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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 November 2017, Iteka has documented at least 464 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABREVIATIONS

ADG : Chief Executive Officer

BSR : Special Bureau of Investigation

CDS : Health Center

CECAD : Saving and Credit Fund for self-development

CNDD-FDD: National Council for the Defense of Democracy

CNI : National Identity Card

CNTB : National Land Commission for Burundi

ICC : International Criminal Court

DAF : Finance and Administration Officer

DCE : Communal Direction of Education

ECOFO : Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale

ETSA : Secondary Art School

FAB : Burundi armed forces

FNL : National Liberation Front

FRODEBU: Front for Democracy in Burundi

FROLINA : Front for National Liberation

MSD : Movement for Solidarity

MSF : Doctors Without Borders

OIDEB : Observatoire Ineza des Droits de l'Enfant au Burundi

ONG : Non-Governmental Organisation

OPJ : Judicial Police Officer

PJ : Judicial Police

RANAC : Gathering for National Change

RDC : Democratic Republic of Congo

SNR : National Intelligence Service

TGI : High Court

ULB : Bujumbura Light University

UPRONA : Union for National Progress

VBG : Gender Based Violence

HIV/AIDS : Human immunodeficiency Virus/Aids

0. INTRODUCTION

Allegations and violations of human rights were recorded during this reporting period: at least 32 persons were killed including 16 corpses, 6 reported missing, 35 tortured, 194 arbitrarily arrested including 4 soldiers, 13 persons were GBV victims and 14 persons were wounded.

The phenomenon of corpses continues to be recorded in many places of the country and no investigation is carried out, which is very worrying.

Ruling CNDD-FDD-youth, the Imbonerakure, SNR agents, policemen, soldiers and administration officials 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 in general and opposition political parties members in particular namely Agathon Rwasa FNL wing, MSD, FROLINA, UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing and FRODEBU Nyakuri as well as civil society activists.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administrative officials, demonstrations as well as forced contributions are reported.

A worrying phenomenon of introducing politics at school was reported in some provinces of the country.

Settlement of scores is also a consequence of impunity, the population chooses to seek justice instead of resorting to competent jurisdictions.

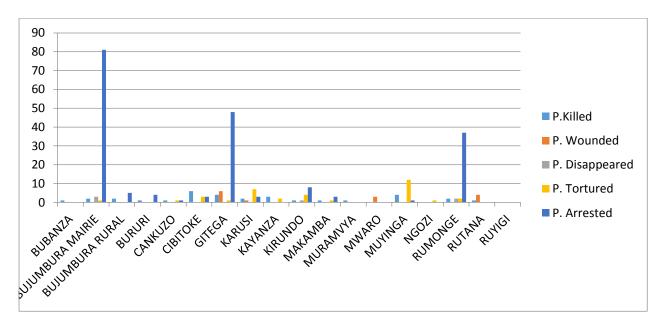
The phenomenon of rape as well as mob justice is also reported.

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 NOVEMBER 2017

PROVINCES	P.Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	1	0	0	0	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	2	0	3	1	81
BUJUMBURA RURAL	2	0	0	0	5
BURURI	1	0	0	0	4
CANKUZO	1	0	0	1	1
СІВІТОКЕ	6	0	0	3	3
GITEGA	4	6	0	1	48
KARUSI	2	1	0	7	3

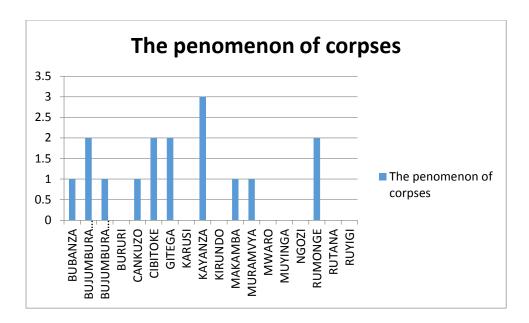
KAYANZA	3	0	0	2	0
KIRUNDO	1	0	1	4	8
MAKAMBA	1	0	0	1	3
MURAMVYA	1	0	0	0	0
MWARO	0	3	0	0	0
MUYINGA	4	0	0	12	1
NGOZI	0	0	0	1	0
RUMONGE	2	0	2	2	37
RUTANA	1	4	0	0	0
RUYIGI	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	14	6	35	194



High figures of people killed are in Cibitoke with 6 cases, Gitega and Muyinga with 4 cases each followed by Kayanza with 5 cases. The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura city with 81 cases, Gitega with 48 cases and Rumonge province with 37 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 NOVEMBER 2017

PROVINCE	The penomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	2
BUJUMBURA RURAL	1
BURURI	0
CANKUZO	1
CIBITOKE	2
GITEGA	2
KARUSI	0
KAYANZA	3
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	1
MURAMVYA	1
MWARO	0
MUYINGA	0
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	2
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	0
Total	16



The table and chart show 16 corpses some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Kayanza province tops the list with 3 corpses followed by Bujumbura city, Cibitoke, Gitega and Rumonge provinces with 2 each. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

I.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE AND / OR POLICE

A person killed in Vyanda commune, Bururi province

As of November 26, 2017, afternoon, on Mirango hill, Gitsiro zone, Vyanda commune Bururi province, a man named Niyongabo was killed. According to sources on site, two alleged perpetrators were arrested on November 28, 2017. The victim was beaten before dying. His body would be buried by the same authors before their escape. These people would have done justice to this man for suspicions linked to the sorcery, accusing him of poisoning a woman named Collette Nizigiyimana according to administration sources in Vyanda. According to our sources on site, the true mobile is a land conflict because some people had taken advantage of his family property when he was exiled to Tanzania. His return to his homeland was not well seen by the former occupants.

Three people killed in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On November 24, 2017, three unidentified people jailed at Buganda commune police station, Cibitoke province, were killed by a young Imbonerakure nicknamed Mavubi, Deo the leader of the demobilized in Cibitoke province and the logistics officer of Cibitoke police station. According to our sources, the bodies were transported by a TGI Cibitoke vehicle forcibly seized and were buried in a mass grave on Rukana hill, Rugombo commune. According to the same sources, young Imbonerakure are performing paramilitary training on this hill.

A person killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 9 November 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Gatunguru hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural Province, Ndikiminwe, from Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura city, was shot

dead by police officers near the house of a policeman nicknamed Rwembe, according to sources on site.

I.1.3. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

A person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On November 26, 2017, at around 7:00 pm, in Nyangwe locality, Cibitoke zone and province, a man in his 60s, named Phanuel Ntamakiriro, was shot dead by unidentified people when he returned home. According to our sources, he is accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Kirundo commune and province

On 28 November 2017, at around 8:00 pm, in Nyange-Bushaza quarter, Kirundo commune and province, Serges Barutwanayo, former Kirundo commune administrator, member of Charles Nditije UPRONA wing party, was killed stabbed by a group of unidentified people. According to sources on site, he subsequently succumbed to his injuries at Ngozi hospital.

A person killed in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province

On 12 November 2017, on Kizi hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province, Pauline Nkurikiyiki, aged 60, was killed by unidentified people. According to sources on site, she was strangled with a piece of cloth. According to the same sources, the reason of the crime would be a land dispute.

A person killed in Rutana commune and province

On the night of November 12, 2017, at about 11:00 pm, on Gatongati hill, Gitaba zone, Rutana commune and province, Jérôme Ntamavukiro, over 65 years old, was shot dead at home by unidentified people.

A person killed in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

On the night of 10-11November 2017, at Mutaho commune city in Gitega province, a watchman secured a shop was stabbed by a group of unidentified people who later looted all the goods from this shop.

A person killed in Gitega commune, Gitega province

Information received by Iteka League on 5 November 2017 indicates that on 17 October 2017, about 11:00 pm, in Rubuye sub-quarter of Magarama quarter, Gitega commune and province, Mukamarakoze alias Kwasha was beaten to death by Imbonerakure who were patrolling at night. He lived in Rusura. Four people, Damas, Samuel, Charles and Chantal, were arrested for investigation reasons.

Three people killed in Gasogwe commune, Muyinga province

Information received on 2 November 2017 indicates that on October 30, 2017, in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province, around 10:00 pm, a trailer truck was ambushed by unidentified armed group. The driver and the conductor were killed on the spot. According to sources on site, a few minutes later, many shots were heard on a police station not far from the road. One police officer died and four others were injured. The armed group also burned the shop of Jean Pierre Nduwayezu, an Imbonerakure.

I.1.4. BODIES FOUND IN STREET, BUSH AND/OR IN RIVERS AND OTHER PLACES

A body found in Bwiza urban zone , Bujumbura City

On November 28, 2017, a body of a university professor, Léonard Rumonge, was found in Bwiza quarter in a house located at the 4th avenue, number 87. A woman named Mélanie Nimbona was arrested for investigation reasons.

A corpse found in Buterere urban zone, Bujumbura City

On November 26, 2017, a body of an unidentified girl who was reported to have been smashed with a large stone was found in Kiyange I quarter called "Miroir" on the road to Bujumbura International airport, Buterere urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. The reasons of his killing remain unknown.

A body found in Kayanza commune and province

On November 24, 2017, in the morning, a body of a one-and-a-half-year-old child was fished in Kayave River, Taba sub-hill, Ryirengeye hill, Kabuye zone, Kayanza commune and province. Sources on site indicate that the child had been drowned by his mother the day before. The mother, Philomene Nshimirimana, a 30-year-old woman divorced when she was 6 months pregnant, accepted the crime saying she was unable to feed her child. She was taken to Kayanza police cell.

A corpse found in Makamba commune and province

On November 24, 2017, a body of Serges Ndikumagenge, from Mudahandwa hill, Bururi commune, retired ex-FAB, merchant, was found in his local wine bar in Makamba II quarter of Makamba province. According to sources on site, the door was open when the macabre was discovered and his body lying on the ground. An unknown amount of money would have been stolen. The victim's body was taken to Makamba Hospital mortuary.

A body found in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of November 13, 2017, a body of an unidentified man was found near Kirasa River, Migera zone in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province. The reason for this killing is not known. On-site sources say the victim was strangled.

A corpse found in Cankuzo commune and province

On the afternoon of November 13, 2017, a body of Cyrille Banyakiki was found on Kavumu hill, Minyare zone, commune and Cankuzo province. According to the commune administrator, Innocent Nyandwi, Cyrille Banyakiki had been reported missing since October 4, 2017 and the reasons of this killing were not yet known. According to sources on site, this body was buried on November 14, 2017, on Kavumu hill where the victim resided. Cyrille Banyakiki was reported missing on 4 October 2017.

A corpse found in Muramvya commune and province

On November 14, 2017, a body of a watchman named Buringo, from the Twa social component was found in a house under construction in Rwasazi quarter in Muramvya province. According to administrative sources, the circumstances of this death are not yet known. He was taken to Muramvya mortuary by the Red Cross agents.

A body found in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 6 November 2017, at the 11th street of Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, the 25-year-old Floride Nibigira living in Musenyi zone, Mpanda commune, was found slaughtered by unidentified people. According to our sources, Jérémie Bigirimana, husband of the victim was arrested and jailed in Mpanda police station for investigation purposes. The corpse was taken to Mpanda Hospital mortuary.

A body found in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On 11 November 2017, an unidentified corpse was found on Mparambo I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim was beaten to death by angry population. The

corpse was taken to CDS Rugombo. According to an administrative source in Rugombo zone, the victim was a thief.

A body found in Buyengero commune, Rumonge province

On November 7, 2017, a body of Ndereka was found on Nyacambuko hill, Muzenga zone, Buyengero commune, Rumonge province. The victim lived on this hill and was suspended on an avocado tree. Administrative sources say of suicide while others say he was strangled and suspended on this tree to simulate suicide.

A body found in Rumonge commune and province

On November 9, 2017, a body of Claude Ndikumwenayo, a worker from Muremera quarter, Ngozi commune and province, was found in a house in Iteba quarter, Rumonge commune and province. According to police sources, Claude Ndikumwenayo died of a natural death, which his relatives refuted.

A body found in Gitega commune and province

Information received on 2 November, 2017 indicates that on October 30, 2017, in the afternoon, a body of Faustin Niyonkuru was found in bush by the population on Nyabututsi hill, Gitega commune and province. According to sources on site, this body was half buried. Faustin Niyonkuru originated from Jimbi hill in Gitega commune. The victim was a motorcyclist who had disappeared with his motorcycle since October 25, 2017. The bike was not found. The body was buried on the spot because it was already decomposed.

A body found in Gitega commune and province

On 4 November 2017, in the morning, Dieudonné Cimpaye, resident of Mwumba sub-hill, Nyabututsi hill, Gitega commune and province, was killed by machete by unknown people. His body was found, shredded, in Nyabututsi quarter in Gitega town between Lycée Sainte Thérèse of Mushasha and ETSA Gitega. Patrick, the biker who had transported him on the evening of 3 November, 2017 was arrested for investigation reasons.

A body found in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On November 3, 2017, on Mparambo hill II, close to Dogodogo Lake, in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, a body of an unidentified man was found. According to our sources, he was arrested by an SNR agent three days earlier at Cibitoke market.

A body found in Kayanza commune and province

On 5 November 2017, in the morning, a body of an unidentified man was found on Rushiha sub-hill, Kirema hill, Kayanza commune and province. Sources on site indicate that this man was a thief and was with two others fleeing after being prevented from robbing to Diomede's. He was later killed by Imbonerakure on patrol. Two people including Diomede and his tenant were arrested and then jailed by the police for investigation reasons.

A body found in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province

Information received on November 2, 2017 indicates that on October 31, 2017, at Mikoni hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province, Minani's body was found in a cassava field. The perpetrators were not identified and his body was buried in haste.

I.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND/OR REPORTED MISSING

Two persons reported missing in Rumonge commune and province

On 12 November, 2017, Hassan Uwezo and Dupfiki, all fishermen, from Gitaza zone, Muhuta commune, Rumonge province, were reported missing in Lake Tanganyika waters at Kagongo locality level, Kizuka zone, Rumonge commune and province. According to their colleague, they might have been abducted and killed by their Congolese colleagues on the night of November 12, 2017.

A person abducted in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

On November 8, 2017, Eric, a teacher at ECOFO Nyamabuye, was arrested by Emmanuel Nsaguye, head of Imbonerakure of Bugabira commune, according to sources on site. He was taken to a destination so far unknown, add the same sources.

A person abducted in Kamenge urban zone, Bujumbura city

On November 5, 2017, at the 9th Avenue, Kamenge urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city, around 2:00 pm, Clovis Ngabirano, 27 years old, student at ULB, 1st BAC in Civil Engineering, resident at Kibenga quarter, Buragane Avenue No. 11, was abducted by two men in police uniforms aboard a TI car registered C 8168 A. Clovis Ngabirano was at a party celebrating his friend's diploma in a bar called "Le social". His family searched in the cells of Bujumbura but did not find him anywhere.

Two people abducted in Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura city

On 2 November 2017, clashes between FNL militants of Agathon Rwasa's wing and Imbonerakure occurred in Mugoboka quarter, Rohero urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. Initially, two Imbonerakure, including Pierre, accompanied by police, tried to arrest Richard, a hill elected and FNL party committee member in Rohero urban zone, but his friends opposed the abusive arrest. Clashes were then engaged and Richard was released. Following these clashes, Claude Niyonkuru and Sinarinzi alias Gapapa, all FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were taken to an unknown destination on the night of November 2, 2017 by people who might be SNR agents accompanied by Imbonerakure.

I.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

A person tortured in Rumonge commune and province

On November 20, 2017, Raphael Nyandwi, deputy chief of the hill and at the same time head of returnees of Busebwa II village in Gatete zone, Rumonge commune and province, responsible for the young Imbonerakure in this village, beat up a woman named Colette known as Malan Meri, a member of FROLINA party. Colette filed a complaint against this deputy chief of hill but she only had 50,000 Bif to go for treatment. This administration officer was not worried. There had been a dispute between Colette and another woman from CNDD-FDD ruling party, but only Colette was beaten up.

A person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On November 21, 2017, around 6:00 pm, on Buhiga hill, zone and commune, Karusi province, Mugisha, from Mwoya hill, Buhiga zone and commune, Karusi province, was beaten up by three Imbonerakure, including Nizigiyimana. Issa, Asmani and Kezakimana, accusing him of being FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. Mugisha managed to escape them and one of the Imbonerakure, Asmani, got upset because he wanted to be beaten him severely.

A person tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On November 22, 2017, around 9:00 pm, Niyonkuru, Imbonerakure youth representative on Jimbi hill, was beaten up and jailed by communal commissioner Jean Bosco Hatungimana. According to sources on site, he was the victim of a report he would have given to the superiors of this commissioner who did not like it. This Imbonerakure was wounded in the face and was taken to Kibago police station in Makamba province. However, he was allowed to seek treatment at CDS Jimbi.

Two people tortured in Kirundo commune and province

On 24 November 2017, Alphonse Nyabuyoya, 41 years old and his wife Marie of Gikuyo hill, Kirundo commune and province were beaten up by Imbonerakure of the same hill under the supervision of the hill head named Nyamurundi Jean Bosco. According sources on site, Alphonse Nyabuyoya and his wife Marie were sent home by bicycle and were denied treatment to avoid denouncing the perpetrators.

Six people tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On November 20, 2017, six FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing, Dieudonné Ndayiziga, Aimé Ndikumagenge, Firoz Hakizimana, Abdul Niyonkuru, Jean Claude Irakoze and Onésime Bitangimana, jailed in Buhiga commune cell, accused of insurrection, were tortured by Buhiga zone head Phocas Sindaruhuka, aided by police. According to sources on site, these detainees were not registered in the detainee register. According to the same sources, these detainees were arrested after denouncing Imbonerakure who raped girls.

A person tortured in Nyakabiga zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city

On November 22, 2017, Jean Berchmans Nduwayo was beaten up by three Imbonerakure, including Arnaud Riyazimana, known as Business, Innocent Nshimirimana nicknamed Madara, and Niyonkuru, known as Ben in Nyakabiga III quarter when he returned home. According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure had arrested a person when he passed on 9th Avenue and when Jean Berchmans approached them to inquire on the situation, he was beaten up. The same sources add that these Imbonerakure are on the run but Arnaud Riyazimana has been arrested by the police for investigation reasons. Jean Berchmans Nduwayo asks to be treated as his health is in critical condition.

A person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On November 6, 2017, on Ngugo hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Léocadie was beaten up by a policeman guarding the commune administrator, Leonidas Nakumuryango, under the latter's orders. According to sources on site, she was accused of having insulted this authority.

A person tortured in Makebuko commune, Gitega province

On November 9, 2017, Françoise Kwizera, manager of Makebuko Post Office, was summoned to the SNR provincial office in Musinzira quarter, Gitega commune and province, and was beaten up by two SNR agents in Gitega, including Onésime. She was summoned to provide information on the robbery of ten million Bif, operated at the post office because thieves were not identified. She told her torturers that she knew where the money was, just to save her life. She was released by the Provincial police commissioner the same day, in critical condition, her body covered with wounds.

Twelve people tortured in Muyinga commune and province

On 13 November 2017, at least 12 people were beaten up by Imbonerakure of Cumba zone, commune and Muyinga province, for failing to participate in the protests against ICC decision to open investigations on Burundi. According to sources on site, the order was given by Cumba zone head, Shabani Nimubona at the same time head of Imbonerakure of this zone, to track down all those who did

not participate in this demonstration and to punish them. The population of this zone does not know what to do especially if you attend, while you are not party CNDD-FDD you are accused of spy.

A person tortured in Rumonge commune and province

On November 15, 2017, a policeman named Havyarimana from Gatwe, Kizuka zone, Rumonge commune and province, tortured Cyprien Nkenguburundi from that hill. This policeman beat him at night and was only saved after calling for help from neighbors. The victim is currently hospitalized at CDS Kizuka. His family asked for justice because this policeman was free. The latter beat Cyprien Nkenguburundi because he had advised not to ransom people who make charcoal on this hill.

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On November 18, 2017, on Gipfuvya hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, Adolphe Bikorimana was beaten up by Imbonerakure including Diomede Ngeze and another nicknamed Gitari. He was accused of saying that the day dedicated to the Veterans is a way to give power to Imbonerakure. He is currently at home in critical condition.

A person tortured in Murwi commune, Cibitoke province

As of November 14, 2017, on Mirombero hill, Murwi commune, Cibitoke province, Miburo, of Twa social component, 20-year-old farmer, was beaten up by a young Imbonerakure known as Kiduda. According to our sources, Miburo has been accused of treating young Imbonerakure as criminals.

A person tortured in Kirundo commune and province

On November 13, 2017, a biker, intelligence informant also Imbonerakure named Nowa of Gikuyo hill, commune and province Kirundo, was beaten up by a group of Imbonerakure of Bushaza quarter, in Kirundo province urban center headed by the quarter head named Nkurunziza. According to sources on site, Nowa was accused of having facilitated a teacher named Claude Bigirimana to escape from an ambush. Nowa lodged a complaint to the OPJ and the prosecutor, but his complaint was rejected.

A person tortured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On November 10, 2017, David Maniragaba, CNDD-FDD party member, farmer, of Rusororo hill, Rugombo commune, was tortured by Imbonerakure youths led by an Imbonerakure known as Manigiri. According to our sources, David Maniragaba was accused of not agreeing with those criticizing the ICC decision to investigate crimes committed in Burundi.

A person tortured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On November 9, 2017, on Mparambo hill II, Rugombo commune, Jean Ndavuga was beaten up by Imbonerakure including Claude Nsabimana. On-site sources indicate that the victim was in critical condition and received treatment at a nearby health center.

A person tortured in Kayanza commune and province

On November 2, 2017, on Kinga hill, Kayanza commune and province, a nicknamed whatsapp, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa'wing, was beaten up by Imbonerakure. He was saved by the police.

A person tortured in Ngozi commune and province

On November 5, 2017, Nduwimana Henri, conductor at Ngozi car park, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was beaten up by Ngozi city zone head, Saidi Nyandwi, with the young Imbonerakure, including Manwangari, well-known in acts of violence. According to our sources on site, Henri was accused of criticizing CNDD-FDD party.

A person tortured in Bwambarangwe commune, Kirundo province

On November 4, 2017, 35-year-old Thierry Sinigirira, teacher of English at Budahunga Communal High School, Bwambarangwe commune, was beaten up by a man named Fabrice, Imbonerakure, driver at Mukenke Hospital when Thierry was heading home. According to sources on site, the neighbors tracked blood drops and smashed the door of the victim's room to see the destination of these traces and found him in critical condition.

A person tortured in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

Information received by Iteka League dated 2 November 2017 indicates that as of October 29, 2017, Osée Nahayo, CNTB chairman in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province, was beaten up by CNDD-FDD party young Imbonerakure. Local sources indicate that a group of Imbonerakure, accompanied by Mishiha commune administrator, Anaclet Bizimana, entered a bar belonging to Pie, located in Mugera center where Osée Nahayo was. They began beating him up and then took him to Mishiha commune cell in critical condition. He was rushed to Murore Hospital for health care.

I.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR, POLICE AND/OR SOLDIERS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

Twenty-two people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City

On November 20, 2017, soldiers and police searched on Avenues 15 to 18 of Cibitoke urban zone, from No 90 to 120 during a check of the household notebooks. Twenty-two people were arrested and taken to Cibitoke urban zone office. One of them gave 2000 Bif to the police officers who had arrested him so that he goes to his activities. Witnesses said many others gave a ransom to soldiers guarding the avenues to let them pass. They were released for ransoms they did not want to reveal.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On November 21, 2017, on Buhiga hill, zone and commune, Karusi province, Eddy Bukeyeneza, a pastor to New Life Church, was arrested and taken by the provincial commissioner vehicle escorted by Buhiga zone head, Phocas Sindaruhuka. He was jailed in Karusi police station. According to our sources, he has been accused of managing a lot of money from America and the administration does not see the achievements of this religious denomination. On November 24, 2017, he was transferred to BSR in Bujumbura but was released the next day.

Thirty-six people arrested in Rumonge commune and province

As of November 26, 2017, five men, six women, two young men and twenty-two children, all from Kizuka zone, Rumonge commune and province, were arrested by police and taken to Rumonge commune office. According to sources on site, these people went to DRC for field work. Police sources suspect a movement of the population trying to flee the country for unfounded reasons. The head of the household that sheltered them was also arrested for investigation reasons. The administration has already decided to return them home after investigations.

Five people arrested in Vumbi commune, Kirundo province

On November 24, 2017, five people including Edouard, 53 years old, member of CNDD-FDD party since 2010, clerk in the court of residence of Vumbi commune, accused of inadvertently forwarding messages against President Nkurunziza into his generation group; Ciza, teacher, salesman of credits at Gasura market after working hours, accused of transferring Humura and Inzamba programs in more than 5 whatsap groups; Diomede, aged 25, from Gahe hill, Bukuba zone accused of returning from Rwanda on 23 November 2017 and two other unidentified Imbonerakure from Gasura were arrested. According to

sources on site, all these people were arrested by the SNR provincial officer in Gasura, Vumbi commune, Kirundo province. They were taken to SNR Kirundo cell.

A person arrested in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province

On 23 November 2017, Balthazar Misigaro, a communal representative of FRODEBU Nyakuri in Butihinda commune and member of communal council, was jailed by Muyinga provincial prosecutor Vincent Witonze. He is prosecuted for insulting the head of state. Sources on site indicate that he is a victim of his political affiliation. According to the same sources, he was repeatedly forced to join the ruling party and he refused. He was arrested on November 18, 2017 by the SNR head in Butihinda, Philippe Rwasa.

A person arrested in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

On the night of 22-23 November 2017, on Muzire hill, Camazi zone, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province, Naminani, was arrested and jailed in this commune police cell, accused of sorcery, according to sources on site.

A person arrested in Gitega commune and province

On November 21, 2017, in Musinzira quarter, Gitega commune and province, Nestor Nibitanga, former representative of APRODH in the center-east of the country, was arrested by the provincial police commissioner and the SNR head in Gitega, accused of undermining internal security of the State. They had just carried out a search at his home, his laptop and his phone were confiscated. According to our sources, he was last seen on 24 November 2017 in one of SNR cells in Bujumbura.

Three people arrested in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On 22 November 2017, Aloys, Dieudonné and Elie from Kirekura 14th street, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province were arrested in Ndava zone, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, on the order of Ndava zone head, Jean Claude. According to our sources, they were taken to Ndava zone cell on November 23, 2017, and then transferred to Buganda commune cell but are not found. According to the same sources, these people had fled the Imbonerakure from Kirekura kill, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

Information received on November 13, 2017 indicates that on October 30, 2017, around 3:00 am, on the hill, zone and commune Buhiga, Juvénal alias Gunungu, ex-FAB retiree, was arrested and taken to Buhiga police cell by Buhiga hill head André Mbonihankuye and the police jailed him. According to sources on site, Juvenal had gone to his Bururi home province and spent there more than a year. The local administration accuses him of fleeing the country into Rwanda and detaining weapons illegally.

A person arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On November 5, 2017, on Butamenwa hill, Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, around 7:00 pm, Blaise, FNL party member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested and jailed by police while he was discussing in a bar with the hill head who immediately accused him of criticizing the ruling party.

Two persons arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On November 17, 2017, on Ndayi hill, Bikanka zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural province, two young people Didier Ndayizeye and Ndihokubwayo were arrested by the police in complicity with CNDD-FDD party head in Mukike commune named Yamuremye residing on this same hill. According to

sources on site, they were accused of not participating in the veteran's party. They were jailed at Bikanka zone police station.

A person arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On November 17, 2017, on the 13th street of Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province, Roger Ntahongendera was arrested by Imbonerakure from this area, including Jean de Dieu, hill head, Darius Ntamavukiro, CNDD-FDD party head on this hill and Samson Nguvu. He was accused of passing close to where these Imbonarakure were meeting. He was taken to Maramvya zone police station.

A person arrested in Makamba commune and province

On November 16, 2017, Édouard Ndizeye, former registrar, was arrested by Makamba commune administrator, Japhet Ntungwanayo. According to sources on site, he is accused of staying in the house belonging to the commune while a trial is already in TGI Makamba opposing the commune and the latter. He was released the same day around 7:00 pm.

On November 17, 2017, around 5:00 am, the same administrator accompanied by 7 young Imbonerakure broke into the house and disrupt all the property before throwing them out and the family members. Several objects were damaged by these Imbonerakure assisted by the police.

A person arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 18 November 2017, Patricie, from Sampeke hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province, was arrested and jailed in Gatwe station by Bigina zone head, Paul Rwajekera. She was accused of polyandry.

A person arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On November 12, 2017, Mahwera from Gatwe zone, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province, was arrested by local administration officials and then taken to this commune cell. Mahwera was accused of saying that the Hutus are not helpful and that his father massacred people in the 1996 crisis.

A person arrested in Songa commune, Bururi province

Information received by Iteka Ligue indicates that from November 3, 2017 until November 13, 2017, Mevin Huruma, son of Niyonkuru Emmanuel and Esther Bukuru of Kiryama hill, aged 17, student at Kiryama High School, Songa commune is arbitrarily jailed in Songa commune cell. According to sources on site, Mevin was charged with attempted rape of a 1.8-year old child, named Irishura Aimée Daniela, daughter of Venant Ninyibuka. Sources on site indicate it is a fabrication linked to political motives because his father refused to join CNDD-FDD party.

Thirty-seven people arrested in Bujumbura downtown

On November 6, 2017, police arrested 37 people, including 8 women and 29 men, and took them to BSR cell in Buyenzi urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on site, the police were checking irregulars and the release was individual for a ransom whose amount was not revealed by our source from BSR.

A person arrested in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On November 8, 2017, around 5:00 pm, Tite Nduwayo, teacher at ECOFO Gitaramuka, was arrested by police and taken to Burambi commune police cell, Rumonge province. According to sources on site, he was accused of punishing a student at this school. The teacher's relatives reject these accusations and indicate that Tite Nduwayo is victim of being Tutsi and of having won his case against his unfair redeployment. Friends of this teacher suspect the administrator of Burambi commune, Adelaide

Nduwimana and the chair of the ruling party in this commune at the same time adviser of DCE Burambi, Isaac Ndikuriyo, to be behind this arrest.

Three people arrested in Bwambarangwe commune, Kirundo province

On November 8, 2017, 40-year-old Thierry Muhizi, his 70-year-old father-in-law Gerad Nzigamasabo and 40-year-old Juliette, prefect at Budahunga College, all from Budahunga, Bwambarangwe commune, Kirundo province were arrested and taken to PJ Kirundo, according to sources on site. Juliette was accused of revealing first the disappearance of a professor Thierry Sinigirira. Gérard Nzigamasabo was accused of hiding the professor when the Imbonerakure threatened him. Thierry Muhizi was accused of having good relationships with his father-in-law because he did not report the presence of Thierry Sinigirira in his father-in-law's house.

Three people arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province

On 6 November 2017, three women, including Ndabumvira Marceline from Gitanga hill, Matana commune, Bururi province, were arrested by the police. According to sources on site, the land conflicts are at the origin of this arrest. According to the police, these three women are under the protection of the police against the anger of the population of this hill who wanted to kill them accusing them of bewitching.

A person arrested in Gitega commune and province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 November 2017 indicates that on October 7, 2017, around 5:00 pm, Juvénal, former president of MSD provincial committee in Gitega, was arrested and arbitrarily jailed in SNR cell by Blaise, SNR provincial agent in Gitega. He was arrested near SNR provincial office in Gitega located on Gitega-Muyinga road. When he was arrested, he was jogging with other people. He was charged with recruiting fighters and interfering in SNR's affairs. He was released on 9 October 2017, following the intervention of the Regional Police Commissioner in Gitega, Thaddée Birutegusa

Four soldiers arrested in Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura City

On November 6, 2017, Colonel Viator Munyankindi, ADG, Major Nestor Bigirimana, DAF, Lieutenant-Colonel Claver Ndikumwami, Supply chain officer and Colonel Antoine Bigayi, all executives of CECAD and ex-FAB, were arrested at the workplace by the police and taken to SNR cell in Rohero urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. Sources on site indicate that their arrest is related to cases of fraudulent management of credits granted to soldiers on peacekeeping missions in Somalia. Relatives of these officials are worried that such a case be handled by the SNR while there is the anti-corruption service and the military prosecutor who should prosecute these soldiers for such accusations. After interrogation, Major Nestor Bigirimana and Lieutenant-Colonel Claver Ndikumwami were released around 10:00 pm and appeared for questioning at the SNR on 7 November 2017.

A person arrested in Giheta commune, Gitega province

Information received by Iteka Ligue on 2 November 2017 indicates that on October 23, 2017, Benoit, FNL party member of Agathon Rwasa's wing and a pharmacist on Gisuru hill, Giheta commune, Gitega province, was arrested by Imbonerakure and taken to the police station of the area. He was accused of refusing to give a contribution requested from the population of this locality by these Imbonerakure. Benoit had been released a few days later on the orders of Giheta commune administrator. But these Imbonerakure continue threatening him.

Forty-five people arrested in Gitega commune and province

As of October 31, 2017, forty-five young people were arrested while watching movies. This happened in a raid by the police in the movie theaters located in Gitega downtown and in Nyamugari and Magarama quarters in Gitega town. According to the police station head in Gitega commune, the 45 youths were jailed in Gitega province police station cells.

A person arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

Information received on 2 November 2017 indicates that on October 31, 2017, on Tenga-Gahwama hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Tharcisse Mvuyekuye was arrested on the orders of Elysée Nindorera, the CNDD-FDD party leader in Mutimbuzi commune. According to our sources, Tharcisse Mvuyekuye refused to join CNDD-FDD party, which this official often asked him to do. On 2 November 2017, Tharcisse Mvuyekure was taken to Kabezi commune police cell.

A person arrested in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province

On November 3, 2017, on Jenda hill and zone, Mogongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province, soldiers under the command of Marius Gahomera alias Gakoryo arrested Claude Rufuku and then took him to Nyabiraba commune police cell. According to our sources, Claude Rufuku is accused of communicating with his brother Rufuku who is in exile and who used to be the administrator of Mugongo-Manga commune from UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing. His mobile phone was confiscated but continued to be used by these soldiers to intercept his brother's messages, according to the same sources.

Eighteen people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City

On November 2, 2017, soldiers and police conducted a search on Avenues 6 to 8 of Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. Eighteen people, including five men and 13 women accused of missing household notebooks or CNI, were arrested and taken to Cibitoke zone office. According to sources on site, all these people were released the same day after giving the police a ransom ranging between 2000 Bif and 5000 Bif, depending on the case.

II. CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A person raped in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On 23 November 2017, at Ngugo hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, a girl named D. aged 13, 5th form student, was raped by a man named Bugari. According to our sources on site, the perpetrator of this crime was arrested and jailed in Nyabikere commune cell.

A person raped in commune and province Makamba

On November 19, 2017 F.N, aged 16, was raped by an Imbonerakure named Fabien Niyogakiza. The latter is relative to the Senate speaker, Reverien Ndikuriyo and the prosecutor would have tried to release him since the beginning of the investigation on the case before the PJ officer According to sources on site, negotiations are under way to release this Imbonerakure. In the hospital, nurses confirmed the facts. They also deplored the state of health of the underage. She underwent transfusion, two blood kits to revive her.

Two people raped in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

On November 22, 2017, on Rutryazo hill, Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province, two children were raped by their grandfather, Augustin Gahungu, over 60 years old. According to sources on spot, these two girls, one 6-year-old and the other 7-year-old, used to regularly accompany their grandfather to keep cows, which was a good opportunity to rape them. These two children revealed the rape to their mothers and

there was a general warning on the hill to denounce this crime. The alleged perpetrator was taken to Mwaro police cell and the victims were taken to Fota Hospital for health care. Our sources on site add that Augustin Gahungu is a person living with HIV AIDS.

A person raped in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

On November 9, 2017, at around 9:00 pm, on Mugera hill, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province, DN, aged 22, was raped by Innocent Manirambona, technical advisor in charge of administrative and social issues of the Mishiha commune administrator. According to sources on site, this girl was taken to CDS Gishungo.

A person raped in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On 16 November 2017, at around 2:00 pm, on Kiranda hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karusi province, A.N, aged 8, pupil at ECOFO Kiranda, was raped by Félix Rivuzimana, 17 years old of the Twa social component. The girl was taken to CDS Buhiga. The author accepted the crime and was taken to Bugenyuzi commune cell.

Two people raped in commune and province Rumonge

On November 14, 2017, two girls, aged 15 and 16, were raped by two young bikers living in Gihanya quarter of Rumonge urban center. They took them home by night of November 14, 2017 and forced them to sleep with them all night long. On November 15, 2017, the police arrested the two alleged perpetrators and the other fled. According to a source close to the children's rights NGO OIDEB, Rumonge Antenna, these two girls seem traumatized. Other bikers would have gone around the Rumonge police to try to force them to withdraw the complaint. The same source states that these girls were transferred to Bujumbura to another organization fighting violence against women for assistance and proper care. The OIDEB branch which provided legal assistance regrets that the phenomenon of rape against underage girls is very common in Rumonge town and its surroundings.

A person raped in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On November 4, 2017, at about 7:00 pm, on Taba hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Prosper raped a woman named S. She was taken to Nyabikere CDS for emergency care but the next day her husband turned her away and she went back to her parents' home. Prosper is on the run.

Two people raped in Kiremba commune, Ngozi province

On November 6, 2017, around 10:00 pm, at Kiremba commune, Ngozi province, a group of Imbonerakure patrolled. According to our sources, two of them, including Harera, deputy representative of Imbonerakure in Kiremba commune and another named Samuel, broke into a bar and arrested two women from Nyamurenza neighboring commune of the same province accusing them of sowing disorder in this bar. These two Imbonerakure took them away saying they were going to jail them. But after some time, locals found the two women critically ill lying in an unused Youth Center building and took them to Kiremba Hospital for treatment. According to our sources, the doctor confirmed the rape. The two Imbonerakure were arrested on the morning of November 7, 2017 by the police for investigation reasons but are no longer detained and the police say they have escaped.

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

On 4 November 2017, at about 2:00 pm, EU, aged 12, from Musigati commune, living in Bubanza downtown, was raped by her boss Joachim Bizimana, a 37 years of Muzinda Camp, living in Bubanza commune and province. The alleged perpetrator was arrested by the police and jailed in Bubanza central prison for investigation reasons.

A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on November 2, 2017 indicates that on October 31, 2017, on Rweteto hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, IV, 17 years old, resident of Shumba hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, was raped by 25-year-old Jean Bosco Habonimana from Rusha hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. Jean Bosco is married.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS

Demonstrations to protests the ICC in the country

On November 11, 2017, protests were held in all provinces of the country to refute the ICC decision to open investigations on crimes committed in Burundi.

As an illustration:

In Cibitoke province, in Cibitoke province city, young Imbonerakure led by Bucumi, who is responsible for these Imbonerakure on Cibitoke hill, Rugombo commune, beat up people who refused to go to the demonstrations against the decision taken by the ICC.

At Rugombo Communal Technical High School, students were forcibly taken to demonstrate by the director of this high school, Imbonerakure also known as Moussa Manassé Kwizera. After the demonstration, he made the call and those who are absent will lose nine points in education.

In Bujumbura city, a demonstration was organized by CNDD-FDD party members and some people were forced to attend, mainly bicycles and bikers taxis, according to our sources on site. A gathering of people, among them the unemployed, bicycle taxis, biker taxis, tricycles called "Tuktuk" at the United Nations roundabout, took place and they headed to downtown to Independence square. On their way as at their assembly, songs of war deeds were sung by participants like: "The battle we waged, dear Bagumyabanga was hard, full of nostalgia". In his speech, the Home Affairs Ministry spokesman said the ICC decision is null and void because Burundi has already withdrawn from this court and the document was backdated, he said.

In Cankuzo Province, at 10:00 am, after community development work, a demonstration took place in Cankuzo province to refute ICC investigations into Burundi. "Our country is sovereign", according to Désiré Njiji who read the message from the Home Affairs Ministry, followed by Félicien who had represented the Ministry of Solidarity. In Cendejuru commune, the administrator has warned those who inform social media including "Inzamba" and "Humura" explaining that these people support those who say they fight for human rights while they supported the coup of May 13, 2015. The same speech from the Home Affairs Ministry was read.

In Mwaro province, the director of Mwaro communal high school, Cassien Niyondiko mobilized the students and forced them to participate in these demonstrations against the ICC. According to sources on site, participants were the students and the bikers taken by force as well as CNDD-FDD party members.

In Kayokwe commune, around 10:00 am, a demonstration was organized until the fiftieth anniversary monument located on Gihinga hill, Mwaro zone. The population rallied to deny investigations that ICC could open on Burundi. At about 11:00 am, at Kigutu Stadium, the governor read the message sent by the government. In this message, one could hear: "Burundi is a sovereign country and no longer intends to collaborate with the ICC, which even backdates the documents. Citizens must fight against this injustice and bias. However, we must always safeguard peace and security. Mwaro High School students were forced to partake in the demonstration.

Speeches of propaganda in Cankuzo province

On 2 November 2017, in "Kabeza Motel" meeting room in Cankuzo province city, in a meeting held by the Senate Speaker, Honorable Reverien Ndikuriyo for Cankuzo residents, said in his speech: "The wisdom of Nkurunziza is that he continues to be elected". He added that those who advise President Nkurunziza to leave power to remain only among the wise of CNDD-FDD party are mistaken. "Burundi is not comparable to America, Tanzania or other countries," said the Senate speaker.

Thirty-six people threatened with death in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

Leaflets accusing 36 people of sorcery have been circulating for some time on Rushimabarimyi hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. The last leaflet was found on October 31, 2017 on the same hill. It included writings indicating that people mentioned must be killed by 2017. According to our sources, these people are between the age of 30 and 70 years. About 20 of these people are not from the ruling party, others do not want to give contributions requested by young Imbonerakure, hence the charge of sorcery, specify the same sources.

IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

Two people killed in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On November 8, 2017, on Muramba hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, a man named Buhungu of the Twa social component set fire to his own house when his wife went to collect firewood. His two four-year-old and two-year-old children who were inside were burned to death as their father stayed by the door with a machete, refused the neighbors to save the children. One of the neighbors wanted to come by force to save them and had to fight with this man who threw him into the fire before he could enter. The seriously injured neighbor was taken to Bugenyuzi hospital and Buhungu was finally arrested by police and then jailed in Karusi province police station cell.

Suspension of a meeting in Rumonge commune and province

Information received on November 20, 2017 indicates that on November 19, 2017, Célestin Nitanga, administrator of Rumonge commune, suspended a meeting of RANAC party in Swahili quarter, Rumonge commune and province. The members of this party regret that the ruling party wants to occupy alone the political space, opposition parties have trouble exercising their political rights.

Two people illegally detained at Ngozi Central Prison

On November 23, 2017, Moise Nimubona and Antoine Nizigiyimana, jailed at Ngozi Central Prison, accused of participating in the attack on Mukoni military camp in Muyinga were acquitted by TGI Muyinga three months ago but still remain imprisoned. They demand the restoration of their rights.

Explosion of a grenade in Bugendana commune, Gitega province

On November 25, 2017, a grenade exploded near a police station located next to Mugera parish, Bugendana commune, Gitega province. The reasons and the perpetrators of this attack are not yet known.

Two children amputated their hands in Gitega province

On November 22, 2017, at night, on Karemba hill, Itaba commune, Gitega province, two children aged 5 and 9 years were amputated their left hands with knives and machetes for stealing maize in a field. These children were caught by two young boys who were keeping this field. The children were taken to Kibuye Hospital in Gitega Province. According to the administration, the perpetrators of these acts are both students. In a flagrant trial by Gitega TGI on 25 November 2017, in the afternoon, the two perpetrators were sentenced to 20 years for the eldest, 19-year-old Shadrac Ndayikengurukiye, while a 15-year-old underage, Didier Bayubahe, was sentenced to 4 years. The court ordered the authors to pay 8 million Bif and a fine of 300,000 Bif for both. This trial was attended by the Burundian Minister of Justice.

Politics at school in Bujumbura Rural province

Information received by Iteka League on 26 November 2017 indicates that at ECOFO Gakungwe, Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, class delegates remain at school on Tuesdays and Fridays on order of the Director of this school. The latter teaches them CNDD FDD principles, and tells them that the Tutsi are their enemies and that are the source of the misfortunes Burundi is going through. He also tells them to show him FNL members. These students are not allowed to bring a telephone, a notebook or a pen, and those who are absent are punished.

In Kanyosha commune, at EP Kanyosha II, political teachings of CNDD-FDD party are held every Wednesday. According to our sources, the persons in charge of these activities are the director of this school, Désiré Masumbuko and his prefect.

Imbonerakure tasked to conduct investigations in Bururi province

On November 13, 2017, Antoine Ngoyi, OPJ working in Bururi demanded Leonidas, trader of Bururi commune to give 20,000 Bif each to Imbonerakure Regis and Diomede to conduct investigations in his behalf to find people who robbed at Leonidas' on November 4, 2017. According to sources on site, the stolen merchandise had a value of 4 000 000 Bif.

Forced contributions in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On November 10, 2017, at Nyanza-Lac Technical High School, the high school principal issued a note stating that all students must participate in the contribution for the 2020 presidential elections by putting money on open accounts in all banking institutions. The ministry had proposed that schools be apolitical.

People beaten up in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On November 18, 2017, in Cibitoke province town, Imbonerakure led by Cibitoke zone head Tony, also head of Imbonerakure of Rugombo commune, beat women selling fruit while mobilizing them to participate in the veteran's day.

Leaflets found in Rumonge commune and province

Leaflets were found in Karonda area in Kigwena zone, Rumonge commune and province on November 14, 2017. These leaflets called on the population of this locality to kill seven alleged poisoners who would be responsible for the deaths of ten or so people two months earlier.

Paramilitary training in Makamba commune and province

On November 18, 2017, the CNDD-FDD party Veteran Day ceremonies in Makamba commune and province were started with paramilitary training of young Imbonerakure. Slogans hostile to Rwanda and the opponents were sung: "Let's multiply battalions, Kagame is enraged, we will jump on him, the opponents, we will give them sanctions suiting them!"

Seven people wounded in a gun attack in Giheta commune, Gitega province and Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On the night of November 12, 2017, around 1:00 am, a group of unidentified people armed with rifles, knives and machetes, invaded some households in Ndava commune and zone, according to sources on site. In Ndava commune and zone, Matongo hill, this group has injured Thelesphore Harerimana, Aline Ndayisaba, Emery Irambona and Emmanuel. The same group came from Giheta commune, Gitega province, a border commune with Ndava where it had wounded three people, Juvin Ndereyimana, Catherine Ndayishimiye and Joseph Niyonzima all of Musama hill. All those wounded were taken to Kibimba hospital.

A family threatened in Buhinyuza commune, Muyinga province

On November 10, 2017, Venerande Mukampumvya, accused of bewitchment and her five children from Burenza sub-hill, Kibimba hill, Buhinyuza commune, Muyinga province, took refuge in Muyinga province town following death threat. According to sources on site, they had just spent a week at Buhinyuza commune office, but the commune administrator said he had been overtaken by the phenomenon of obscurantist beliefs and transferred them to the provincial town. Victims accuse Pascal of being at the source of their misfortunes. He would have looted and demolished their house.

Three people injured in Rutana commune and province

On November 7, 2017, at about 9:00 pm, on Matutu hill, Gitaba zone, commune and Rutana province, unidentified armed men in police uniforms looted everything in shops and shot at three people of these shops including Elvis and Justin Nsabimana. The latter were taken directly to Rutana Hospital. Seeing that they were seriously injured, they were transferred to Bujumbura at MSF.

A person wounded in Rutana province

On 1 November 2017, at around 4:00 am, on Gasakuza hill, Gitaba zone, Rutana commune and province, Egide Nshishikare, aged 28, was seriously injured in the back and arms with machete, while sleeping, by his wife Claudine Ngumansenga, aged 30 years. According to this woman, the cause of this act is the mismanagement of the family property. The victim was taken by ambulance to Rutana Hospital while the alleged perpetrator is jailed in Rutana police station.

Heavy gunfire in Cankuzo province

On 1 November 2017, around 9:00 pm, heavy firing around Cankuzo market was heard. It was a fight between policemen from Cankuzo police station and Mutukura camp soldiers, according to sources on site. The police wanted to force the soldiers to leave the bar and they resisted. They began exchanging punches and later the provincial police commissioner, Donatien Barandereka brought other policemen in a pickup who fired in the air to rescue their colleagues, according to the same sources.

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 opponents in general and members of opposition parties in particular as well as civil society members are also reported.

The phenomenon of corpses found in rivers and in the bush continues to be reported in various parts of the country.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administration officers, night patrols, forced contributions and demonstrations are recorded in this report.

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

This report also notes a worrying phenomenon of school-based political activities.

Rape 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.
- ➤ Keep the school environment away from political activities

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 through the implementation of the recently voted resolution;

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 in order to restart as soon as possible negotiations between Burundian antagonists.
- > Take into account the inclusivity of all the antagonistic parties in the Burundian conflict in order to guarantee a good success of the negotiations between Burundians

F) To the EAC

> 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 inquiries and carry out necessary indictments.