported to be well satisfied with their experiences" in the Youth Service. <sup>40</sup>

The official Youth Service website can be viewed for more information.<sup>41</sup>

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