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Murambatsvina victims dumped in forest

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Victims of the government operation Murambatsvina previously held at the Helensvale Transit camp in Bulawayo have been forcibly moved again and dumped in a forest near Tsholotsho. Eye witnesses say they saw police trucks dumping people by the roadside in Kunzi an area near the home of former Information Minister and MP, Jonathan Moyo. Others were dumped in surrounding commercial farms and another group at the Tsholotsho Business centre.

The families were initially evicted from Kilarney Squatter camp before being taken in by several churches in the city. Police riot squads then raided the church halls they were living in last week and forced them off to the Helensvale transit camp. Two clergymen were also arrested in the melee before being released. Our correspondent Themba Nkosi says the latest wave of forced removals goes against statements by the District Administrator for Umuza, Punzani Ncube who said they would be carefully screened over a 30 day period and their original districts determined.

This has not been the case and police details who supervised the dumping process told the families to find their own way home.

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