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suffering caused. There is no sign yet of the promised GoZ effort in reconstruction etc, and the humanitarian consequences remain acute. There are further reports that e.g. AIDs clinics are being hit. Meanwhile the broader economic crisis is acute, most obviously shown up in chronic fuel shortages. There are unconfirmed reports that an earlier (29 June) operation resulted in four fatalities. Mugabe has continued to say that the operations are justified and will continue, and to dismiss reports of suffering. On the homeless he said "Who are they? It's just nonsense"

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