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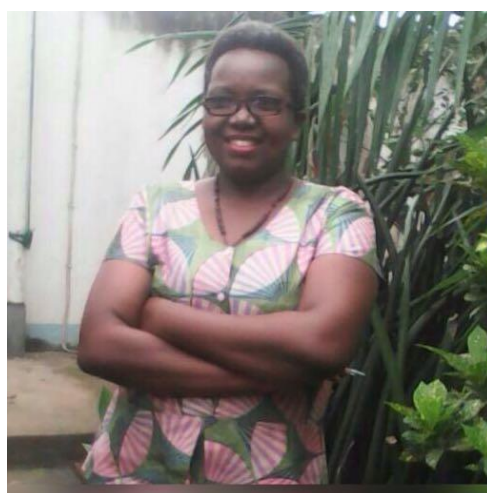
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 30 June 2017, Iteka has documented at least 437 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADC: *Democratic Alliance for Change*

API: *Support for the Protection of Institution*

AT: *Transmitting Agent*

BRB: *Bank of the Republic of Burundi*

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*

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*

FDN : *National Defense Force*

FNL: *National Liberation Front*

FRODEBU: *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

ITABU: *Farming Institute of Burundi*

MSD: *Movement for Solidarity and Democracy*

MSF: *Doctors without Borders*

ODH: *Human Rights Observers*

ONG: *Non-Governmental Organization*

OPJ: *Judicial Police Officier*

OPP: *Principal Police Officer*

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

SNR: National Intelligence Service

UPRONA: Union for National Progress

VBG: Gender Based Violence

0. INTRODUCTION

Allegations and violations of human rights were recorded during this reporting period: at least 33 persons were killed, 11 reported missing, 23 tortured, 191 arbitrarily arrested, 19 wounded and 9 persons were GBV victims.

The phenomenon of corpses is also reported in this report. At least 9 corpses were registered during this reporting period.

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, 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 officers.

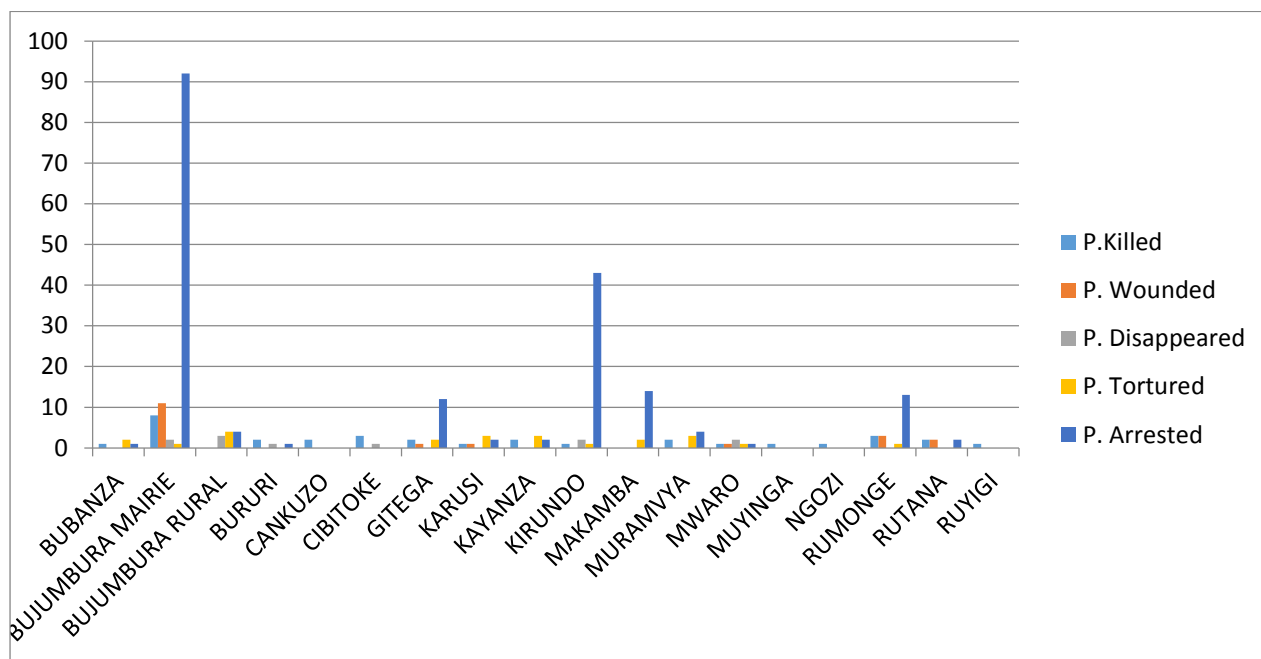
The phenomenon of rape and mob justice is also reported.

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 JUNE 2017

PROVINCES	P.Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	1	0	0	2	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	8	11	2	1	92
BUJUMBURA RURAL	0	0	3	4	4
BURURI	2	0	1	0	1
CANKUZO	2	0	0	0	0
CIBITOKE	3	0	1	0	0
GITEGA	2	1	0	2	12
KARUSI	1	1	0	3	2
KAYANZA	2	0	0	3	2
KIRUNDO	1	0	2	1	43
MAKAMBA	0	0	0	2	14
MURAMVYA	2	0	0	3	4
MWARO	1	1	2	1	1
MUYINGA	1	0	0	0	0
NGOZI	1	0	0	0	0
RUMONGE	3	3	0	1	13
RUTANA	2	2	0	0	2

RUYIGI	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	19	11	23	191

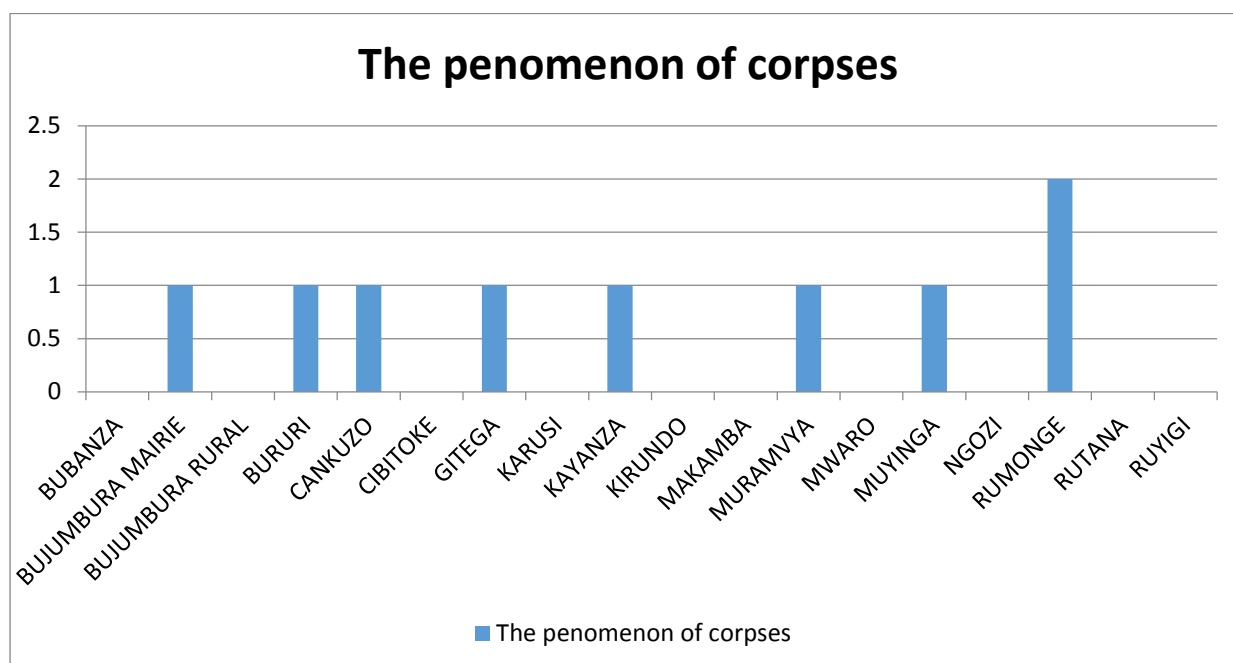


High figures of people killed are in Bujumbura city with 8 cases. The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura City with 92 cases. Bujumbura city protesting quarters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of the checks of the household notebooks

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

PROVINCE	The penomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	1
BUJUMBURA RURAL	0
BURURI	1
CANKUZO	1
CIBITOKI	0
GITEGA	1
KARUSI	0
KAYANZA	1
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	0

MURAMVYA	1
MWARO	0
MUYINGA	1
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	2
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	0
Total	9



The table and chart show 9 corpses including some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Of all these corpses, 2 were found in Rumonge province. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

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

One person killed in commune and province Karusi

On the night of June 27, 2017, Oscar Ndayizeye, alias Topima, who was in Karusi police station cell for motorcycle robbery in Karusi town, was removed from the cell before being executed on Nkoronko hill. Sources on the spot indicate that his corpse was returned into the cell to simulate natural death. In the morning his corpse was taken to the morgue without his family knowing by officer S3 at this police station accompanied by three Imbonerakure Mabosi, Eric and Buyondo.

One person killed by soldiers in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province

On June 16, 2017, Frédéric Jumapili was killed by soldiers from Cah's position in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province. According to sources, Jumapili came to rescue a trader who was being beaten by these soldiers who accused him of selling clothes into Rwanda.

A person killed in Kamenge urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 15 June 2017, around 3:00 am, David Ndayisenga was killed by police on the 5th Avenue, Kavumu quarter, Kamenge urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, the victim would be part of a group of robbers aboard a probox-type vehicle registered I 7681 A tracked by the police.

One person killed in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 9, 2017, OPP1 Philippe Minani was shot by one of his colleagues in Gasekebuye quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to police deputy spokesman Moise Nkurunziza, five people including four policemen and one civilian were arrested and detained in PJ cells in Jabe neighborhood for the murder of a police officer. Among these police officers, one said to have shot at the officer.

Two people killed in Bujumbura city

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of 31 May 2017, two MSD party members, Léon Bangiricenge and Remy Ndagijimana, were killed by SNR agents in Kigobe quarter of Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, Léon Bangiricenge was arrested on 24 May 2017 at home in Kamenge quarter and Rémy Ndagijimana was arrested on 25 May 2017 in Mutanga sud. All were arrested by Mathias Joseph Niyonzima nicknamed Kazungu, SNR officer, cited in several arrests followed by enforced disappearances. The same sources indicate that these two victims were taken to a secret cell at the bar "IWABO W'ABANTU" and then to Kajaga where they were tortured. Afterwards, they were taken to a villa in Kigobe, usually used for torture, rape and secret cell. Léon Bangiricenge and Remy Ndagijimana were savagely murdered there before being thrown into a mass grave at Ntakangwa River, according to the same sources. According to MSD party spokesman affirming the facts, their members were victims of their political affiliation and these victims are added to other MSD members who continue being subjected to Pierre Nkurunziza regime repression on the basis of their opinion.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

One person killed in Musigati commune, Bubanza province

On the night of June 26, 2017, a police officer named Cyprien Ngendakuriyo was killed beheaded with a machete by unidentified men in Musigati commune, Bubanza province. On-site sources indicate that this policeman was guarding Musigati post office. The perpetrators stole his weapon before fleeing.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 21 June 2017, 60-year-old Juma Ntakobakingira was killed, hit in the head by unidentified persons. According to our sources, the crime was committed at his home on Muyange hill, Mugina Commune, Cibitoke Province.

Two people killed in Musaga zone, Bujumbura City

As of June 14, 2017, Fiston Nduwimana of the second avenue of Musaga urban zone and Lambert Nkurunziza from Bubanza province, all public transport bus drivers in Musaga urban zone were killed. Source on site indicates that an unknown man threw a grenade into a bar located near the parking of Musaga urban zone, Muha commune in Bujumbura city, on RN7. This attack caused 9 people injured among which is a couple owning the bar. They were rushed to various hospitals in Bujumbura City (Chez Mbaririmbanyi and CMCK) for treatment.

One person killed in Kinindo urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of 15 June 2017, around 11:00 am, Aimable Hakizimana, a BRB retiree, was killed at the entrance of his home in Kinindo urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, the victim was killed by gangsters who reportedly pursued him to his home. The perpetrators stole from him an amount of money before taking off, the same source added.

One person killed in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On 16 June 2017, around 8:00 pm, armed people attacked Jean Claude Niyomwungere's bar on Kiganza sub hill, hill and Maramvya zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on the spot, Candide Singirankabo, wife of the bar's owner, was killed and three people were injured.

A person killed in Kayanza province

As of 3 June 2017 at 10:00 pm 10:00 pm, on Gatabo hill in Butaganzwa commune of Kayanza province, Salvator Ndayisaba, a trader and member of FRODEBU Nyakuri party was killed by unidentified men.

One person killed in Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province

On 6 June 2017, around 10:00 pm on Kibanda hill in Mpinga-Kayove commune of Rutana province, a 48-year-old Ngenzirabona was killed by a grenade in his home by unidentified persons.

I.1.3. CORPSES FOUND IN RIVER, BUSH AND/OR THE STREET

A dead body found in Muyinga commune and province

In the afternoon of June 27, 2017, at about 3:00 pm, a dead body of 16-year-old Emelyne Tuyisenge was found in a bush on Ruhiga sub-hill, Cibari hill, commune and Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, the victim was sexually abused and then strangled by her aggressor.

A dead body found in Cankuzo province

As of June 27, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified person was found on Mwiruzi hill, Mishiha Commune, Cankuzo Province. According to sources on the spot, this corpse showed traces of wounds and was buried after police report.

A dead body found in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 19, 2017, a dead body of 21-year-old Pascal Yamuremye, native from Kayanza was found at the 7th Avenue number 30 in Buyenzi urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, this person was killed by unidentified people.

A corpse found in Muramvya province

As of June 10, 2017, Salvator Girukwishaka was found dead hanged on an avocado tree at his boss's, a teacher named Sylvère Ruterakagayo, in Kigwati suburb, commune and Muramvya province.

Two dead bodies found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Rumonge province

As of June 8, 2017, two dead bodies tied up together were found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Magara, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. Sources on the spot indicate that the two people were brothers. One is Ntunzwenimana, aged 20 and his little brother whose name is unknown would be 18 years old. All are from Magara zone, Bugarama commune of Rumonge province. The same sources indicate that the two boys had disappeared as of June 2, 2017.

A corpse found in Kayanza province

On June 5, 2017, on Gishunzi hill in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province, a dead body of a woman named Niyonyishu was found at her home. She was killed by unidentified people.

A corpse found in Gitega province

On the evening of June 6, 2017, a dead body of Pierre Gahungu, 53, from Jenda hill, Bugendana commune was discovered in Ruvyironza River near Bugendana commune, Gitega province. The local source says the victim was working at "OLYMPIA" bar located in Gitega province city. He was allegedly killed on the evening of 5 June 2017 when he returned from Gitega province city.

A dead body found in Bururi commune and province

On May 29, 2017, in the morning, a decaying dead body of Virginie Akimana, a farmer of at least 20 years old was discovered on Munini hill in Bururi commune on the border of Makamba commune. According to his family, the victim was reported missing three days ago. The body had wounds on the neck and throat. The reason and perpetrators of this incident remain unknown. No investigation was carried out.

1.1.4. PERSONS KILLED FOLLOWING MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLING ACCOUNTS

One person killed and one wounded in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On 27 June 2017, around 6:00 pm, Marie Ntimpirangeza, aged 62 and her 22-year-old son, Mertus, were beaten up by Gervais Ndimurwanko, aged 41, Marie's son and Merthus' brother on Nkingu subhill, Butazi hill, commune Ndava, province Mwaro. On-site sources indicate that Marie Ntimpirangeza died on the spot while Merthus was rushed to the hospital in critical condition. According to police sources, Ndimurwanko used a truncheon and family conflicts were in the heart of this incident. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and found guilty and was sentenced to 25 years.

One person killed in commune and province Gitega

On the night of 18 to 19 June 2017, Philbert Ntimpirangeza was savagely killed with clubs. The crime was committed in the locality of Ngobeke, Mubuga zone, commune and Gitega province. According to the administration, this person was reportedly killed by family members following land disputes. Three people, including her mother-in-law were arrested by the police. They are detained at Gitega police station.

One person killed in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

On 22 June 2017, in the evening, Ninteretse was killed in Kibezi zone, Mugamba commune, Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, his brother is the alleged perpetrator of the assassination. The reason remains unknown and the author is still a large.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On June 24, 2017, Damascene Hakizimana, a resident of Rugendo hill, Mugina Commune, Cibitoke Province was stabbed to death at home. According to sources, the victim was killed by the population. The inhabitants of this area were vexed that Damascene Hakizimana was a thief and was always released by the police every time he was arrested.

One person killed in Gitobe commune, Kirundo province

On 22 June 2017, Théoneste Buyoya was killed with machetes on Bugwana hill, Gitobe commune in Kirundo province by unidentified people. A victim's neighbor says Buyoya narrowly escaped arrow shooting two years ago. He was accused of sorcery by his neighbors.

A person killed in Ruyigi province

On the evening of June 17, 2017, around 9:00 pm, on Kobero sub hill, Senga hill, Madi was killed by his two brothers including Bugo and another unidentified person, sources said. He was killed with a rope and his funeral took place on June 18, 2017. These alleged perpetrators are in Ruyigi Central Prison, add the same sources.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

Emelyne Nduwarugira was killed by her brother-in-law Eric Ndayikengurukiye in complicity with Charles Bimenyimana on the night of June 12-13, 2017, on Muyange hill in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim was strangled with a rope and then hanged to simulate suicide. Emelyne Nduwarugira would be in conflict with her husband, a soldier on a peacekeeping mission in Somalia. Her mother-in-law was in the household when the victim died, according to the same sources.

A person killed in Cankuzo commune and province

As of June 15, 2017, Rugandiye of Karago hill, Minyare zone, commune and province Cankuzo, was killed by his neighbors with spears. According to sources, the victim was accused of rape and attempted assassination of his neighbors. The same sources indicate that Rugandiye was part of the group of prisoners who had been granted pardon by the President.

One person killed in Giharo commune, Rutana province

On June 6, 2017, around 2:00 pm, on Nkurye hill, commune Giharo, Rutana province, a person named Ruzobavako, 69 years old was killed by his son Lambert Ngezumugongo aged 31, with a knife accusing him of poisoning his grandson, Lambert Ngezumugongo's child. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and taken to Giharo police station cell.

One person killed in commune and province Muramvya

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that on 30 May 2017, on Burambana hill, commune and province Muramvya, Nzobambona was killed by his brother named Alphonse. According to sources on the spot, land conflicts are linked to this crime. According to law analyst, impunity in the country is a direct consequence of the fact that people are handling justice instead of recouring to competent jurisdictions.

I.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

Two persons abducted and then reported missing in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 18 June 2017 indicates that the population of Ntega commune in Kirundo province is accusing Imbonerakure of abducting, killing and throwing political opponents into a mass grave.

Illustrative cases:

On May 23, 2017, Gérard Ntihinduka, chair of CNDD-FDD party on Kigaga hill, Ntega commune in Kirundo province, has convinced Pastor Twagirayezu, an influential member of the FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing that he was looking for work for him to sell coffee in Rwanda. Pastor Twagirayezu left his home with the CNDD-FDD party leader and did not return.

Another case is that of Munezero, aged 24, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing who was arrested by young Imbonerakure in late February 2017 when he returned from Rwanda. Munezero also remains untraceable.

According to sources on the spot, the two are allegedly thrown into a mass grave on the bank of Kanyaru River in Kidomyo area. The riverside population of Kanyaru claim that there are other unidentified persons thrown into the same mass grave. Among the Imbonerakure who are blamed for these despicable acts are Gérard Ntihinduka, leader of CNDD-FDD party on Kigaga hill in Ntega commune, the nicknamed Hamdun, head of Imbonerakure in Ntega commune, Kirundo province and Alphonse Ntereke nicknamed l'homme, who would be the author of the song "*Tera inda abakeba bavyare imbonerakure*" (impregnate opponents to give birth to Imbonerakure).

Two people abducted in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On 14 June 2017, at about 7:00 pm Pacifique Nzoyisaba, a 9th form student at ECOFO Buziracanda II and Fiacre Kubwimana, finalist at Buziracanda communal school, were abducted by Rénovat, SNR responsible head in Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, these two pupils were taken from their classes by this SNR officer before being taken to an unknown location.

One person abducted in Buterere urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 13 June 2017, around 10:00 am, a man known as Nyangoma from Buterere zone who was in Buterere zone cell was removed from the cell by the municipal police officer known as Montfort, and then embarked in a police vehicle registered A310APN. They took the road to the airport to an unknown destination. The victim is accused of being among those who manufacture and sell prohibited beverages in Buterere I.

One person abducted in Kamenge quarter, Bujumbura City

On June 5, 2017, Dieudonné Nsabimana, nicknamed Banga, MSD member of was abducted in Kamenge zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City by SNR agents. He was in charge of

mobilization in Bujumbura city. Sources on the spot indicate that he was phoned by a friend while he was at home in Mirango quarter of Kamenge zone. Arriving outside, these sources say that he was boarded in non-registered T.I-mark vehicle with tinted windows that waited for him. The same sources add that he went shouting for help because he suffered blows of slaps and feet. Dieudonné Nsabimana was taken to an unknown destination. According to his family members, they searched him in all the cells in vain. His home has been under surveillance of the Imbonerakure since his abduction.

A person arrested and reported missing in Matana commune of province Bururi

As of June 5, 2017, a person named Yaya, a veteran of FNL movement from Bitezi hill, Gasibe sub hill, Matana commune, Bururi province was arrested by the position head Arakaza Moise with his AT and the Imbonerakure. He was taken to an unknown place so far. His family is panic-stricken and thinks theirs would be killed.

One person abducted in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On June 5, 2017, at around 6:00 pm, in Nasagarare area, on the 7th avenue in Cibitoke, Rugombo commune, in Cibitoke province city, Jumapili Karenzo alias ‘macon’ , member of Agathn Rwasas FNL wing was abducted and taken aboard a non-registered TI-branded vehicle with tinted windows. According to our sources, young Imbonerakure were in this vehicle headed by Jesus Mary, responsible for Karurama trades center. Jumapili’s neighbors and family indicate that they sought in Cibitoke province cells without success.

One person abducted by the SNR in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On June 6, 2017, on Nyabunyegeri hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province, Alexis Buhungu mobilizer of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasas in Kirekura was abducted by a group of Imbonerakure accompanied by police officers at his home in Nyabunyegeri. He was taken to an unknown destination, according to our sources.

Two persons abducted in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that As of 31 May 2017, around 6:00 pm on Gakungwe hill, Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Alexis Nshimirimana and Simeon Nkurunziza, all demobilized from FNL movement of Agathon Rwasas (now FNL political party of Agathon Rwasas wing) were abducted by an SNR agent in Bujumbura rural province known as Salvator, accompanied by Adolphe Banyikwa former FNL party secretary, today suspended. According Aimé Magera, spokesman of Agathon Rwasas FNL wing, the victims refused to cooperate with Adolphe Banyikwa in Agathon Rwasas FNL wing members hunting. Alexis Nshimirimana and Simeon Nkurunziza are held in secret places and are at risk of being killed, as other FNL members have been abducted and reported missing, the source said.

I.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

One person arrested and tortured in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On June 22, 2017, Fiacre Mweranda was beaten up by soldiers from Rukina position, Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural province. These soldiers had arrested him on the same day in Rukina. According to our sources, Fiacre Mweranda, native from Rutozi hill, was hospitalized and then removed by these soldiers. He was taken to the military position in Sehe. According to the same sources, Fiacre Mweranda had been beaten up two months ago by soldiers who accused him of having insulted them.

One person arrested and tortured in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On 24 June 2017, Nduwimana from Rukere hill, Kabarore Commune, Kayanza Province was arrested and beaten up by Imbonerakure while working in his field. After a search carried out at his house by Imbonerakure, they found coffee he had peeled himself. They took him to the commune cell accusing him of wanting to sell the coffee into Rwanda.

One person arrested and tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

As of June 24, 2017, Eric Nkurunziza, a house worker from Karusi province, was seriously injured by Imbonerakure youths on Bikobe hill in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. He was beaten up by three young Imbonerakure Claude, Michel and Anacllet who accused him of not cooperating with them. The victim was taken to Gahama CDS in the same commune.

One person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

As of 18 June 2017, on Ruhuma hill in Rugwiza zone of Nyabikere commune, Antoine Nzoza was arrested and beaten up by the Imbonerakure of this hill accusing him of beating his wife and fined him of a can of local beer equivalent to 15,000 Bif.

A person tortured in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 16 June 2017, around 6:00 pm on 14th Avenue, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa Commune, Bujumbura City, a policeman named Niyonkuru, AT of the deputy police station head in Cibitoke urban zone has seriously beaten Jackson Mulumba with kicks and rifle butts. According to sources on the spot, the victim of Congolese nationality and choir member at the evangelization mission church in Burundi was accused of carrying his guitar like a gun. According to the same sources, this policeman is pointed out by the population of this area as the author of several burrs.

A person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

As of June 12, 2017, Aaron Gendugaba was tied up and beaten up until he lost consciousness by Imbonerakure from Butamenwa hill, Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, Aaron was accused by these Imbonerakure of beating his wife in a bar.

Two people arrested and tortured in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 7 June 2017, around 8:00 am, Vénérand Habonimana, a teacher at ECOFO Gisarwe and Méthode Banama, both MSD party members residing in Rwibaga, Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province, were arrested by two Imbonerakure Franck Bigirimana and Parfait Nzeyimana of Rwibaga. According to our sources, they are accused of insulting police officers Masabo and Sakubu. The latter tortured, beaten up and imprisoned them at Rwibaga police station in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province. Vénérand was released the evening of the same day and Méthode Banama remained imprisoned.

One person arrested and tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On June 6, 2017, on the Ruhuma hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Ndiwokubwayo, son of Jordin and Angeline, was arrested by Imbonerakure from this area who tied and beat him up. Sources on the spot say he is accused by these Imbonerakure of intending to kill his parents.

One person arrested and tortured in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of June 4, 2017, Sylvère Ndayishimiye, a student at Matara communal school, originating from Kizunga hill, Matara zone, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province, was beaten up by the head of the Imbonerakure of Kizunga hill named Salome Tuyisenge. According to sources on the spot, the victim refused to contribute an amount of 1000 Bif meant for the Imbonerakure of this hill. Sylvère Ndayishimiye was detained in Nyabiraba police cell before being released on 9 June 2017.

One person tortured in Nyabihanga commune, Mwaro province

On the night of 8 June 2017, 22-year-old Edouard Habarugira from Mbuye commune in Muramvya province was beaten up by young Imbonerakure from Kibogoye hill in Munago area, Nyabihanga commune, Mwaro province and was stolen everything he had. According to sources on the spot, these young Imbonerakure intended to throw him into Ruvyironza River but his neighbors prevented it. Edouard was rushed to Kibumbu Hospital. The nurses had initially refused to receive him for he was in critical condition. The same sources indicate that 3 hill advisors Pascal Ndakoraniwe alias Dururu, Ntakaburimvo and Venerand Ndaruzaniye are already arrested for investigation reasons.

One person tortured in Gitobe commune, Kirundo province

Information received by our office on June 12, 2017 indicates that as of June 10, 2017, Egide Bigorabagabo, member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, resident on Rungazi hill, Gitobe commune, Kirundo province was beaten up by Sébastien Butoyi, member of Imbonerakure Youth League and director of ECOFO Butihinda according to sources on the spot. Bigorabagabo was admitted to Gitobe CDS before being transferred on 11 June 2017 to Mukenke hospital. The victim was assaulted in the presence of the communal representative of CNDD-FDD party and the outgoing communal administrator named Nicodème Barutwanayo. The same sources indicate

that Sébastien Butoyi was arrested on 11 June 2017 and taken to PJ Kirundo cell for investigation reasons.

A person tortured in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

Information received by Iteka League on 5 June 2017 indicates that at about 00:00 on 31 May 2017, at Musenyi hill, Mpanda Commune, Bubanza Province, Ndagijimana was the victim of serious body harm using a machete on the head by two Imbonerakure Floribert Ndikumana and Ferdinand Nduwimana who were guarding the office of Musenyi sector head. According to our sources, the perpetrators were taken to Bubanza province police station cell on 31 May 2017.

Two persons tortured, Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

On 4 June 2017, Célestin Mvuyekure, an ex-FAB demobilized and Thierry all from Kiryama were tortured by Bukirasazi zone head Pascal Hakizimana, accompanied by the police head of the area and one Imbonerakure named Faustin. According to our source, these two people were beaten up until they lost consciousness. The same sources add that on June 5, 2017, the victims' families sought the OPJ of Bukirasazi commune but the latter interrogated the perpetrators and let them go.

A person tortured in commune and province Rumonge

As of June 8, 2017, Buregeya was tortured and his home destroyed by people including youth Imbonerakure on Karagara hill, Buruhukiro zone, Rumonge commune and province. The victim was accused of being a sorcerer and poisoned a young hairdresser on the hill, according to administration sources. Other sources indicate that Buregeya, a returnee, is the victim of a land dispute with a residents' family. Buregeya agonized following the injuries by her torturers.

A person tortured in Kayanza province

Information received by our office on 5 June 2017 indicates that on 29 May 2017, on Manga hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Oswald was beaten by soldiers of Manga hill position. He was accused of transporting food and coffee into Rwanda.

One person tortured in Muramvya province

The information received by our office on June 5, 2017 indicates that on June 3, 2017, Richard, a teacher at ECOFO Camamandu in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, including Rémy Bimenyimana. He had gone to pay the rental of the house he lived in. This house belonged to Rémy. The latter asked him for his CNI and he replied he did not have it.

One person tortured in Muramvya province

Information received by our office on 5 June 2017 indicates that as of 30 May 2017 an SNR officer in Rutegama commune in Muramvya province, known as Anicet, beat up Gilbert in Rutegama commune police cell. According to sources on the spot, this SNR head has the habit of beating detainees at night.

One person tortured in commune and province Muramvya

On the night of May 31 to June 1, 2017, Eric, a PRODEFI staff in Muramvya province was beaten up by the SNR head in Muramvya province, named Remy, and then taken to the police station cell where he spent one night. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred in Kavyinabuhiye's bar in Muramvya province city. He was released the next day in critical situation and the SNR officer told him "*genda uhindure*" which means go and change. Nobody understood what he intended to tell him.

One person tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On June 3, 2017, Elvis Nsabimana, a native of Nyarusange commune, Gitega province was seriously injured by young Imbonerakure in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. Back from Tanzania for field work, he was stolen an amount of 250,000 Bif by these CNDD-FDD party young members. Thinking he died, they threw him into Nyabusunzu River near the commune city. Three Imbonerakure suspected in this crime were arrested shortly before being released on order of Mabanda administrator Leatitie Niyonkuru. The tortured person was treated at CDS Mabanda.

One person tortured and one arrested in commune and province Kayanza

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that Paul Nyandwi was arrested by the hill head on 26 May 2017 on Ryirengeye hill, commune and province of Kayanza. He was accused of buying green coffee on this hill. He had only one kg with him when he was arrested and was taken to the commune police cell where he was tortured. Then, he was taken to Kayanza hospital in critical condition.

As of May 29, 2017, Paul Nyandwi's son Elie Niyonkuru was on his way to hospital to visit his father. He was arrested at Kayanza market by Imbonerakure. The latter forced him to acknowledge and pay a debt his father had contracted from a trader named Mama Sumaya. The population intervened for his release after paying a bribe of 10,000 Bif.

A person tortured in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

As of 2 June 2017, around 1:00 pm, Jonathan Habarugira, a biker from Gasenyi hill, Buganda commune, Cibitoke Province was tortured while imprisoned in Gihanga commune police brigade, Bubanza province. Stick traces were visible on his back. He was accused of transporting hemp, according to our sources.

I.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

A person arrested in Muramvya province

On June 23, 2017, Claver Kobako, a teacher at ECOFO Camamandu was arrested by SNR head in Rutegama commune, accompanied by the head of the police station of the area named Léonidas Nzoyihiki and the representative of the Imbonerakure in Muramvya province named Loti. He would be accused of insulting the Hutu.

Eight people arrested in Nyarusange commune, Gitega province

On June 24, 2017, Sylvere Simbagije, the FNL chair of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Bukoro zone, Nyarusange commune, Gitega province was arrested by police officers at his home on Bikinga hill. On the same day, in the same commune, other FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested. They are Jean Mperabansi and his daughter Jeanne Nibogora, Damas Hakizimana, Gérard Hakizimana, J. Paul Sabiyumva, J. Claude Bigirimana and Didace. They were arrested by police officers accompanied by SNR agents, according to local sources. They were taken to Gitega central prison.

A person arrested in Mwaro province

Information received by Iteka League on 25 June 2017 indicates that on 25 May 2017 Olivier Havyarimana, 18 years old, was arrested by the SNR officer in Mwaro province, named Rénovat, and then taken to Muramvya police station where he spent 9 days. According to sources on the spot, he was transferred to the SNR cell in Bujumbura City on June 3, 2017 where he spent 10 days. On June 13, 2017, he appeared at Kinindo prosecutor's office and later transferred to Mpimba Central Prison. According to the same sources, the reason for his arrest is that the SNR head in Mwaro found in Olivier Havyarimana's telephone a message sent to a friend alerting him the SNR chief was heading to Ndava commune

Two people arrested in Bujumbura City

On June 23, 2017, two MSD party members, J. Claude Ndikuriyo, living in Ngagara zone and Elie Ntirampeba, living on the 6th Avenue of Mutakura quarter, were arrested in Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, J. Claude Ndikuriyo was arrested at his home in the evening by the police station head in Ngagara zone without a warrant and without valid reason. As for Elie Ntirampeba, sources on the spot indicate that he was taken aboard a police pick-up and then taken to an unknown destination.

As of June 24, 2017, Epitace Nshimirimana, MSD party spokesman, said that he had information that these two people were held in SNR cell close to Regina Mundi Cathedral and that they had been tortured in the SNR cell.

One person arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of June 23, 2017, Anaclet Ndiwenumuryango, Cashi hill head and FNL member, Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by police officers and then taken to Magara police cell in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. He is accused of collaborating with armed groups.

Three people arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of June 25, 2017, three demobilized persons and FNL members Augustin Habonimana, Eric Vyizigiro and Jean Claude Ciza, Agathon Rwasa's wing, were arrested on Cashi hill, Magara zone, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. Accused of making night patrols with weapons including machetes, they are imprisoned in Bugarama police cell. ODHs denounce Agathon Rwasa's wing FNL members' manhunt.

Two people arrested in Gitega province

On June 13, 2017, Alain Nduwayezu, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by SNR agents on Bwoga hill in Gitega province. On-site source indicates that he was accused of

being part of a group of people accustomed to ambushing on different roads in Gitega city. The same sources indicate that Onesime Nishimwe, SNR officer, took him aboard a vehicle to Gitega police cell. He would be victim of not wanting to join CNDD-FDD party.

In the same commune and province, on June 15, 2017, on Bwoga hill, Maurice, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa was arrested by SNR agents and police officers. The reason of his arrest is unknown and he is imprisoned in Gitega province cell, according to Ferdinand Misigaro, FNL chair of Agathon Rwasa in Gitega province.

Three people arrested in Muramvya province

On June 13, 2017, Aimé Gatore, a representative of PARCEM in Mbuye commune and Marius, a resident of Buhangura zone, Mbuye commune, Muramvya province, were arrested by the SNR officer in Bukeye-Mbuye communes. According to sources, he accused them of recruiting rebels while they were preparing a workshop on the assessment of detention conditions in Muramvya province. The same sources indicate that Emmanuel Nshimirimana, the provincial representative of PARCEM in Muramvya was also arrested on 17 June 2017 by the SNR official in that province. Information received indicates that Emmanuel Nshimirimana, Aimé Gatore and Marius were taken to the SNR cell located near Regina Mundi Cathedral before they were transferred to Mpimba central prison.

An ex-FAB soldier arrested in Makamba commune and province

On June 14, 2017, Padon Ndikumana, an ex-FAB retiree was arrested by police officers during a search in Kigwati I quarter and Makamba province. He was released afterwards and the reason for his arrest was not known.

Fifteen people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone of Bujumbura City

As of June 17, 2017, fifteen persons were arrested by police and soldiers during a search and control of the household notebooks on avenues 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from number 90 to 124 of Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. They were released after paying an amount from 2000 to 5000 Bif, according to sources on the spot.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

Information received by our office dated 12 June 2017 indicates that Serges Nshimirimana, a teacher and member of UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing was arrested by police on the night of 11 June 2017 at about 10:00 pm at his home in Jimbi. He is accused by the head of Kibago zone of having uttered defamatory remarks against him. An on-site source said he is imprisoned in Kibago police station cell since 12 June 2017. Political reasons may be behind the arrest, according to his family.

Ten people arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

As of June 17, 2017, four women accused of polyandry were expelled and six men accused of polygamy were arrested by Paul Rwajekera, Gatwe zone head and Pablo Ndayiragije, a demobilized representative in the area. For all these women, none were allowed to take their property including children who were at school. These women were from the provinces of Cankuzo, Karusi and Gitega. The men were released the evening of the same day after paying a fine of 50,000 Bif each.

Twenty-five people arrested in Cibitoke urban, Bujumbura City

On June 14, 2017, twenty-five people were arrested by police and soldiers during a search and control of household notebooks on the 14th-16th avenues at the top of Iryakanyoni road. According to the information from an administrative official, these arrested persons were accused of irregularities in household notebooks such as non-possession or lack of stamps for those who had them. They were released after severe warnings asking them to respect the keeping of these notebooks.

Eighteen people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City

As of June 6, 2017, eighteen people were arrested by police and soldiers during a search in Cibitoke urban zone from 6th to 8th Avenue. Accused of irregularity for not appearing in the household notebooks, they were taken to Cibitoke urban zone office. They were later released.

An ex FAB soldier arrested in commune and province Bubanza

On 4 June 2017, at about 10:00 pm, on Gisovu sub-hill, commune and Bubanza province, Major Christian Nkurikiye, a Tutsi ex-FAB, soldier of Muzinda camp on mission in Somalia but on leave, was arrested by young Imbonerakure and police officers accompanied by the executive secretary of CNDD-FDD party in this commune named Marcel. According to our sources, Major Christian Nkurikiye returned home from a bar in civilian dress. The victim had a pistol and would be accused of wanting to assassinate this party executive secretary. The victim said it was a setup because he did not make any attempt to kill, according to the same sources.

Two people arrested, tortured in Kirundo province

As of June 6, 2017, Issa Ndagijimana, a CNDD-FDD party member who is also a discipline supervisor for the Imbonerakure in Kirundo province and Abdoul, an Imbonerakure working for Issa's studio, were arrested in Kirundo urban center by Gérard Ndayisenga, SNR responsible in Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, the two men were violated by Gérard Ndayisenga's guards. The two people were taken to Muyinga Central Prison.

Forty people imprisoned at Reconciliation Center, Kirundo Province

On June 8, 2017, ninety-one Burundians were expelled by Rwanda and were received at Gasenyi-Nemba border, Busoni commune. According to sources on the spot, forty or so were imprisoned at the reconciliation center in Kirundo province. Among them, 3 were released after a request for their release by their families by signing a commitment act on what may happen further. These returnees go to Rwanda for work to survive because of the famine threatening the country and Kirundo province in particular.

One person arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province

As of June 9, 2017, Bernard Gatore, FNL president, wing of Agathon Rwasa in Matana commune and treasurer at the provincial level was arrested at the EP located in zone and commune Matana. According to sources on the spot, he was arrested by the SNR head in Bururi

province. Bernard Gatore was arrested in a case of weapons seized for a month in Gasibe zone of the same commune, the same sources said. He was taken directly to the SNR cell located close to Regina Mundi Cathedral before he was transferred to Mpimba central prison. According to sources from his family, this case has been politicized, Bernard Gatore has a land dispute with Gabin Ndiokubwayo, a close-to-regime UPRONA member who lost the trial for Bernard Gatore be absent on the day of execution of the judgment.

Two people arrested in Gitega province

Two members of the coalition "AMIZERO Y'ABARUNDI", loyal to Agathon Rwasa, were arrested on 8 June 2017, by the SNR in Gitega province city. It is Jean Paul arrested in Bwoga quarter and Edouard known as Koka. The latter was in a hairdressing salon when he was arrested. Both were arrested without a warrant.

Six people arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 9 June 2017, around 11:00 pm, six young people, including two brothers were arrested by API agents accompanied by Kinanira II quarter head Eric Uwitonze. They were in a household on Kavumu Avenue in Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. They were accused of breaching internal security of the state. They were released on the afternoon of 10 June 2017.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On June 7, 2017, Joséphine Nyandwi, a registrar in Kibago commune, Makamba province was arrested by the police. She is detained in Kibago commune police station. Josephine went to the province for medical check of her adopted child who had been raped. According to sources on the spot, her arrest would be linked to this rape. She was released as of 13 June 2017

Nine persons of Gatete CPF arrested in commune and province Rumonge

As of June 8, 2017, nine students, including eight boys and one girl were arrested while participating in a demonstration against the CPF opaque financial mismanagement. After each student's contribution of 21,000 Bif, these students denounced the purchase of a generator that could not remedy the power shortage during practical work, while each pupil had paid 21,000 Bif. They are also claiming for internship fees which the direction did not give to finalists at the end of their internships at the rate of 35,000 Bif each. They ask the Rumonge DPE to handle all these questions. They were detained in a school uniform at Rumonge police station. They were released on 9 June 2017.

Two persons arrested in Rutana province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that on May 30, 2017, Jonas Nduwayo and Alexandre Ndayishimiye were arrested around 6:00pm by the police at Jonas' home on Butezi hill in Giharo commune of Rutana province. They were praying and were taken to Giharo police station cell, accused of breaching the internal security of the state, according to sources on the spot. Jonas Nduwayo and Alexandre Ndayishimiye are adepts of the Church "ABASUHUKE B'IMANA".

One person arrested in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of 31 May 2017, Gilbert Ntunzwenimana, a resident of Ruhehe hill, Bugabira commune, Kirundo province was arrested by the police in possession of an amount of one million eight hundred thousand Burundian francs (1,800,000 Bif) composed of 100 Bif notes and a sum of five hundred and forty thousand Burundian francs (540.000 fbu) made of 10 000 Bif banknotes. Gilbert Ntunzwenimana was from Rwanda and said he exchanged the money in an exchange bureau at Nyabugogo car park in Rwanda. According to sources, he was taken to Kirundo provincial police station. According to the same sources, he appeared before the public prosecutor on 1 May 2017. After interrogation, he was taken back to Kirundo province police station.

One person arrested in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura city

Information received by Iteka League 2 June 2017 indicates that on May 30, 2017, Janvier Ncamatwi was arbitrarily arrested by the police and taken to the SNR office located in quarter 10 of Ngagara urban zone via PSR office for declaration. According to sources on the spot, Janver Ncamatwi's vehicle had banged that of the secretary-general of CNDD-FDD party, Evariste Ndayishimiye. He was released afterwards.

An Ex-FAB soldier arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

Information received by Iteka League 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 30, 2017, Sylvestre Singirankabo, a demobilized of former ex-FAB army was arrested on Musenyi hill, Mabanda commune of Makamba province by an SNR agent in Rumonge known as Never. Sources on the spot say he was accused of making defamatory statements. The population of Mabanda commune asks the administration to respect freedom of expression. An amount of 400,000 Bif would have been requested for his release.

Six people arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On May 31, 2017, 6 people were arrested by SNR agents and police during a search to Pascal Ntirampeba's home, former CNDD-FDD member today in exile, on Kukurinzi Avenue, Gihosha quarter, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. They are Dévotte Niragira, manager of the bar "OPEN SKY" located in the same quarter, Elie Niyongabo, Eric Nshimirimana and Egide Nahimana all employees of the same bar. The police said they found two weapons, wich Pascal Ntirampeba's neighbors considered as setup and added that the same police who would have brought them for the purpose of arresting these people. During the search, SNR agents headed by Joseph Niyonzima nicknamed Kazungu arrested two other people, Agathon Nimpaye, a teacher at St Esprit Lycee at the same time responsible for MSD party and a

Déo, a REGIDESO staff. He was arrested because he had a passport showing that he often traveled to Rwanda. Sources on the spot say that he goes to Rwanda to visit his child studying there. According to the same sources, eight smartphones and four computers were seized at the home of this MSD party leader Agathon Nimpaye. Their family members are worried because they were denied any visit.

A household of a doctor named Gahongano was also searched. His container was smashed by the police who said he found military uniforms there. Gahongano's family is currently living in Canada. All those arrested were taken to SNR cell, close to Regina Mundi Cathedral in Bujumbura City.

Eighteen people arrested in Buterere urban zone , Bujumbura City

Information received by Iteka League 2 June 2017 indicates that as of 31 May 2017, 18 young muslims were arrested by the police in Buterere urban zone and then taken to the zone police cell. Sources on the spot indicate that these young people are accused of wanting to disrupt the worship which took place in the mosque of Buterere I. The same sources indicate that they are also accused of having their hair done in a way not permitted by the Islamic religion. The 18 young people all spent the night in Buterere zone police cell. Our sources indicate that an SNR vehicle came to take them one by one to an unknown destination. Ramadhan Hakizimana who chaired this cult and who had them arrested would have been embarked, according to the same sources. Ramadhan Hakizimana is also COMIBU chair in Buyenzi zone. Other sources say that the 18 young muslims intended to dismiss him, which they reject totally.

A person arrested in Mukaza Commune, Bujumbura City

Information received by Iteka League 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 2, 2017, Privat Ndiokubwayo, a PNL staff was arrested by SNR agents at home in Jabe quarter of Bujumbura City. On-site sources indicate that he would be accused of traveling to Rwanda from time to time. One of his neighbors said that SNR agents entered his office to take some of his documents and his laptop. He was released afterwards.

II. CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On June 19, 2017, at about 10:00 am, on Rugajo hill in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, a one-year-and-eleven-month-old girl KI was raped by a man named Claude Bukuru, aged 21, native from Musenyi hill, Rubirizi zone, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the act occurred in the household of the victim's mother.

A person raped in Cankuzo commune and province

As of June 12, 2017, I.A.G, a 9-year-old girl from Nyabisindu hill, zone and commune Cankuzo was raped by a man from the Twa social component who had come to this hill to repair bowls and cans. According to Leonard Sindayigaya, prosecutor of the republic in Cankuzo province, this man was detained in Cankuzo police station cell. A doctor at Cankuzo Hospital refused to give the results of the medical assessment requiring from the victim's family an amount of 10,000 Bif. According to on-site sources, at a meeting held on 14 June 2017 for the heads of

services, the medical director of Cankuzo health district was informed on the case and promised to intervene. In the specific case, the absence of these results halted the evidence, add the same sources.

A schoolgirl raped by her tutor in Ruyigi province

The information received by Iteka League on 10 June 2017 indicates that a 13-year-old F.N, a 3rd form schoolgirl at EP Kigamba in Ruyigi province, was impregnated by her tutor named Desiré alias Papa Muco. According to sources on-site, the schoolgirl had discomfort in class. She was expelled from school on May 3, 2017 after a positive pregnancy test. The alleged perpetrator was arrested on June 9, 2017 and was imprisoned in the police station cell in Ruyigi, according to the same sources.

Attempted rape in Rutana province

On June 6, 2017, at around 11:00 am, on Nyagahara hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a nurse named Gérard Ndayitwayeko of the CDS of that hill was caught attempting to rape a pregnant woman named Sylvana Ngeriminwe who came for a prenatal consultation. The alleged perpetrator was imprisoned in Giharo police station cell.

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

Information received by Iteka League on 5 June 2017 indicates that at about 3:00 pm on 31 May 2017, on Gisovu sub-hill, on downtown hill, commune and province Bubanza, Jean Marie Kwizera raped a six-year-old girl. According to our sources, the child went to visit him with her comrades. The author was arrested on 4 June 2017 at about 10:00 am and held in Bubanza province police station cell.

A person raped in Cankuzo province

Information received by Iteka League on May 30, 2017 indicates that Anselme Barandya, director of ETS Cankuzo and former director of ITABU Kigamba in Kigamba commune, had impregnated a student named AK, according to our sources. On the evening of May 28, 2017, Desire Njiji, governor of Cankuzo province, went to the residence of this student's tutor to take her but this tutor refused, according to the same sources. Hence, on May 29, 2017, the pupil was taken to the province office to be heard by Governor Desire Njiji, Reverien Ndugi, Cankuzo DPE and the Public Prosecutor. As the student's family arrived at the governor's office, the student was then taken to the public prosecutor where she was interrogated before being released at around 1:00 pm. Anselme Barandya was placed under arrest warrant while he was in Bujumbura, according to the same sources.

The information received by our office on 3 June 2017 indicates that the case of Anselme Barandya is becoming increasingly political. The leaders of CNDD-FDD ruling party are divided into two blocks on this issue for political reasons. According to sources from the party's officials, a meeting took place on June 2, 2017 at the party office in Cankuzo including Anselme Barandya but no consensus was reached. Some sources said that Anselm Barandya had fled but as of June 2, 2017, he returned with a team of other officials who support him and was not worried.

A person raped in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

Information received by the League on 2 June 2017 30 May 2017 indicates that on 17 May 2017 on Mpungwe hill, Mugege zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province, a 16-year-old girl C.N was raped by a man named Salvator Ntirampeba. The girl had medical care at CDS Muhene. The hill head confirmed the facts in a correspondence to the CDS Muhene manager saying that the girl had been locked in a bar during the rape.

A person raped Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 31, 2017, Wilson Ndikumana, known as Songa, an influential member of the Imbonerakure youth league, a nurse at Kinyinya hospital was arrested accused of sexually abusing a mentally ill girl. He is responsible for CNDD-FDD party in Kinyinya zone, member of elders council of the same party and also representing the demobilized of Ruyigi province. Sources in Kinyinya say he was caught in act by the population as of May 31, 2017, sexually abusing a mentally ill girl. The same sources indicate that the perpetrator had left his workplace arguing that he was going to a restaurant of the area. The population claims to have surprised him with clothes still in the hands. According to Kinyinya residents, this ruling party member Wilson Ndikumana in complicity with the Imbonerakure of Ruyigi province are often blamed by the population for raping women and girls during night patrols. The same source indicates that the victim of the rape was imprisoned despite his state of mental disease before being released on the evening of June 1, 2017.

A child raped in commune and province Bubanza

On 2 June 2017, around 2:00 pm, in Bubanza city, a 29-year-old Jackson Mateganiro was arrested by Bubanza police and taken to Bubanza police station cell. He is accused of raping a 6-year-old girl as of May 28, 2017.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS

Forced contributions in Kirundo province

Information received by our office on June 20, 2017 indicates that roadblocks are erected in all communes of Kirundo province, controlled by Imbonerakure. The latter require each person to contribute 500 Bif for the construction of CNDD-FDD party office and 2 kg of bean which would constitute their salary, but explain to the population that it is for the strategic stock requested by the province while the population was not sensitized.

In Busoni commune, each household must give an amount of 2 000 Bif of which 1000 Bif to build Nyarunazi stadium and 1000 Bif to build the markets of Gatara and Kabanga. The population should also give 2 kg of beans.

It was also forbidden to export beans from Kirundo province other provinces but after the MP Jean Baptiste Nzigamasabo alias Gihaha had filled his stock at low prices, he authorized the sale.

The population laments these contributions because the inhabitants of Marembo, Gatete and Kubanero contribute to build Gatere market located at 10 km. Those of Nyarunazi, Rusarasi and Murore contribute to build Kabanga market located at 13 km from Nyarunazi.

Clash between Imbonerakure and the population in Kirundo province

As of June 19, 2017, Imbonerakure from Yaranda hill in Kirundo commune headed by their chief named Mvuyekure were beaten up by the population of the area. According to sources on the spot, these Imbonerakure imposed the population to contribute 2000 Bif. The population totally refused to give this contribution arguing that none of the authorities rescued them during scarcity and that the population received no seed from the state. The province authorities did not react after this incident because those who have beaten up these Imbonerakure are CNDD-FDD party members.

Paramilitary training in Rumonge and Bururi provinces

Information received by our office dated June 14, 2017 indicates that every Saturday, Imbonerakure make paramilitary training in the provinces of Rumonge and Bururi. These trainings are reported in the areas of Mutambara peasants' fields near Murembwe central prison, in Rumonge nature reserve, in Cabwoba area, near Nkayamba quarter, north of Rumonge town, on Mibanda hill, Kizuka zone and Kigwena nature reserve in Rumonge province and Vyanda in Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, they jog and chant slogans denigrating opponents and glorifying the ruling party. This youth has just set up their structure up to the hill level. Recently, there is a great mobilization of young Imbonerakure where they replace the defense and security bodies. People are arrested, tortured, robbed of their possessions without the alleged perpetrators being harassed.

Paramilitary training in Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province

Two Imbonerakure youth training sites appeared on Rukana hill, bordering Rwanda and the DRC, between the 11th and 12th avenues of Cibitoke, on Rusizi River in Rugombo commune. According to our sources, Enock S3 at the provincial police station in Cibitoke is cited as the supervisor of these young Imbonerakure on training.

Threats to an ECOFO director in Muramvya province

As of June 15, 2017, the Director of ECOFO Camamandu, Michel Nitunga, received threats from Janvier Muzomwita, DCE in Rutegama, Anicet, SNR representative in Rutegama-Kiganda communes and the provincial representative of the Imbonerakure known as Loti. According to sources on the spot, the reason for these threats is that Michel Nitunga had sent a letter requesting explanation to a teacher named Floribert on his unjustified absences at workplace. The latter was absent from work while painting CNDD-FDD party office. The director was obliged to tear these letters.

A local elected threatened in Makamba province

On 17 June 2017, Patricw Ndayishimiye alias Bucumi, a Musanga hill-head who was also a member of FRODEBU party, received threatening untimely calls from hierarchical authorities

before he dismissed on 24 June 2017 accused of attending disrupting acts of the hill and not cooperating with the Imbonerakure on night patrols. The latter accused him of always opposing night patrols of young Imbonerakure.

Clash of two of Imbonerakure teams in province Karusi

On June 14, 2017, two teams of Imbonerakure clashed on Mugende hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, a team led by Mudeyi was sent by the commune administrator to arrest a trader named Evariste who bought fresh coffee without authorization. The other patrolling crew clashed with this team of the commune administrator causing injury to one person. The latter was rushed to CDS Nyakabugu on Mudeyi's own expenses. The next day, the administrator went to the scene to reconcile the two teams.

Forced contributions to opponents in Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 18 June 2017 indicates that in Biyorwa zone of Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi Province, Imbonerakure with the administration are forcibly collecting 10,000 Bif for each household of CNDD-FDD opponents, according to sources on the spot. The most affected hills are: Burenza and Mihama. The same sources add that these Imbonerakure say they have made the contribution less burdensome than expected. Members of the AMIZERO Y'BARUNDI coalition have informed the administration on this issue.

Forced contribution in Karusi province

In Karusi province, the population was forced to pay a contribution to build a modern stadium. According to local sources, the province administration has set an amount of 500 Bif for each individual over the age of 15, even house workers are affected by this measure. Traders must pay 3,000 Bif or more depending on their income. The same sources indicate that this task of collecting these funds was entrusted to hill heads and Imbonerakure and whoever opposing this measure will be called the enemy of peace and will be accused of disrupting public order.

Confrontation of young Imbonerakure with other young people in Rutana province

As of June 6, 2017 around 9:00 pm, young Imbonerakure from Gicaca hill, Bukemba commune Rutana province clashed with other non-party youths in Swahili quarter of Gihofi hill. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred when these young Imbonerakure from Gicaca on patrol arrested traders and consumers of prohibited drinks in Swahili quarter. Two young Imbonerakure were injured during the clashes. After this incident, some of these young people from Swahili quarter are threatened. These night patrols by young Imbonerakure in Bukemba commune scare the population who does not understand why this task that was intended for defense and security corps was ceded to these young Imbonerakure.

Forced membership to the Imbonerakure youth league in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 3 and 9 June 2017, the Director of ECOFO Gatabo II, Célestin Ndikuriyo, held two meetings for the students of this institution in order to force them to join the Imbonerakure youth league of the CNDD-FDD party. Students who try to oppose it are threatened with disciplinary sanctions.

Search in Kibago commune, Makamba province

As of June 8, 2017, fifteen households of UPRONA party members, Charles Nditije's wing and ex-FAB retirees were the target of a search in Kibago commune in Jimbi. According to sources on the spot, this police search was considered as a kind of intimidation to opposition members and ex-FAB retirees.

A teacher confined by Imbonerakure in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 30, 2017, Immaculée Nkurunziza, teacher at EP Rugoti, Butezi zone, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province was retained in her class by Imbonerakure of this area. According to sources on the spot, the reason for this confinement is that her class was dirty. The police head and the administrator intervened to have the teacher released.

Forced contribution in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 31, 2017, the Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD are blamed by the population of Musaga urban zone for collecting money pretexting to build party offices. The recent case is the one observed in Gitaramuka quarter. Sources on the spot say that these collections are directed to CNDD-FDD members and non-members. The Imbonerakure named Jackson and Paul top the list in the collection of this money, specify the same sources. These residents indicate that this money is requested from traders, shopkeepers and restaurant owners. The residents of Musaga zone reveal that they are facing poverty and do not understand this phenomenon. They protest against this act of extracting money which they describe as a theft organized by the regime.

Forced contribution in commune and province Rumonge

Information received by our office on June 2, 2017 indicates the population of Gatete zone, commune and province Rumonge protests against the measure of the authorities to contribute to the building of an administrative office. According to sources on the spot, this collection is done by Imbonerakure and part of this contribution is destined to the building of a CNDD-FDD office. Local administration officials also collect amounts of money between 5000 and 15 000 Bif.

IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

An ambush in Ruyigi province

On the evening of 19 June 2017, around 8:00 pm, along the RN 13 road, near the Save bridge between Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces, two vehicles, including an ambulance and a Probox vehicle, were ambushed by an armed group. Big trees were cut in Ruhororo in Bweru commune to block the road. An amount of 60,000 Bif was stolen from the people who were in the

ambulance and 400,000 Bif was stolen from passengers in the Probox vehicle. The passengers alerted the police in Cankuzo. According to Cankuzo PSI sub-commissioner who intervened after alert, indicated that they were bandits. This armed group was not identified.

One person abducted then found in Rugazi commune, Bubanza province

Ntahomvukiye Fidèle, a CNDD-FDD party representative and the 2nd among the local elected representatives on Butavuka hill in Rugazi commune in Bubanza province, was abducted by unidentified persons on 22 June 2017. He was found tied up in the bush on the evening of June 23, 2017 in a state of unconsciousness.

MSF Switzerland closes in Rumonge province

As of June 15, 2017, MSF Switzerland has suspended its activities. It should support Rumonge hospital and six CDS of Rumonge health province. This NGO did not reach agreement with the Ministry of Health on the recruitment of staff and the management of medicines stores. The Ministry wanted to be associated at all costs, which MSF Switzerland did not accept. This is a big loss for the population who demand that this contract of collaboration be renegotiated for the benefit of the population.

Two people injured in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 13, 2017, Jean Ngendakumana, teacher at Musaga communal school and his house worker were injured by unidentified gunmen in Kamesa quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. The victims were rushed to a hospital of the area.

Thirteen people denied to exile in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

As of June 13, 2017, thirteen people from Nyanza-Lac commune were arrested by Mabanda zone head and chair of CNDD-FDD in that commune. They were accused by the latter of fleeing the country while peace is total. All were forced to turn back. They were composed of 2 men, 3 women and 8 children.

One person stabbed in Mutaho displaced people site, Gitega province

As of June 13, 2017, Spes Caritas Barandereka, aged 40, living at Mutaho site was attacked near Mutaho market by a group of unidentified persons. Sources on the spot say she was stabbed and beaten with metal bars in the chest and throat. The victim, in critical condition, was evacuated to Mutoyi hospital in Bugendana neighboring commune.

Forced collection in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

A campaign of forced collection of funds has started in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province for the construction of a building in Makamba province. Since early May 2017, meetings have been held by the governor, provincial advisors, accompanied by advisors in DPE Makamba for teachers. Principals are relaying the instruction of the provincial administration to pay a monthly amount of 5000 Bif per teacher. According to these directors, roadblocks will soon be erected on

the roads to workplaces as part of this collection. The last meeting was held at ECOFO Dunga on 8 June 2017. Administrative documents will not be given to teachers who will not pay this contribution.

Closing of shops and bars in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 7 and 8 June 2017, the commander of Muha camp Pascal Minani, known as Mababa, closed the shops and bars at Musaga gas station for non-compliance with the sale of beverages. The owners of these shops and bars denounce the injustice because the bar belonging to the MP Lewis Niyongabo was not closed while it remains open all the time. They were fined up to 50,000 Bif.

Attempted assassination in Rutana province.

On 5 June 2017 around 8:00 pm, on Cunda hill, Gitanga commune, Rutana province, a group of four people, including Fanuel, Gilbert, Marc and Bankuwunguka had prepared a crime to Nibigira's family for land conflicts. The prosecution has taken on the case and arrested the alleged perpetrators before taking them to Rutana police station cell.

Grenade attack in Kinama urban zone , Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City

Information received by Iteka League on 1 June 2017 indicates that on May 29, 2017, a grenade was launched by thieves in Carama I quarter, Kinama urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on the spot, a trader who was returning home was robbed two million Burundian francs and after this crime, these bandits launched a grenade to take off.

Fuel shortage in Cankuzo province

As of June 2, 2017, at Cankuzo fuel station owned by Kirosho, vehicles and motorcycles were waiting to be served with fuel. To get some, some policemen requested money from vehicle owners to be served. They also brought drums to buy fuel at pump price to resell it at the black market at 4000 Bif per liter. The example is that of Melchior Miburo, S4 at Cankuzo police station, who was responsible for the order of fuel distribution and who put in drums more than 400 liters to resell them irregularly.

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 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.