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Information on the current political situation

In June 2014 the *Solidarity Peace Trust* points out that:

“The post 2013 election period has witnessed several significant developments in Zimbabwean politics. While Zanu PF have presided over the implosion of the MDC-T, the complete marginalisation of the smaller MDC formation, the largely political irrelevance of the newly formed NCA political party, and the disorientation of the civic movement, the ruling party has also been marred by renewed internal factional struggles and widespread reports of corruption” (Solidarity Peace Trust (27 June 2014) *Zimbabwean Politics in the Post 2013 Elections Period: The Constraints of 'Victory'*).

A report issued in June 2014 by the *Zimbabwe Peace Project* notes that:

“The country is experiencing a general calm atmosphere with a few incidents of political and civil human rights violations being reported. Cases of harassment, intimidation, assaults, displacement and discrimination are commonly reported and are indicative of the political intolerance that characterizes the Zimbabwean politics” (Zimbabwe Peace Project (13 June 2014) *ZPP Monthly Monitor: May 2014*).

In July 2014 a report published by the *Zimbabwe Peace Project* points out that:

“The country has continued to record a decline in the number of politically motivated human rights violations. Incidents of covert harassment, intimidation, assaults, displacement and discrimination are commonly reported in all the 10 provinces. There was a significant decrease in the number of cases recorded during the month of June to 188 as compared to the 217 cases witnessed in May 2014. The ZPP has continued to report incidents of intra-party fighting within the country's major political parties of Zanu PF and the MDC-T ahead of their congresses scheduled for December and October respectively” (Zimbabwe Peace Project (16 July 2014) *ZPP Monthly Monitor: June 2014*).

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