



POLITICAL TEMPERATURE TOWARDS A ZIMBABWEAN "ELECTION"??

There has been a sharp increase in cases of arson attacks in Manicaland province since MDC-T held its congress in Bulawayo almost two weeks ago.

Houses belonging to two families in Mutasa Central were set ablaze last week. The suspected ZANU PF attackers left a note which partly read, "if you continue to talk about Tsvangirai, you will continue to do so soon in heaven," (implying that they will be killed). All the property of the victims was destroyed and they are currently in hiding.

Since the MDC-T congress there have been many reports of ZANU PF militia who are raiding and setting fire to houses that belong to MDC-T supporters who showed their influence in the party through their attendance at the congress.

However not all areas in Manicaland are hostile to political differences. Our ZimRights member from Nyanga North, Mr Chigwanda informed us that his area is quiet and people show that they are tolerant to different political party activities as well as civil society activities. He however raised concern with the chiefs from the area, saying that most of them are ZANU PF puppets who want to force ZANU PF teachings on the people. But as a result of the human rights awareness from ZimRights and other civic organisations, the people have become resistant to being coerced into political activities they are not interested in. People are participating in political activities of parties of their choice without being coerced.

ZimRights continues to urge political parties to restrain their supporters from using violence and intimidation against their opponents. It is time that people of Zimbabwe showed some political maturity by accepting that people have the freedom to hold their own political opinion without being victimised.

"Is Zimbabwe ready for an election in 2011?" "Have we recovered from the trauma of post 2008 elections?" "Who can guarantee Zimbabweans a free and fair election?"

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