

BURUNDIAN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS "ITEKA"

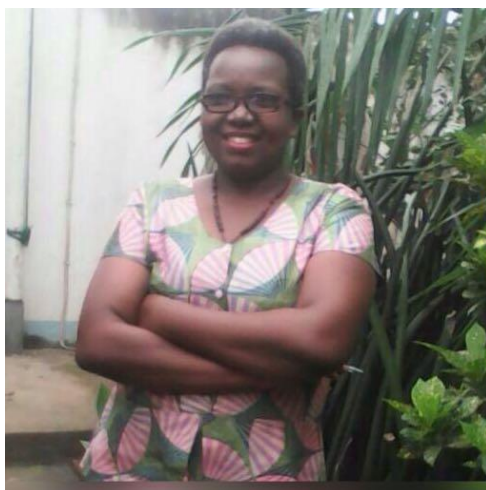
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 31 July 2017, Iteka has documented at least 441 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACAT: *Christian Action to Abolish Torture*

ADC: *Democratic Alliance for Change*

API: *Support for the Protection of Institution*

AT: *Transmitting Agent*

BRB: *Bank of the Republic of Burundi*

BAE: *Anti-Riot Police*

BSR: *Special Detective Police*

CDS: *Health Centre*

CFP: *Professional Training Centre*

CMCK: *Medico Surgical Centre of Kinindo*

CNDD-FDD: *National Council for the Defense of Democracy*

CNI: *National Identity Card*

CNTB: *National Land Commission*

COMIBU: *Islamic Community of Burundi*

CONAPES: *National Council for Secondary Education Personnel*

DCE: *Communal direction of education*

DPE: *Provincial direction of education*

ECOFO: *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

EP: *Primary school*

ETS: *Secondary Technical School*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FNL: *National Liberation Front*

FRODEBU: *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

GMIR: *Quick Intervention Police*

ITABU: *Farming Institute of Burundi*

MJP: *Young Patriots Movement*

MSD: Movement for Solidarity and Democracy

MSF: Doctors without Borders

ODH: Human Rights Observers

ONG: Non-Governmental Organization

OPC: Chief Police Officer

OPJ: Judicial Police Officier

OPP: Principal Police Officer

PAFE: Immigration Police

PARCEM: Word and Actions for the Revival of Consciousness and the Evolution of Minds

PJ: Judicial Police

PNLS: National Programme for Fight Against Aids

PRODEFI: Commodities Development Programme

PSI: Internal Security Police

PSR: Traffic Police

RDC: Democratic Republic of Congo

REGIDESO: Water and power supply company

RN: National Road

RPA : African Public Radio

SNR: National Intelligence Service

SOGESTAL : Washing Station Management Board

TGI: High Court

UPRONA: Union for National Progress

VBG: Gender Based Violence

VOA: Voice of America

0. INTRODUCTION

Allegations and violations of human rights were recorded during this reporting period: at least 37 persons were killed including 11 corpses, 2 reported missing, 15 tortured, 189 arbitrarily arrested, 6 persons were GBV victims and 69 persons were wounded.

Ruling CNDD-FDD-youth, the Imbonerakure, SNR agents, policemen and soldiers are blamed as the perpetrators of most of human rights violations.

This report records cases of killings, abduction followed with enforced disappearances, torture and arbitrary arrests of alleged opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

Members of the opposition parties mainly FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing and MSD, SAHWANYA FRODEBU, civil society organizations as well as Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired have been a privileged target of CNDD-FDD regime.

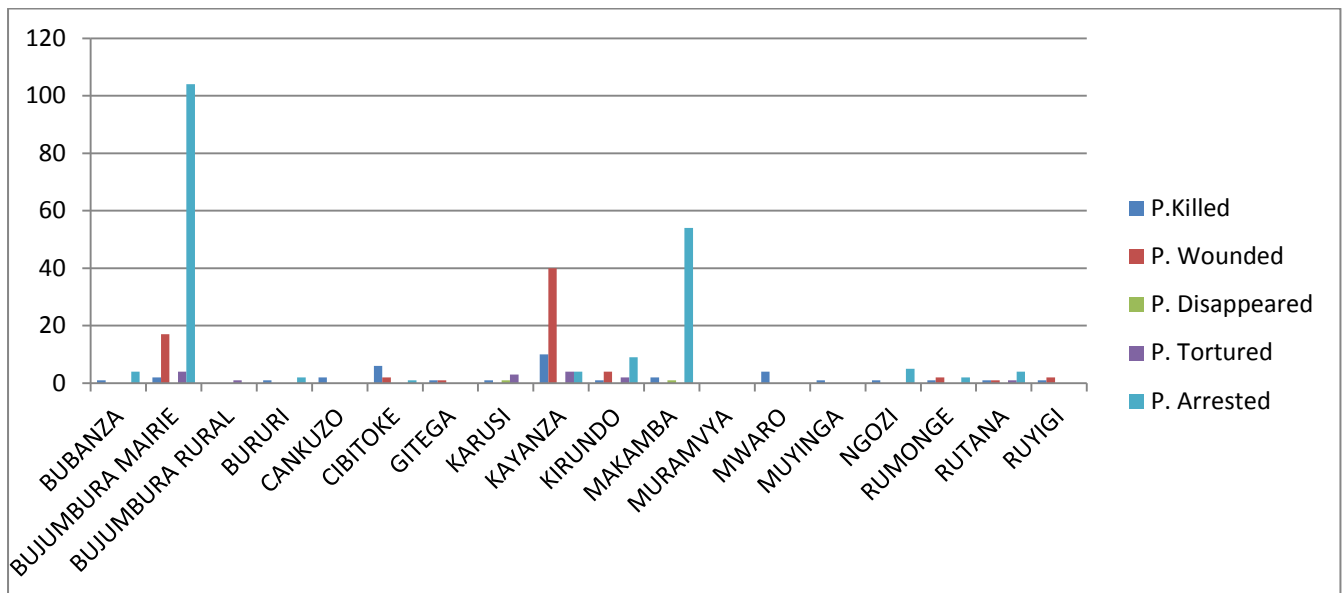
The report denounces paramilitary training, acts of intimidation by Imbonerakure youth as well as forced contributions supported by administrative officials.

The phenomenon of rape and mob justice is also reported.

This report makes recommendations to any partner likely to influence on the change in the precarious human rights situation in the country.

Figure 1: TABLE AND CHART SHOWING MAJOR ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED IN BURUNDI IN JULY 2017

PROVINCES	P.Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	1	0	0	0	4
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	2	17	0	4	104
BUJUMBURA RURAL	0	0	0	1	0
BURURI	1	0	0	0	2
CANKUZO	2	0	0	0	0
CIBITOKÉ	6	2	0	0	1
GITEGA	1	1	0	0	0
KARUSI	1	0	1	3	0
KAYANZA	10	40	0	4	4
KIRUNDO	1	4	0	2	9
MAKAMBA	2	0	1	0	54
MURAMVYA	0	0	0	0	0
MWARO	4	0	0	0	0
MUYINGA	1	0	0	0	0
NGOZI	1	0	0	0	5
RUMONGE	1	2	0	0	2
RUTANA	1	1	0	1	4
RUYIGI	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	37	69	2	15	189

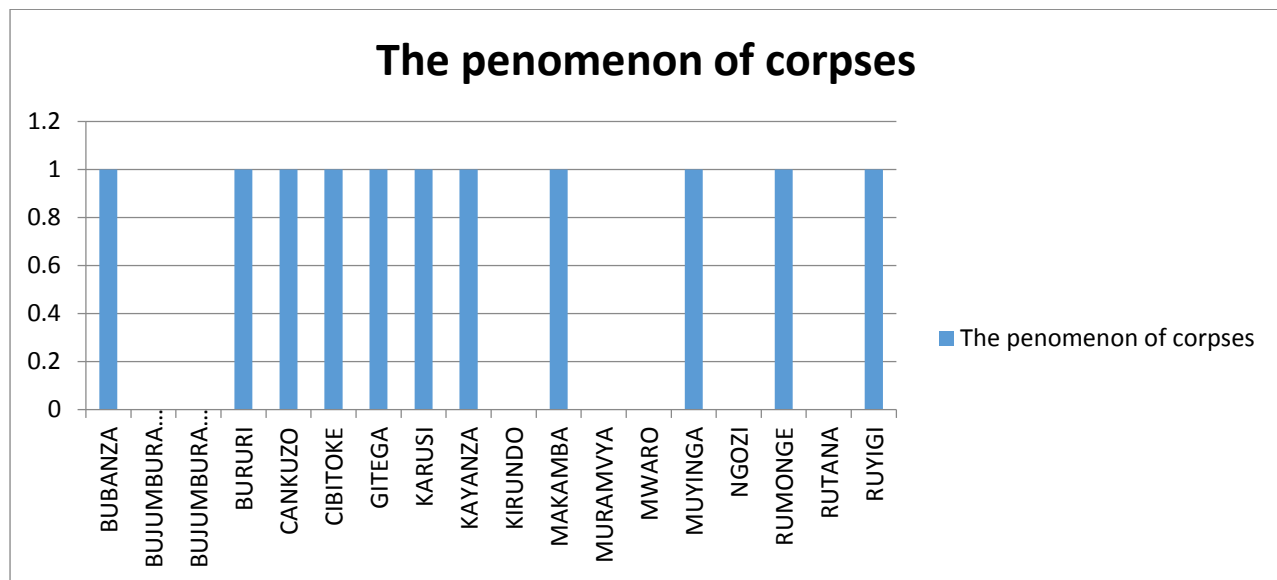


High figures of people killed are in Kayanza with 10 cases, Cibitoke 6 and Mwaro 4. . The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura City with 104 cases and 54 cases in Makamba province. Bujumbura city protesting quarters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of the checks of the household notebooks.

Figure II: TABLE AND CHART ILLUSTRATING THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES IN JULY 2017

PROVINCE	The penomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	0
BUJUMBURA RURAL	0
BURURI	1
CANKUZO	1
CIBITOKE	1
GITEGA	1
KARUSI	1
KAYANZA	1
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	1
MURAMVYA	0
MWARO	0
MUYINGA	1
NGOZI	0

RUMONGE	1
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	1
Total	11



The table and chart show 11 corpses some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

I.1. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE

I.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

One person killed in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On 23 July 2017, Gabriel from Gashibuka hill, Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, was beaten to death on Rushenza hill by Imbonerakure, including Ndayisenga and Salvator for not paying lemonade he had drunk in Salvator's bar. Other unidentified Imbonerakure have fled.

One person killed in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

On July 30, 2017, Amani, Buryindeke's grandson from Gitanga hill, Gisagara zone and commune was killed with sticks by Imbonerakure youths on the orders of the technical adviser in charge of administrative and social affairs named Déogratias Wasiwasi. The victim was accused of robbery in a household of the area. According to sources on the spot, Amani tried to escape running but he fell into a hole where he was killed in the presence of the adviser of Gisagara commune administrator.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

One person killed in Murwi commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of July 24, 2017, Vianney aged 30, was killed by unidentified men Niganza on Mahande hill, Murwi Commune, Cibitoke Province.

One person killed in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

As of July 30, 2017, Claver Ndarusigire from Nyakibari hill, Muyebe zone, Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province was stabbed around 10:00 am by unidentified people. According to sources on the spot, he came from the bar on the same hill to Banci's. The victim was rushed to Kibumbu hospital but died en route.

One person killed and one wounded in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On 22 July 2017, around 9:00 pm, in Kagunuzi, on Ndava hill, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, a butcher Asman was killed and a driver named Jimmy was seriously injured in an ambush by unidentified gunmen on the RN 5.

One person killed and four people wounded in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

On July 13, 2017, a grenade was thrown at Francois Bitariho's home living on Ruhehe hill, Bugabira commune, Kirundo province, and injured 5 people. According to sources on the spot, a child and Bitariho's wife were seriously wounded and were taken to Kirundo hospital and later transferred to Ngozi hospital. Bitariho's wife succumbed to her wounds. Police has already arrested the alleged author named Mbera, Bino's son. According to local sources, land conflicts are the root of this incident.

One person killed in Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 12, 2017, Rénovat Nizigiyimana, a motorcyclist was killed by his client with a pistol in quarter VII, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city near the Red Cross office. The perpetrator was not identified and took off with the motorcycle.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On 9 July 2017, Joséphine Nakobamfitye was killed by unidentified people on Gabiro-Ruvyagira hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim may be accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

In the night of 12-13 July 2017, on Munyika I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Wilson Sahinkuye was shot dead by a man in military uniform, according to our sources.

Eight people killed in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

On 9 July 2017, around 6:00 pm, eight people were killed in a grenade attack by an unidentified person on Shinya hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza province. Four people died on the spot and four others succumbed to their injuries at Musema hospital. Forty others were injured, including 31 rushed to Musema hospital and 9 to Gahombo hospital. According to sources on the spot, this attack targeted Kayanza SOGESTAL General Director, Claude Nzambimana, native from this hill who was sharing a drink with the Bagumyabanga of this area.

One person killed in Rohero urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 3 July 2017, Franco de Simoné, aged 65, a surgeon of Italian nationality and former Kira hospital employee, was found dead at home in Kiriri quarter of Rohero, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. According to police source, the victim was stabbed to death. A young woman named Diane Ciza was arrested for investigation reasons.

1.1.3. CORPSES FOUND IN STREET, BUSH AND/OR IN RIVERS

A dead body found in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On July 18, 2017, a dead body of Etienne Nzosaba alias Cewusi, a soldier of the 442nd Battalion, assigned to a military position in Rukoko, was found. According to sources on the spot, Etienne Nzosaba was abducted on the night of July 17, 2017 by unidentified people in military uniform. The same sources indicate that at the time of his abduction, Etienne Nzosaba alerted his superiors and his colleagues. The next day, on the morning of July 18, 2017, he was found in Rukoko, undressed. In the afternoon around 3:00 pm, one of the officers of this battalion brought his corpse to the Khaled Hospital mortuary. On the same day, the family was informed by telephone of the death of Etienne Nzosaba.

A corpse found in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On July 28, 2017, on the banks of Kaburantwa River, Buganda Commune, Cibitoke Province, a corpse of Immaculée Ngendakumana was discovered. According to our sources, the victim had left for field.

A corpse found in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On July 19, 2017, on Kiryama hill, in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, around 3:00 pm, a corpse of an unidentified man was found. He had wounds on his head and was undressed.

A dead body found in commune and province Gitega

On July 17, 2017, the body of Abraham Banzubaze was found very close to Gitega town central market, just in Shatanya quarter outskirts, commune and Gitega province. The victim is from Birohe hill in Gitega commune and Province. The body of Abraham Banzubaze was taken to the mortuary of Gitega regional hospital by the civil protection police.

A dead body found in Butanganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

As of July 20, 2017, a corpse of a man named Ibrahim Gahitira was discovered, in the bush of Muriza hill, Butanganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. The sources on the spot say that this man was assassinated on the night of July 19, 2017. The perpetrators and reason of this crime remain unknown.

A dead body found in Muyinga commune and province

A dead body of an unidentified girl was found on July 23, 2017 on Kinyota hill, commune and Muyinga Province. The victim was sexually abused before being killed. According to sources on the spot, her rapists and killers put a rope around the victim's neck to simulate suicide.

A corpse found in Rumonge province

On July 14, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was discovered in Rumonge nature reserve precisely in Nkayamba, near Rumonge town. According to sources on the spot, the victim was tied on a tree with a rope on the neck. She had wounds and started decomposing. The same sources add that this person was killed and taken to this place to simulate suicide.

A corpse found in commune and province Karusi

On July 16, 2017, on Rubimba hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province, a dead body of an unidentified man amputated of his genitals and a leg and decapitated was found. Ephrasie Ntakarutimana, commune administrator, ordered to bury him without any inquiry.

A dead body found in Matana commune, Bururi province.

On July 2, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was found on Mugerere hill, Matana commune, Bururi province. An on-site source said no one had disappeared in this area and that the man was murdered elsewhere and dropped on this hill. The administrator and the Red Cross, accompanied by civil protection police, decided to bury the decomposed body, the source said.

A dead body found in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On July 3, 2017, a dead body of an 80-year-old woman named Koko was found decapitated in her house on Gatabo hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. Two young Imbonerakure, Eliaquim Bavumiragiye, known as Njishi and Misago, are blamed by the inhabitants of this area as the perpetrators of this crime.

A corpse found in commune Cendajuru, province Cankuzo

On the morning of July 24, 2017, Joséphine Toyi, aged 17, residing on the hill and Twinkwavu zone, Cendajuru commune, Cankuzo province, was found strangled on Ramba hill, zone and Gisagara commune on the border with Twinkwavu hill, according to on-site sources. This girl was slaughtered by a pastor of the Ubumwe church named Venant Ndimurukundo after raping her, add the same sources.

1.1.4. PERSONS KILLED DUE TO MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

A person killed in Cankuzo province

On July 23, 2017, an old man named Jean Masato from Buyongwe hill, Mugeru zone, Mishiha commune, was killed at home. According to sources on the spot, he was killed by his son for land conflicts. Three people, including his son were arrested and jailed in Cankuzo police station cell for investigation.

One person killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province.

On the night of 23-24 July 2017, around 1:00 am, Ezekiel Kabwa, native of Kiganda commune in Muramvya province, was savagely killed with machetes. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred on Kabogi hill, Buziracanda zone, Ndava commune, Mwaro province. He was killed by the population accusing him of stealing some items from local shops.

One person killed in Ngozi commune and province

On July 10, 2017, Eric Ndagijimana was stabbed to death by his neighbor Diomede, who accused him of robbing him money in Swahili quarter of Ngozi commune and province. According to sources on the spot, Eric Ndagijimana was a small trader in Ngozi town. The same source said the alleged perpetrator was arrested the same day and then taken to PJ Ngozi cell.

Two people killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On the night of 12-13 July 2017 around 1:00 am, 4 thieves entered Pascal Ntibagenze's enclosure on Nyabugugu sub hill, Bugera hill, Buziracanda zone and stole two cows. According to sources on the spot, neighboring residents rushed to rescue and managed to catch two of those thieves who had knives and ropes and were killed straightaway. The persons killed are Dieudonné son of Sasmin and Liberata and the other is Theresphore, son of Dominique and Genevieve of Buziracanda hill, according to police sources.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On July 4, 2017, François Nduwayo of Rugeregere hill, Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province was killed with machetes, accused of robbery, sources said. The same sources add that he was murdered while robbing on Kiramira hill of the same commune. The head of Rugeregere hill says the man had his arm cut off and had injuries to the head and leg. The victim had left the family saying he was heading to Cibitoke. Laurent Ntuyahaga, the head of Rugeregere hill, asks the population not to do justice and refer to authorized organs if needed.

One person killed in Makamba commune and province

On the night of 6-7 July 2017, Radjab Nkeshimana, known as Mushasha, was stabbed to death by Emelyne Mugisha, aged 24, in his room in commune and Makamba province. In the afternoon of

July 7, 2017, Emelyne Mugisha was tried for assassination by Makamba TGI and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

One person killed in Giharo commune, Rutana province

On July 4, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on Nyamateke hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, Baranyikwa, aged 39, was killed with a machete by Pierre Manirakiza, aged 50 years. Land conflicts would be behind this crime. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and taken to Giharo police station cell.

1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

A person reported missing in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

Ngarukiyinka was reported missing since 21 July 2017 on the hill and Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to family sources, no news from him ever since.

One person abducted and reported missing in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

Jean Marie Ngabirano, aged 15, was abducted and reported missing on Butare hill in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province since the night of 9 July 2017. According to sources on the spot, the head of Imbonerakure in this commune known as 'Americain', Nitereka and Charles are pointed by the family members of Ngabirano. They allegedly arrested the boy and revealed that he was part of a group of thieves and Jean Marie Ngabirano was not handed over to the police.

1.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

Two persons arrested and tortured in Mukaza and Ntakangwa in Bujumbura City

On 25 July 2017 at around 3:00 pm, Idi Bizimana, known as Thierry, living on the 3rd Avenue in Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City, was arrested by police and SNR agents on the orders of Joseph Mathias Niyonzima alias Kazungu, in a pick-up vehicle. Sources on the spot indicate that in this pick-up was a young man named Gilbert Ngendakuriyo arrested in Jabe quarter, Bwiza urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. Sources from their families say they were tortured before being taken. Police sources said they were jailed in one of SNR cells.

A person arrested and tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On July 23, 2017, on Kiramahira hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province Nestolla Nzeyimana was arrested by Imbonerakure of this hill. The latter beat her because she had denounced, at a meeting, corruption among the hill leaders.

A person tortured in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On July 24, 2017, on Muyange hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karusi province, Muhayimana was beaten, burned on arms with plastics by Imbonerakure of the area, accompanied by the deputy head of the hill named Sunzuguru. Due to lack of means to get to the CDS he is bedridden at home.

Two people tortured in Mpimba central prison, Bujumbura City

On July 17, 2017, two detainees in Mpimba central prison, Virpien Bigirimana, nicknamed Nzoga and Aimable Manirakiza, were tortured by their fellow inmates and security agents in the prison. The latter called generals passed near their cells and ordered them to enter their rooms leaving other detainees outside. As they were ready to do so, a group of security agents headed by Julie Manirakiza named Dume beat them up and took them to the correction cells in a critical condition, according to our sources on the spot. The same sources add that on July 18, 2017 Julien Manirakiza alias Dume went into these correction cells and he beat up these two prisoners handcuffed and defenseless. The same sources add that the nicknamed Dume and his team were top commanded by the Director of Mpimba central prison OPC2 Deogratias Bigirimana.

A person tortured in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On July 21, 2017, Anatole, a taxi-bicycle driver on Kibimba hill, Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, was arrested after being tortured by the police station head in Kabezi commune in complicity with two SNR agents. The incident occurred near Kabezi market, Anootole was accused of insulting the President of the Republic when he was expected to arrive in Kabezi commune. He was taken to an unknown cell. His family says he does not know where he is jailed.

Two persons tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

Information received by our office dated July 17, 2017 indicates that on July 16, 2017, Moise and Anitha of Ngugo hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, were tortured. According to sources on the spot, these two persons were returning home at about 9:00 pm and fell in a group of Imbonerakure on a night patrol. These Imbonerakure, of which Eric, Manirambona, Ezekiel and two other unidentified have seriously beaten them up. Anitha was wounded on the head and was treated at Nyabikere CDS while Moise is in critical condition at home where he was bedridden.

Two persons tortured in Ntega commune, Kirundo province

Information dated 16 July 2017 indicates that as of June 29, 2017 Juvenal Siniragiye and his brother-in-law Emmanuel Nduwimana all FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were beaten up by Imbonerakure led by their chair Alphonse Ntereke in collaboration with the administrator of Ntega commune named Murovyi, According to sources on the spot, they were accused, without any evidence, of sensitizing mob massive uprisings against the regime,.

A person tortured in Kayanza province

Information received by Iteka League on 3 July 2017 indicates that on 29 June 2017, on Nyabigoyi hill in Rango commune of Kayanza province, Sicaire Minani working for Pie Ntavyohanyuma as a shepherd, was arrested and beaten up by the Imbonerakure of this area. His spinal column was fractured. He had just spent a few days in Bujumbura and the Imbonerakure accused him of belonging to an armed gang of his former boss. He was hospitalized at Musema hospital in Kayanza province.

Two people tortured in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

As of 3 July 2017, around 6:00 am on Musema hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Désiré Niyonkuru and Stany Kubwayo, all MSD party members were beaten by Imbonerakure,

including Claude alias "Zirye zose", Aimable , Jean Marie and Salvator. They accused them of not taking part in the festivities of the commemoration of the 55th Burundi Independence Day. They were hospitalized at Musema hospital in Kayanza province.

A person tortured in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On 3 July 2017 indicates that about 11:00 am on 1 July 2017, on Ngoma hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, Deo Gahungu, aged 37 was beaten by the young Imbonerakure in complicity with the deputy of the hill head named Terence. According to sources on the spot, Déo Gahungu was accused of not paying taxes on small livestock (goats). He was taken to Musongati CDS for treatment. The alleged perpetrators were not harassed.

1.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

A person arrested in commune and province Rumonge

On July 25, 2017, Balthazar Barutwanayo alias Sogo, a teacher at ECOFO Gatwe and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested by Louis Kamwenubusa, Kizuka zone head in Rumonge commune and province. Accused of contempt of the head of state, he is jailed in Buruhukiro zone cell. Information received indicates that he was released around 3:00 pm after paying a ransom of 250.00 Bif to Kizuka zone head.

Three people arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 27 July 2017, two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing Gérard Nsabimana, Theodore Nsegiyumva and a member of MSD party named Aimable Nibaruta were arrested in Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, were arrested by police. Their relatives say they do not know the reason for their arrest one week after they were acquitted by Bubanza High Court. They were released on 20 July 2017 after a year in prison in Bubanza Central Prison. Police accused them of possessing military equipment, in this case the motolora. Charges the court found unjustified and released them. Local sources say their release would not have pleased Bubanza province authorities who would be behind their new arrest. Police sources said the decision to release them would be irregular, the reason why they were arrested again. Families of these people are very surprised of the interference of province authorities in justice affairs. They indicate they were arrested without a warrant. No family member was informed of the reason or place of their detention. They claim that the three people were embarked on board a vehicle of the Governor of Bubanza province Tharcisse Niyongabo to an unknown destination.

One person arrested in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On July 15, 2017, in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, Niriho, teacher in Rwanda and native of that commune was arrested by Imbonerakure and taken to police while he was at a party. They accused him of bringing from Rwanda traveling fees for young people wanting to go to Rwanda to be enlisted in rebellion. SNR agents came to take him the following day, July 16, 2017, and took him to an unknown destination. Information received indicates that he was released on 17 July 2017.

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of July 16, 2017, in Rango commune, Kayanza province, Floris Bigirimana, FNL member was arrested by Imbonerakure and taken to a police position while returning from a party. They accused him of coming from a secret meeting.

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On July 25, 2017, on Nyabibuye hill in Rango commune, Kayanza province, two Imbonerakure with policemen in civil dress arrested Félicien Nindorera, MSD member. They accused him of participating in demonstrations against Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The latter was returning from Rwanda. He is imprisoned in the commune cell.

Three people arrested in Ngozi commune and province

On July 25, 2017, three FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing Charles Bizimana, chairman of MJP, Jérémie Ndoriyobija, member of MJP committee and Christian Citegetse, were arrested in Ngozi province by provincial commissioner Edouard Mukoko They were taken to PJ Ngozi cell. The reason for their arrest was not known.

One person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On July 28, 2017, Léonidas Niyukuri, SAHWANYA FRODEBU party member was arrested on Kabondo hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, while replacing his party flag at the commune office. An Imbonerakure named Juma informed the police who subsequently arrested him. He was taken to Nyanza-Lac police station before being released on 31 July 2017 after questioning. Sources on the spot indicate that this FRODEBU activist was accused of raising SAHWANYA FRODEBU party flag while high personalities were passing.

Four people arrested in Rutana province

On 19 July 2017, around 8:00 pm in Bwiza quarter of Gihofi city in Bukemba commune, Rutana province, four FNL members, Agathon Rwasa's wing, including Ntakarutimana, Claude, Buregeya and Ingabire, were arrested and detained at Gihofi police station cell and were accused of disrupting public order. As for them, they say that the police found them together and were suspected of being in a party meeting.

One person arrested in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On July 19, 2017, Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested by police on Ruhwa River, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province. Doctor Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested by the head of the Immigration Police (PAFE) position in Ruhwa and taken to Rugombo commune police cell, sources said. These sources add that she was arrested while from Rwanda where she would be accused of visiting the exiled demonstrators against President Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The head of Rugombo police station indicates that Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested for investigation reasons. Sources from Rugombo commune indicate that Nadine Ndayisenga was transferred to Bujumbura on the evening of 21 July 2017, though her destination was not specified.

Two people arrested in Songa commune, Bururi province

On July 16, 2017, Jean Claude Nizigiye and his son Constantin Nkamicaniye were arrested by Imbonerakure youths of Songa commune. According to sources on the spot, they were accused of stealing an amount of 250,000 Bif. The same sources state that the Imbonerakure carried out a search at Nizigiye's home. He and his son were taken to Songa police cell. They were released on 18 July 2017.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 21, 2017, Samson Ndayegamiye, known as Samandari, was arrested by police in Kiyange zone, Kibago commune, Makamba province. It was upon the testimony of an Imbonerakure who accused him of raising students on holiday against participation in labor camps organized by the administration. He was jailed at Kibago commune police station.

One person arrested in Bujumbura downtown

On 21 July 2017, around 3:00 pm, Richard Ukwitegetse alias Blanco was arrested by SNR agents in front of 'face à face' restaurant in Bujumbura downtown. He lived in Nyakabiga I quarter, No. 17 in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City. Information received indicates that Richard was released the day after his arrest.

Two people arrested in Makamba commune and province

On July 20, 2017, Minani and an unidentified woman were arrested by Gad Niyukuri, Governor of the province accused of violating decency. The same source indicates that this woman was beaten up by this Governor. They were jailed in Makamba police station cell.

Ninety three people arrested in Bujumbura downtown.

On 14 July 2017, around 1:00 pm, police officers of GMIR and those of BAE have arrested 93 people in Bujumbura downtown. They were taken to BSR, some were released upon payment of 20,000 Bif and others were released afterwards.

Four people arrested in Kirundo province

On July 14, 2017, around 7:00 am, four people, including two taxi drivers, Kagara and Gilbert from Gasenyi, were arrested by SNR agents. According to sources on the spot, the other two people were not identified. They were accused of transporting people who do not have identification documents. Kagara was taken to SNR office while Gilbert escaped and fled to Rwanda.

Five people arrested in Kirundo province

On 11 and 12 July 2017, Anatole Karorero, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing youth representative in Kirundo province, Salomon Nkurikiye, representative of this youth in Kirundo commune, Ezechiel Nduwayo and Deo Ndayizeye, province committee members, Elie Niyozima, representative of this party in Ntega commune were arrested by Kirundo prosecutor's office. Three of them were arrested by police on Yaranda hill, commune and Kirundo province. Two

others were arrested while they were appearing before the prosecutor. According to sources on the spot, they are accused of wiring information to Humura and Inzamba programmes but in reality, according to the same sources, they were prosecuted because they prevented their members from keep contributing two kilos of beans as well as 2000 Bif per household to pay the Imbonerakure as well as 500 Bif to build CNDD-FDD office. According to the same sources, FNL party members of Ntega commune are threatened to death by the head of Imbonerakure Ntereke Alphonse as well as the administrator of the same commune. The five persons were all imprisoned in Kirundo prosecutor's office cell.

As of July 20, 2017, Ezechiel Nduwayo, Deo . Ndayizeye and Elie Niyonzima, FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's were transferred to Ngozi central prison.

One person arrested in Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 13, 2017, Germain Rukuki, a former ACAT-Burundi employee and legal representative of 'NJABUTSA TUJANE association, was arrested at his home by Joseph Niyonzima alias Kazungu with policemen in quarter VI, block 10, Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, Germain is accused of breaching internal security of the state. His computer and his working documents were seized. He was jailed in SNR cell before he was transferred to Ngozi central prison on 26 July 2017, said the same source.

One person arrested in commune and Rumonge province

On 13 July 2017, Espérance Ndiwenumuryango alias Kinigi, a local elected at Minago zone, commune and Rumonge province was arrested at Minago hill by police in Minago zone. She was taken to the zone cell until she was transferred to police cell in Rumonge. She is accused by Minago zone administrative authorities for holding illegal meeting she was arrested for the third time since 2015. However, her relatives claimed she had gathered other women to talk on reproductive health.

The same sources say that Esperance Ndiwenumuryango plays the role of community leader in health field in Rumonge commune. Some inhabitants of Minago zone declare she is victim of her membership to 'Amizero y'Abarundi' coalition as pro-Agathon Rwasa FNL member. She was released on 15 July 2017.

One person arrested in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On 13 July 2017, Marc Hatungimana, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, from Rubira hill, on 11th Avenue, Mpanda Commune, Bubanza Province, was arrested by Imbonerakure from Buringa zone, Gihanga commune of same province. According to our sources, he was first held in a secret cell at Joseph Nsabimana's, located in Buringa, a former SNR agent. On the morning of July 14, 2017, he was taken to Gihanga police cell. The victim was accused of organizing clandestine meetings according to the same sources.

Two persons arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On July 11, 2017, Savin Musugi and Jean D'amour Girenga, all Rwandan nationals were arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province, by police officers while on their way to the United Republic of Tanzania. The reason for their arrest was that they were in possession of small Burundian flags and were embarked by the SNR head in Makamba province.

Two people arrested in Ngozi province

On July 7, 2017, Charles Bizimana and Claude alias Magenge, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, were arrested by police in Nyamurenza, Ngozi province. Both are teachers at Kinyovu Communal High School of the same commune. According to sources on the spot, they were arrested while from drink after the final deliberation at the Lycee. The place of their detention remains unknown.

Five people arrested in Cibitoke urban zones, Bujumbura City

On July 7, 2017, five people were arrested by soldiers and policemen during a search of Mutakura quarter, from 13th to 15th Avenue, in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City. One of them was accused of trading hemp. Others had household notebooks without the signature of the quarter head or were not registered. They were released upon a ransom ranging between 2,000 and 5,000 Bif.

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

On July 6, 2017, Ntirampeba, a returnee from Buheka hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested by police on order of the province governor Gad Niyukuri. He was imprisoned in Nyanza-Lac police cell. He is accused of not respecting the agreements signed with the residents since he returned in 1991. The inhabitants of the commune demand that the agreements signed under CNTB supervision be not reviewed.

A person arrested in Buyenzi urban zone, Bujumbura city

On 4 July 2017, Joseph Bananeno, Maria Burundi radio journalist, was arrested by SNR agents at home in Buyenzi commune Mukaza, Bujumbura city, and taken to the zone cell. According to sources on the spot, the journalist reported to the police a person who had a pistol when he was covering the Mass of July 2, 2017 at Saint Augustin's Church. This armed person wanted to kill the Archbishop of Bujumbura, Bishop Evariste Ngoyagoye, adds our source. A crowd of people ran to arrest the suspect but he was embarked in a police pickup waiting for him. After interrogation by a magistrate of Mukaza TGI prosecutor's office, the journalist was released on 6 July 2017 after payment of a fine of 50,000 Bif and must continue appearing as free. According to the police spokesman, Pierre Nkurikiye, he was prosecuted for disrupting public order.

Three people arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 6, 2017, three house workers were arrested by police during a search to Jimbi hill, Kibago Commune, Makamba Province. According to sources on the spot, these people arrested

were in possession of a pair of boots. The inhabitants of this area denounce almost daily searches targeting ex-FAB retirees.

Forty-four people arrested in Makamba commune and province

On July 5, 2017, forty-four people, including 30 minors and 14 women were arrested by Imbonerakure on order of the administrator, Japhet Ntungwanayo in commune and Makamba province. These women would be accused of prostitution. According to administrative sources, these women will be expelled after identification.

II. CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in commune and Province Bubanza

On July 28, 2017, at about 10:30 am, B.D, aged 3 years and 11 months was raped by a 10-year-old boy named Kelly Vyizigiro on Giko hill, in the zone, commune and Bubanza province. According to our sources, the victim's parents were advised by Bubanza community health agent to take the child to Seruka clinic for medical care.

A girl raped in commune and province Muyinga

As of 11 July 2017, in Mukoni quarter of commune and Muyinga province, a girl named C. was sexually abused twice in the marital home by his tutor named Emmanuel Nkezabahizi, teacher at ECOFO Cumba. According to source on the spot, the victim attends the 7th form at ECOFO Saint André. The alleged rapist has fled his home.

A girl raped in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

As of 21 July 2017, a 13-year-old girl named B. was raped by an Imbonerakure named Harerimana on hill Kiyazi in Gishiha zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The alleged perpetrator was jailed in Vugizo police station cell.

One person raped in Kiganda commune, Muramvya province

On July 12, 2017, on Ruvumu hill in Kiganda commune, Muramvya province, Egide, a 48-year-old farmer, has raped a student of ECOFO Rubumba named A.

A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

On July 7, 2017, on Gahaga hill in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, a 32-year old Anicet raped an 8-year-old girl named A.

A person raped in commune and province Bubanza

On 1 July 2017 around 1:00 pm, down town, zone, commune and province of Bubanza, a policeman named Côme of Bubanza police station raped DC, aged 38, after handcuffing her.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS

Two persons injured in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 23 July 2017, around 11:00 pm, Tharcisse Bangirinama, SAHWANYA FRODEBU party member was attacked by a group of Imbonerakure armed with machetes and clubs in Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. Alexis Habonimana and Jean Claude Nsengiyumva were wounded on the arms and heads while attempting to defend themselves. These Imbonerakure were searching Chadrack Niyonkuru, brother of Jean Claude and Alexis. These two young wounded were rushed to one of Bujumbura hospitals while Tharcisse Bigirimana was arrested and taken to Mpimba Central Prison. The latter is accused of having accompanied his son in Rwanda and participated in demonstrations against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

A person injured in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

On the night of July 26, 2017, around 9:00 pm, a nicknamed NONE, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was found lying on the ground bleeding in Busoro quarter, Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. On-site sources indicate that NONE was injured by people wearing long coats armed with machetes and clubs. Imbonerakura youths from Busoro quarter are singled out by locals as the authors of these burrs. The same inhabitants add that these Imbonerakure patrol at night to steal or rape all passing people.

Intimidations by police in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 30 July 2017 indicates that passersby are tortured by police on a road in Bushaza quarter of Kirundo province, where CNDD-FDD party chair and the prosecutor live. According to sources on the spot, every night, these policemen guarding these two authorities stop and beat up all the passersby telling them that they are spying on them and come back to attack them with rebels.

On July 5, 2017, Niyongabo and Ndizeye, all drivers were arrested and traumatized while they had just dropped their colleague to Mutwenzi. An amount of 180,000 Bif was stolen by these policemen in the presence of CNDD-FDD party chair. Every time, the population hears noises of unidentified people arrested because people are afraid to go out.

Intimidation by local authority in Cankuzo

On 22 July 2017 at Cankuzo stadium, after community development work, Christophe Nyamiye, Cankuzo zone head, intimidated people who did not participate in the work, saying he will correct them in these words: "*nukubakorerako*". According to sources on the spot, the low participation is due to the fact that these community works are confused with those of CNDD-FDD ruling party. All officials of this party including young Imbonerakure had organized an opening of the party office on the hill and zone Shinge, Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province before continuing their journey to Rujungu hill of the same zone border with Tanzania where they demonstrated in support to President Pierre Nkurunziza for visiting Tanzania on 20 July 2017. According to sources on the spot, Imbonerakure from all the communes were present on this hill.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure in Cankuzo province

On July 27, 2017, a motorcyclist named Igiraneza alias Kiwi, was intimidated by Anicet, the provincial head of Imbonerakure, accusing him of transporting enemies of the country. According to sources on the spot, this motorcyclist has transport from Cankuzo province city to communes, two VOA women journalists in search of information.

Paramilitary training of Imbonerakure in Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province

Paramilitary training of young imbonerakure is organized on 3 hills of zone and Mwakiro commune in Muyinga province in the north of the country. They are supervised by Mwakiro zone head, the surrounding inhabitants say they fear for their security. Kimbwigwa, Muyange and Mutombwe are the three hills where these trainings take place, according to sources in Mwakiro. The population claims it began observing the presence of Imbonerakure in the afforestation of eucalyptus on Wednesday 26 July 2017 in daytime. These trainings are led by the area chief Mwakiro nicknamed Kajisho. This worries the inhabitants of the area because in June 2017 a man was killed around and 2 Imbonerakure were arrested. No investigation was carried out. The inhabitants of the three hills demand the cessation of these paramilitary training.

Paramilitary training in Karusi province

On July 27, 2017, on Kiranda hill, in Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karusi province, an Imbonerakure team of about 50 young were reported performing military training on this hill. According to sources on the spot, these trainings are supervised by a CNDD-FDD demobilized known as Faustin Manirakiza. During these training, they chanted slogans insulting President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term opponents.

Deprivation of freedom of movement and paramilitary training in Kirundo province

Information received by our office dated 23 July 2017 indicates that since June 2017, the population of Kirundo in general, officials and traders in particular were banned from doing sport on historically known hills of Shinge and Rugero. According to sources on the spot, every weekend, the police, the Imbonerakure and the provincial authorities block all ways. The same sources point out that on these Shinge and Rugero hills, training and grenade and gun demonstrations are carried out by Imbonerakure often at night and end the following day around 11:00 am.

One person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of July 20-21, 2017 Serges Nibizi was severely wounded with machetes by young Imbonerakure in night patrols on Mparambo I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim was going to fetch water.

Demonstration of the Imbonerakure in Muramvya province

On July 15, 2017, the Imbonerakure from all communes of Muramvya province met the province town to publicly protest against opponents to the regime. They chanted songs denigrating the opponents and also songs to the glory of CNDD-FDD party and President Pierre Nkurunziza chanting that he must run for a 4th term. On their banner, it was written "*Twebwe Imbonerakure zo muri komine Muramvya, haduga, hamanuka, hanyerera kirazira kurekura ico wafashe*" (We the Imbonerakure of Muramvya commune, we will never give up power whatever happen).

Imbonerakure threatens the population in Rango commune, Kayanza province.

On July 8, 2017, on the hill and Rango commune, province Kayanza, Patrice Mpawenimana, the head of Imbonerakure of this hill, accompanied by CNDD-FDD party representatives of this commune held a meeting for the population of the area. They warned them that anyone who will be caught listening to Humura of RPA Radio will have to pay a fine of 50,000 Bif.

People mistreated by Imbonerakure in Makamba province

Information received by our office on July 16, 2017 indicates that girls and women suspected of being prostitutes were mistreated by young people from CNDD-FDD party in Makamba commune and province. The kick-off was given on 12 July 2017 by Japhet Ntungwanayo, administrator of Makamba commune. He ordered the Imbonerakure to carry out searches. During this search, these CNDD-FDD youth arrested 14 women and about thirty young boys. The Imbonerakure beat up any woman or girl alleged to be a prostitute. The leaders of this group of Imbonerakure are Fwadi, Shabani and Murisho nicknamed of Kimura.

Forced contributions in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On July 4, 2017, forced contributions were reported on Ngoma hill, Musongati commune, Rutana Province. According to sources on the spot, the head of CNDD-FDD party in Ngoma zone named Gérard Nibigira in collaboration with Imbonerakure youth is collecting an amount of 3 000 Bif per household and per kiosk. According to the same source, this amount will be used for a CNDD-FDD party feast without specifying what feast it will be.

Paramilitary training reported in Makamba province.

On July 8, 2017, on Nyabutare and Kabo hills of Nyanza-Lac commune, two young Imbonerakure platoons walked in this area with binoculars. According to some officials, trainers are from Cibitoke province. These officials said the training intensified after security meetings held in Nyanza-Lac reporting the presence of rebels in the United Republic of Tanzania and the DRC, ready to attack the country.

The leading communes are Makamba and Nyanza-Lac. On Gatabo hill in Kayogoro commune, paramilitary training is carried out every Saturday morning. As of July 8, 2017, dozens of young Imbonerakure have walked the whole zone chanting slogans hostile to the opposition in these words: "*Petero Nkurunziza tuzogutora twongere tugutore. Niyombare! Niyombare muduhe tumurye!*" (Pierre Nkurunziza, we will vote and re-vote for you, trouble-makers who are not voting for you, we'll show them what we showed to Niyombare!) Give us Niyombare to kill him!

Forced contributions to the province of Makamba

July 2017 was a hard time for public workers in this province following the collection of forced contributions to community development. The month of June was characterized by a broad awareness of a forced monthly contribution of 5000 Bif for all public and private civil servants and this will continue until December 2018. Currently, school principals who implement this collection are circulating the list of contributions in all communes.

On July 5, 2017, the provincial advisor, Gérard Hakizimana, made a visit to assess the work in Nyanza-Lac commune. School principals who implement this collection are circulating the list of contributions in all communes. At the communal Lycée, which has many teachers, 4 out of 35 would have already implemented this decision, the secretary of the Lycée said.

IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

A person wounded in Muha commune, Bujumbura City

On the night of 23 to 24 July 2017, Egide Niyonsaba alias Mutegetsu, CONAPES union representative in Rumonge province and teacher at Lycee Iteba in Rumonge, was wounded with machetes by unidentified persons near his home in Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. On July 28, 2017, CONAPES union member teachers had a general assembly and asked for investigations to clarify the attempt to assassinate Egide Niyonsaba.

Attempted assassination in Kirundo province

In the night of 27 July 2017, an unidentified group threw a grenade to Ruvugo's, aged 45, CNDD-FDD party member of Kibonde hill, Gisenyi zone, Kirundo province. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of sorcery. The same sources indicate that two cohabitants all named Butera were jailed in Busoni commune cell, Kirundo province for investigation reasons.

A grenade found in commune and province Cankuzo

As of July 22, 2017, on Karago hill, Minyare zone, commune and Cankuzo province, a grenade was found in bush, according to Toyi Gabriel, provincial officer of the national commission on small arms and light weapons. This information was confirmed by the prosecutor Leonard Sindayigaya in a meeting of the heads of services to the Governor's office.

A person wounded in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

On the night of July 29 to July 30, 2017, around 1:00 am on Kibuye hill in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province, a grenade was thrown into a family of an ex FAB, Gahungu Pascal alias Kiroso by a group of criminals, according to information on the spot. In this attack, the head of the household was injured and was admitted to Kibuye hospital for first aid. The reasons of this attack are not yet known and no one of these criminals was arrested.

Search in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 20, 2017, a search without warrant was carried out at Jean Bosco Ntakirutimana's, ex-FAB on the hill and commune Kibago, Makamba province. The police did not find anything

compromising and wanted to embark by force this retiree had it not been the resistance of the neighbors. Jean Bosco had been acquitted by the Court of Appeal of Bururi for participation to armed movements.

Two persons wounded stabbed in commune and province Rumonge

On the night of 16-17 July 2017, a widow named Baratakanwa, aged 60 and her son, aged 24, were wounded stabbed by unidentified persons on Karonke hill, Minago zone commune and province Rumonge. Land disputes were at the origin of this despicable act. They were rushed to a local hospital.

Discovery of two mass graves in Makamba province

On July 20, 2017, two mass graves were discovered in Makamba province, one in Mabanda commune and the other on Karonge hill in Makamba commune. Makamba Provincial governor, Gad Niyukuri, mentioned the existence of several mass graves in his province. He added that that the one of Mabanda contained more than 100 corpses.

Attempted assassination in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province

On 23 July 2017, around 4:00 pm, Thomas Ntunzwenimana, a driver of ISUZU vehicle, loaded with charcoal was halted by a policeman named Niyonkuru, assigned to Gisozi commune police station. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred on the RN7, Musimbwe hill, Nyakararo zone, Gisozi commune, Mwaro province. This police officer asked the driver to transport him but the driver refused because of lack of space. The driver started his vehicle and then the policeman fired on the tires and the vehicle stopped. The provincial commissioner rushed in the spot to make the finding and jailed the policeman in Gisozi commune police station cell. The driver is demanding his vehicle documents seized by the commissioner, in order to continue his work, but he has not regained his rights yet.

Three policemen wounded in grenade attack in Bwiza, Bujumbura city.

On the night of July 11, 2017, unknown persons aboard a pickup threw a grenade in Bwiza quarter of Mukaza commune in Bujumbura city according to sources on the spot.

Immediately after the attack, the police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said that terrorists aboard a van launched a grenade near Bwiza zone around 9:00 pm wounding three policemen. The perpetrators of this attack were not identified.

At least ten people injured in Bwiza urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 16, 2017, a grenade was thrown into a bar commonly known as "Kubajandarume" located at the 2nd avenue in Bwiza urban zone, Bujumbura City, wounding seven persons including one serious case. Police spokesperson Pierre Nkurikiye confirms the facts and indicates that investigations are under way.

Nine households burned in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

Information received by Iteka League on 15 July 2017 indicates that since 7 July 2017 nine households were burnt on the hill and Ndava zone, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province. The

owners of the burnt houses are Elias Ndabarushimana, Yacine Nkorerimana, Jean Claude Nitanga, Nibaruta, Anatole Minani, Fidele Nizigiyimana, Isaac Hatungimana, Kangoye and Joseph Iritonda. According to our sources, a person named Christophe is imprisoned in Buganda Brigade for investigation purposes.

Two persons expelled in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On July 11, 2017, Henri Ntanyungu alias Masharubu and Jean Bosco were expelled by Paul Rwajekera, Bigina hill head and Apollinaire Habonimana, Gasenga hill head, in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. There are cascading expels of people in Gatwe in Bigina zone. In less than a month and a half, the Bigina hill head has totaled 6 expelled people. All the expelled persons are not allowed to take their belongings. Paul Rwajekera said in a public meeting on July 13, 2017 that these assets will be in the hands of the government. Four women had been expelled in similar circumstances and had not even had time to take their children.

Tensions between residents and returnees in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

Hot tensions are observed between residents and returnees following land disputes in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. These tensions provoked clashes between these two camps on Kiderege hill, Kazirabageni zone of this commune. A bridge on Mukengerezi River leading to this hill was burned as of July 11, 2017 during these clashes. Nine people from both sides were arrested and jailed at Nyanza-Lac police station cell.

Search in commune and province Rumonge

On the evening of July 4, 2017, a search was carried out by police in Mugomere quarter in Rumonge city to Etienne Bizimungu's. The latter is an ex-FAB soldier ranked corporal, battalion of the 510th brigade in Buyengeru commune. Police pushed in the door of his house and came out with 4 grenades without any neutral witness. This soldier denounces a pure setup aimed at harming him because he was not in good terms with the Imbonerakure of the quarter. He appeared on 5 July 2017 with his brigade commander. He was released but investigations continue.

One person wounded in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On July 2, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Nyabigozi hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, a 31-year-old Léonard was beaten up by the local population, accusing him of theft. He was rescued by the police that intervened and was taken to Musongati CDS for treatment. The alleged perpetrators were not harassed.

Two people injured in Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of July 4, 2017, in Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province, a group of unidentified people armed with a Kalashnikov and a machete, have ambushed three people from Kabuyenge market between Kabuyenge and Kavumwe hills in Ruyigi province. According to sources on the spot, two of three people who were aboard a motorcycle were wounded shot. The 3rd person was a money exchanger and escaped but was robbed of an amount of 11 million Bif. The defense and

security forces, local government and the population said they were pursuing those perpetrators who had withdrawn into the United Republic of Tanzania.

Land disputes in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

On July 3, 2017, Paul Nkeshimana was violently beaten by his neighbor named Nshirimbere following land disputes on Mazuru hill, Mpinga zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. This incident occurred after the administrator of Nyanza-Lac commune gave two different messages on CNTB's decisions. As of June 13, 2017, the Administrator said that returnees and residents will continue occupying their lands as before without considering the CNTB's measures to safeguard peace. Two days later, he changed up his mind to the same audience saying that CNTB decisions will be implemented as soon as they would be issued.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Allegations and violations of human rights following the deterioration of political context since the beginning of President Pierre Nkurunziza's protested 3rd term continue to be recorded in various parts of the country.

Killings, abduction followed by enforced disappearances, torture, targeted arbitrary and illegal arrests to members of opposition parties and civil society members is also reported.

Repression against Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired is reported in the country.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administrative officers, paramilitary training and forced contribution are recorded in this report.

Settlement of accounts is also the consequence of impunity, the population opts to handle justice instead of recouring to competent jurisdictions.

Rapes cases are also reported.

Given the continuously serious situation of human rights situation in Burundi, Iteka League recommends:

A) To the Government of Burundi

- To dismantle and disarm the Imbonerakure militia which spread terror in the country and which has replaced security corps
- To enforce the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed and/or dealt with by persons who are not competent to do so;
- To punish policemen, soldiers, Imbonerakure youth and administrative agents involved in human rights violations and intimidation of the population;
- Protect GBV victims and punish perpetrator in accordance with the laws
- Halt forced contributions set by administration officers and collected by Imbonerakure youth.

B) To the AU

- Implement its decision to send a military force to protect the Burundian population in distress.

C) To the EU

- Use its power as Burundi's first financial partner to force the Bujumbura regime return to the negotiating table;

D) To the United Nations Security Council

- Take all resolutions likely to restore peace in the country and guarantee the protection of human rights;
- Implement the decision to send a protection force for Burundians in distress.

E) To the Mediation

- Not to minimize the damage caused by the violation of the Constitution and the Arusha Accords, including the thousands of people killed, exiled, arbitrarily imprisoned and hundreds of tortured and reported missing person as well as hundreds of women and girls raped;
- Knowing that political conflict requires a political solution.

F) To the EAC

- Bring President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime to a negotiation table for an inclusive, sincere dialogue in order to find a lasting political solution to the crisis;
- Take sanctions if the Burundian government continues to decline the offer of the Mediation.

G) To the population

- To stay united and not yield to the demands and divisive teachings or any demand to violence;
- To denounce any act likely to spread or maintain insecurity

H) To the ICC:

- To speed up the procedures for the analysis of the cases submitted and to carry out necessary indictments.