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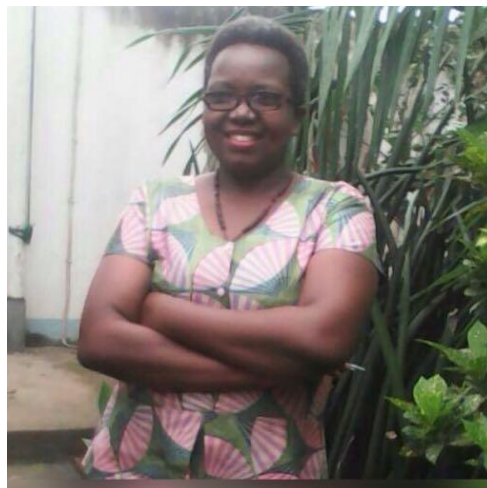
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 30 September 2017, Iteka has documented at least 447 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AMOTABU: *Burundi Motorcyclists Association*

APC: *Chief Police Agent*

API: *Support for the Protection of Institutions*

ASBL: *Non-profit Organization*

CDS: *Health Center*

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

CNI: *National Identity Card*

ECOFO: *ECOFO: Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FNL: *National Liberation Front*

FM: *Frequency modulation*

ITELETIQUE: *Telecommunication, Electronics and Computing Institute*

IUSSDC: *Health Science and Community Development Institute*

LC: *Communal Lycee*

MSD: *Movement for Solidity and Democracy*

OHCDH: *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

ONG: *Non-Governmental Organization*

PJ: *Judicial Police*

PSG: *Protection and Security*

PSI: *Internal Security Police*

RDC: *Democratic Republic of Congo*

RTNB: *National Radio and Television*

SNR: *National Intelligence Service*

SOSUMO: *Moso Sugar Plant*

TGI: *High Court*

ULB: *Bujumbura Light University*

UNDP: *United Nations Development Programme*

UPD: Union for Peace and Development

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 49 persons were killed including 20 corpses, 5 reported missing, 15 tortured, 92 arbitrarily arrested, 2 persons were GBV victims and 11 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 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 in general and opposition political parties members in particular .

Repression against ex-FAB soldiers on duty or retired continue to be recorded as well as the repression against families of jailed opponents.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administrative officials, night patrols, paramilitary training as well as forced contributions are report.

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

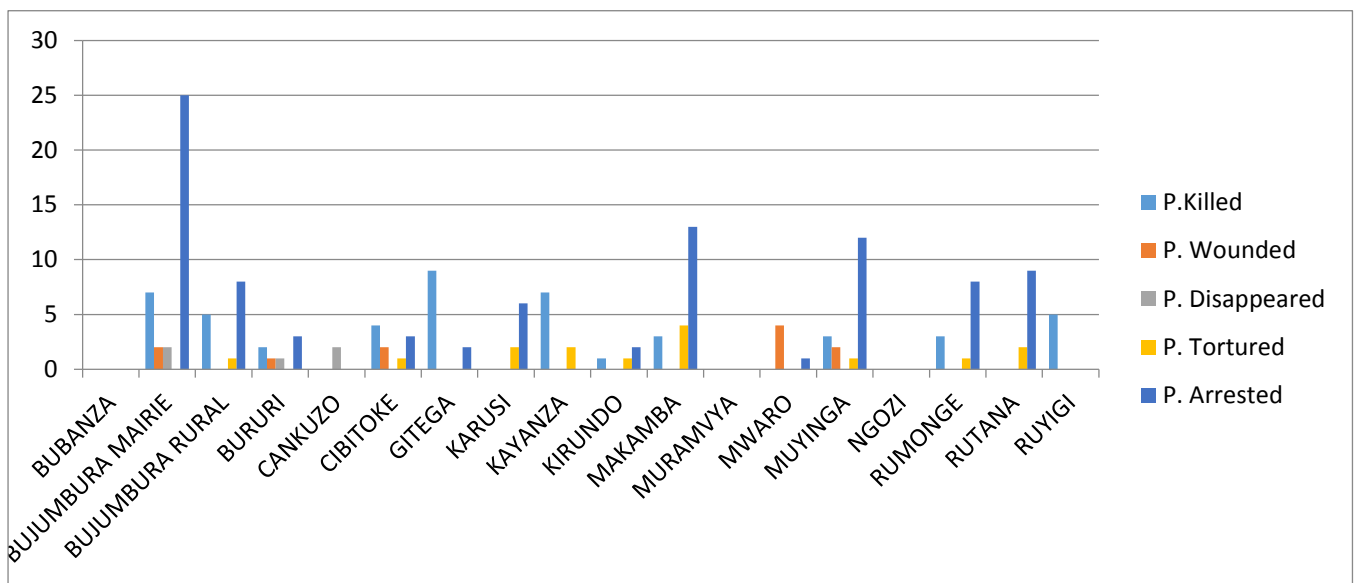
The phenomenon of rape as well as mob justice is also reported.

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 SEPTEMBER 2017

PROVINCES	P. Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	0	0	0	0	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	7	2	2	0	25
BUJUMBURA RURAL	5	0	0	1	8
BURURI	2	1	1	0	3
CANKUZO	0	0	2	0	0
CIBITOKI	4	2	0	1	3
GITEGA	9	0	0	0	2
KARUSI	0	0	0	2	6

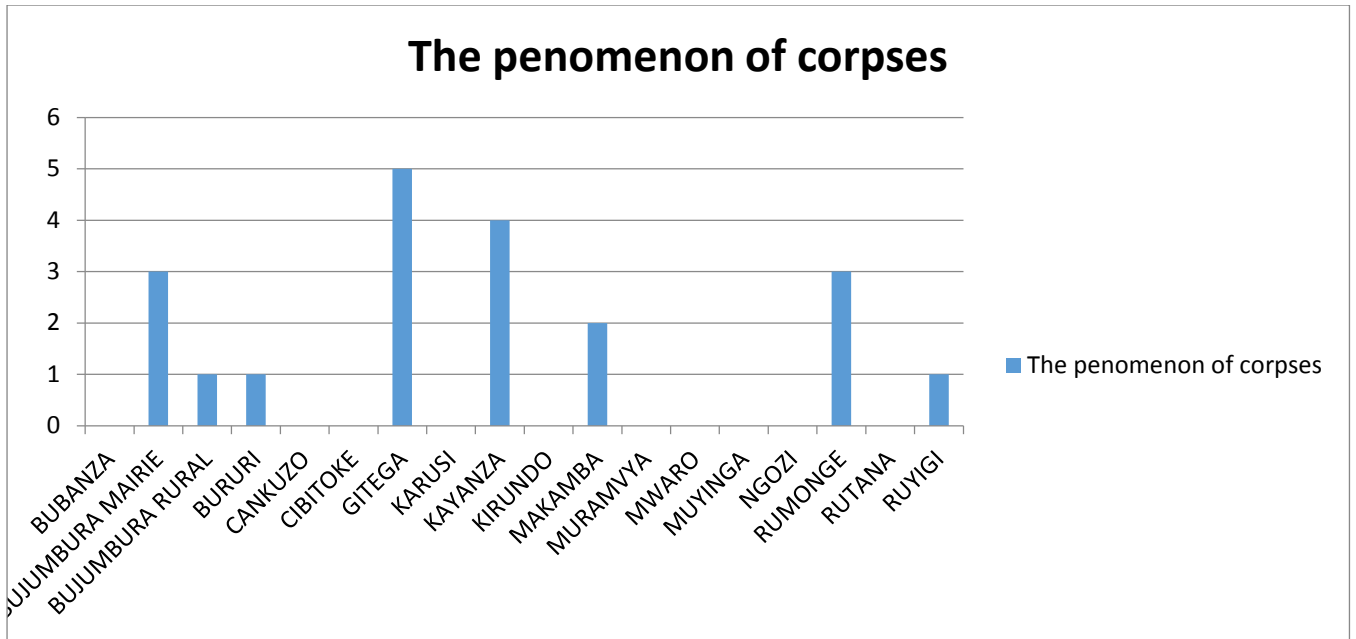
KAYANZA	7	0	0	2	0
KIRUNDO	1	0	0	1	2
MAKAMBA	3	0	0	4	13
MURAMVYA	0	0	0	0	0
MWARO	0	4	0	0	1
MUYINGA	3	2	0	1	12
NGOZI	0	0	0	0	0
RUMONGE	3	0	0	1	8
RUTANA	0	0	0	2	9
RUYIGI	5	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	49	11	5	15	92



High figures of people killed are in Gitega with 9 cases, Bujumbura city and Kayanza with 7 cases each. The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura City with 25 cases, 13 cases in Makamba province and 12 cases in Muyinga. 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 SEPTEMBER 2017

PROVINCE	The penomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	3
BUJUMBURA RURAL	1
BURURI	1
CANKUZO	0
CIBITOKE	0
GITEGA	5
KARUSI	0
KAYANZA	4
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	2
MURAMVYA	0
MWARO	0
MUYINGA	0
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	3
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	1
Total	20



The table and chart show 20 corpses some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Gitega province tops the list with 5 corpses followed by Kayanza province with 4. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

I.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE AND/OR POLICEMEN

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of September 30, 2017, around 8:00 pm, Anicet Vyamungu, a 25-year-old cultivator, was killed by an Imbonerakure named Renovat Mbonimpa on Rusagara hill in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to sources on site, the victim was also an Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party. On-site administration said the two would be in conflict.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 26-27 September 2017, at the Seventh Avenue on Cibitoke hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Célestin Nzobaratumye, 64 years old, farmer, CNDD-FDD party member, was killed by Imbonerakure youths from this area. According to our sources, they beat him to death by accusing him of having bewitched a young man. Célestin Nzobaratumye died at Cibitoke province police station.

One person killed in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On that on September 24, 2017, around 3:00 pm, on Sigi hill, Ruzibazi zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Misago of the Twa social component was beaten to death by

Imbonerakure including Bahezayo. According to our sources, the victim succumbed to his injuries before arriving at the hospital.

One person killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 19 September 2017, in the place commonly called Kukarago, near Safari's bar, on Gaharawe hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Élysée Nihezagire, 8th form student at Gatumba LC was killed by Imbonerakure headed by Dieudonné. According to our sources, these Imbonerakure were torturing a woman named Jacqueline Ndikumana. Élysée Nihezagira rushed for rescue and these Imbonerakure killed him with knives and clubs fearing he would denounce the facts.

One person killed in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

On September 22, 2017, on Rwibikara hill, Busoni commune Kirundo province, Innocent Sabushimike nicknamed Mujama, 26-year-old, was stabbed to death in the chest and died immediately. According to sources on site, Innocent Sabushimike was gambling 'Akamari' with a Twagirayezu alias Fuso, 36-year-old member of Imbonerakure youth league. The same source indicates that Innocent Sabushimike had won the gambling which caused misunderstanding between the two individuals. Since he had just lost the game, Twagirayezu named Twagira stabbed Innocent Sabushimike to death. The same sources state that the crime was committed in a bar located in Bishisha center of the Rwibikara hill, a bar belonging to a lady named Lydia. Four people were arrested for investigation reasons.

One person killed in Gitega commune and province

On 23 September 2017, at around 2:00 am, Mossi Ndayarinze was killed by police officers in Musinzira quarter of Gitega town in Gitega province. According to Gitega urban zone head Butoyi Hussein, Mossi Ndayarinze was part of a group of two bandits who tried to steal from a merchant called "shopping", this merchant's residence is close to Gitega Olympia nightclub. He was killed by police officers guarding the trader's residence.

One person killed and another wounded in Matana commune, Bururi province

On the night of 24 September 2017, around 9:00 pm, a trader named Jean Marie Ngendakuriyo alias Bugemeru who had just left Mpimba central prison was shot dead by a police officer in Matana urban center, Bururi province. According to sources on site, Jean Marie Ngendakuriyo died on the spot while a lady named Nadine Nsabimbona was wounded and then taken to Matana hospital. The police officer was arrested but the reason of this crime remains unknown.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 5-6 September 2017, on Buseruko hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, Maforo, CNDD-FDD party member, aged 45 was beaten to death by young Imbonerakure. According to our sources, he was accused of stealing a bunch of banana. The perpetrators were not prosecuted.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

One person killed and two others wounded in Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 20-21 September 2017, on the Kabere hill, Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province, Bernard Bitorwa, a farmer and member of the CNDD-FDD party, was killed by machete by unidentified men. According to our sources, his wife and son were also shot wounded by these perpetrators. On-site sources indicate that the wife was rushed to Mabayi commune hospital for treatment.

Two people killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 24 September 2017, around 5:00 am, in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province near the military position located at Gatumba-DRC border in Rugarika area, a group of unidentified armed men ambushed FDN soldiers of this position. According to our sources, two soldiers were killed and two Kalashnikov-type rifles were seized by these armed men.

One person killed in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

On September 18, 2017, on Murama hill, Ryansoro commune, Gitega province, Anastasie Ntungwanayo was stabbed to death by unidentified persons. The reasons of this murder are not yet known but some administrative sources think of land conflicts. Two suspects were arrested and jailed in Ryansoro commune cell for investigation reasons.

Two people killed in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On the night of 17-18 September 2017, around midnight, a group of unidentified gunmen attacked Gikungere hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province. There were gunfire between the police and the gunmen. According to sources on site, two among the gunmen were killed. They could not be identified because they were disfigured.

Four people killed and two wounded in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City

On the night of September 11, 2017, around 8:00 pm, in Mubone quarter, Buterere urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city, on the border of Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, four people including Jeanine Ntakarutimana, Gérard Habimana, Havyarimana and Thierry Ntakarutimanana were killed by unidentified gunmen. According to our sources, the victims were preparing prohibited drinks. The same sources indicate that two others were wounded during the attack.

Two people killed and two wounded in Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province

On September 17, 2017, on the hill and Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province, a 73-year-old Damas Bangurambona and his wife, Marie Nahishakiye, aged 53 years, were savagely killed by unidentified persons. Two children of the deceased couple were injured, Francine Kankindi, aged

21 and Estella Nzobakenga, 19 years old. According to Mwakiro commune administrator, Sylvie Muhimpundu, the victims were accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province

On 17 September 2017, on Kigoganya hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province, Léonie Mbikemunda was killed decapitated by unidentified persons. The reasons for the crime are unknown.

One person killed in commune and province Gitega

As of September 9, 2017, on Bihanga hill, Gitega commune and province, Daniel Gahungu, over 80 years of age, was tied up then killed stabbed and by unidentified criminals. This old man lived alone and was attacked at home. The reasons of this murder remain unknown. No one was arrested and this is the 3rd attack at the deceased home.

One person killed in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On 4 September 2017, around 4:00 am, on Rugoma hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Ndayizeye Claver trader and member of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing was killed by unidentified people. Three people were arrested for investigation reasons.

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

A body found in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On September 25, 2017, around 3:00 pm, a corpse of 54-year-old Emmanuel Habonimana, was found in afforestation in mid-day on Gitaramuka hill, Murago zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on site, Emmanuel Habonimana was killed from a bar by unidentified gunmen.

A body found in Giheta commune, Gitega province

As of September 27, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified person was found on Masasu hill, Giheta commune, Gitega province. The sources on site indicate the victim's body, stabbed, was in a pit on a rubble site. The victim was buried in rush.

A body found in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

As of September 27, 2017, a body of an old man named Pontien Niragira, aged 75, was found on Kamenzi hill, Ryansoro commune, Gitega Province. On-site sources indicate the his body was found hanging on a rope and the perpetrators of the crime were not identified.

A corpse found in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

On 21 September 2017 the body of an unidentified man was found in a valley below the Rusaga hill, Rweza zone, Ryansoro, Gitega province. This man lived on the same hill.

A body found in Kinama zone, Bujumbura City

As of September 18, 2017 a body of Felicien Mvukabanka from Mukike hill, Bujumbura rural province was discovered in Carama quarter, Kinama urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. Sources on site indicate that he was strangled before his body was thrown into a manhole.

A corpse found in Matana commune, Bururi province

On September 18, 2017 in the morning a corpse of David Darudaru of Matana zone and commune, a farmer aged 50 years, without political affiliation, was found near his home. According to sources on site, he was killed by Imbonerakure on night patrol.

A corpse found in Rumonge commune and province

As of 22 September 2017, an unidentified body was found on Kavyiru sub-hill, Mugara hill, Gatete zone, Rumonge commune and province. According to sources on site, this body was not identified and was attached to a mango tree.

A body discovery in Ngagara urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 22 September 2017, an unidentified corpse was found at the place called Kumase, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City.

A body found in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 12 September 2017, a body of an unidentified man was found in Nyakabanda River on Kabizi hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. The victim was naked and had many wounds on the head.

A body found in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of September 11, 2017, a body of a nicknamed Movit was found tied up under Kamesa River Bridge, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, the victim was a mason and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing.

A body found in Rumonge commune and province

On the night of 12-13 September 2017, a body of a nicknamed Rupepo, 62 years old was found in his house on Mutambara hill, Rumonge commune and province. According to sources on site, the victim was killed by unidentified persons and took his bike he used to sell milk. The same sources

add that Rupepo refused to participate in the parades of bicycle taxis during the festivities organized by CNDD-FDD party.

A body found in Makamba commune and province

As of 13 September 2017, a body of an infant named Bellard Icikunze, aged eight months, was found in a septic tank in Makamba II quarter in Makamba commune and province.

A body found in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province

As of September 12, 2017, a body of an unidentified girl was found on Kinyami hill, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province. The hill head Agapithe Nihonankwa indicated this and said the girl had mental disorders and added she had just spent 4 days in a church to be delivered. Three people including the head of this church located on Kinyami hill were arrested for investigation reasons.

A corpse found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province

On September 16, 2017, in the morning, the body of Aloys was found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province. According to sources on site, the victim was a cloth seller at Kayanza market.

Two bodies found in Gitega commune and province

As of September 14, 2017, a body of Déogratias Uwisezerano, native of Nyamugari quarter in Gitega town, was found on Songa hill, Gitega commune and province. On-site sources indicate that he was killed strangled by unidentified persons.

The same day another corpse of a woman named Suavis Ntahondereye, aged 31, from Rutegama hill, Gitega province was found hanging on a rope in her home. Jeremie Hatungimana, head of Rutegama hill, said the victim would have committed suicide because the cohabitation with her husband was not good.

A body found in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

As of 14 September 2017, a body of an unidentified person was found in a field, on Masazi hill, Biyorwa zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. According to sources on site, the owner of the field in which the corpse was found informed the head of Biyorwa zone and Butaganzwa commune administrator. The latter ordered the burial of this corpse without any investigation.

A corpse found in Ruvubu River, Kayanza province

As of September 6, 2007, an unidentified corpse, with arms tied up behind the back, was found in Ruvubu River in Muhanga commune, Kayanza Province. The administrator of commune Muhanga has indicated that this corpse may be carried by waters from neighboring communes.

A corpse found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Iteka League on 6 September 2017 indicates that on 3 September 2017 a corpse of 64-year-old Elizabeth Nyandwi was found in Nyagonga River on Nyamigogo hill in Muruta commune, Kayanza province.

A corpse found in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

On September 6, 2017, a corpse of 40-year-old Gérard Gishongomera was found on Kivuruga hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza Province. On-site sources indicate that the man's body showed no injuries and the police said investigations started.

1.1.4. PERSONS KILLED DUE TO MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLING OF SCORES

One person killed in Makamba commune and province

On September 29, 2017, a young man named Fabrice died stabbed by his colleague named Gushima. According to sources on site, the latter stabbed him as he tried to intervene in a dispute between him and his father.

One person killed in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

As of the evening of 29 September 2017, Valentin Nzeyimana, aged 52, from Rwinyana hill, Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province, was burnt alive on the same hill by the local population, who caught him possession of stolen pig and cassava, according to Bukirasazi police. Two people were arrested for investigation reasons

A person killed in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of September 17, 2017, a person called Mujojo was killed on Munyinya hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province. He had come to rob to Serges Sabukwigura and was killed by the latter by self-defense, according to sources on site. He was buried about 12:00 am after police record. The same sources add that the victim is from Karusi province and had just left the prison.

Three people killed and another wounded Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of September 7, 2017, Samuel Ntirampeba of, was ambushed by unidentified persons on Muyange hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province. According to sources on site, Samuel was heading home with his son and daughter-in-law when unidentified people armed with machete ambushed them. His daughter-in-law Josepha Iradukunda died straightaway while his son was Celestin Itangakubuntu was reported missing. The latter was also later found dead. According to the same sources, there were precursors as the population had demonstrated on September 5, 2017 on Muyange hill, Butezi commune town against Samuel who had won land trial against the neighboring population. On the night of 14 September 2017, Samuel Ntirampeba from Muyange hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province, succumbed to his injuries at Ruyigi hospital. According to sources, Samuel Ntirampeba was wounded with a machete in an ambush

that claimed the life of his son Célestin Itangakubuntu and his daughter-in-law Josepha Iradukunda on September 7, 2017, over a land conflict. Information received by Iteka League on 23 September 2017 indicates that the judgment in Samuel Ntirampeba's favor was subsequently overturned.

1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

Two people reported missing in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

As of September 10, 2017, Richard Nahimana and his classmate were abducted by people who would be from SNR at the place called Kumuka, on the border between Burundi and Tanzania on Bumba hill, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province. On-site sources indicate that Richard Nahimana and his comrade were students of Ndava "Pleine Evangile" High School, 2nd scientific form in Cankuzo urban center. The same sources add that they came from Tanzania where they had just spent holidays in search of work. The same sources indicate that Donatien Kanywangiri, a teacher at ECOFO Kabuga, living on Gatungurwe hill in Cankuzo commune, and legal guardian of Richard Nahimana, turned to Nicaise Mugande, head of SNR in Cankuzo province, to help him find these students on the morning of September 18, 2017. This SNR agent phoned in the cells of Cendajuru and Mishiha communes but these pupils were not found.

A person abducted in Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 12 September 2017, around 7:00 am, Leopold Habarugira, UPD-Zigamibanga party treasurer was abducted by three unidentified armed persons in a vehicle near the IUSSDC located down the ULB in Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, Leopold was jogging with his wife when he was abducted. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said he was unaware of the abduction.

One person abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura City

On September 15, 2017, a young man named Olivier Ndayikunda from Nyamugari hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province was abducted by unidentified people in Bujumbura city where he worked. According to his family sources in Karusi province, no news of him since then.

One person abducted in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

On September 6, 2017, Frédéric Ngenzebuhoro, son of Barandereba, a forty-year old farmer was abducted by gunmen accompanied by a soldier named Gafuni from Tora position, on Mubira hill, Nyagasasa zone, Mugamba commune, Bururi province and taken to an unknown destination in a vehicle registered DA 3974. According to sources on site, he was accused of partaking in insurrectional movements and may be jailed in one of SNR cells in Bujumbura city. Other sources say land conflicts are at the root of this abduction.

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

A person tortured in Kirundo commune and province

As of September 30, 2017, Ciza Jean of Rambo hill, Kirundo commune, Kirundo province was beaten up by policemen of the position at Bene Bernadette Sisters near Kanyinya parish accused of unknowingly passing close to their residence while there was a way long ago but barred since their arrival.

A man tortured by Imbonerakure in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province

As of September 21, 2017, Ismail Bashingwa was beaten up by a group of young Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party of Kigoganya hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province. On-site sources indicate that the victim from Cankuzo to visit his family members. According to the same sources, he was beaten following the refusal to comply with the orders of the Imbonerakure who asked him to sit on the ground without any reason. He was treated at CDS Kiremba.

Four people tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

As of September 12, 2017, Lin Niyomukiza, demobilized ex-FAB, Ildephonse owner of a bar attacked by young Imbonerakure from Rubimba hill, Tresor Nkunuzumwe and Thierry, both students at ECOFO Kibago were tortured by Kibago police station head, Jean Bosco Hatungimana. They had injuries but were not allowed to go for treatment. According to sources on site, among the 10 people arrested in the fighting on 9 September 2017, six were released on 12 September 2017, while the above mentioned four continue being tortured in the cell they are jailed.

A person tortured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province

On the night of September 13, 2017, around 8:00 pm on Kagazi hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Evariste Ndayishimiye, a 23-year-old member of CNDD-FDD party, was beaten up by Imbonerakure youth of this area. According to our sources, the alleged perpetrators were not prosecuted.

A person tortured in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

On 12 September 2017, on Rutegama hill, Munanira zone, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province, a man named Jean Marie Simukirana was beaten up by two Imbonerakure, Principe Ntakarutimana and Sylvestre. According to sources on site, they accused him of insurrections.

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of September 15, 2017, Prime Mugimbi, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, Minani and Kamwenubusa on Nyarusange hill, Rango commune, Kayanza

province, accusing him of listening to Humura. He complained to the zone head and he told him that he only receives complaints from those who attended the 2015 elections.

A person tortured in Rumonge commune and province

As of September 3, 2017, Alice Niyukuri, aged 27, divorced, was beaten up by a group of 5 young Imbonerakure when she resisted to a gang rape by these young people on Gitwe hill, Buruhukiro zone, Rumonge commune and province. The victim could not stand up because of the blows with electric wires. She lodged a complaint to the police before being admitted to Rumonge hospital. Nyabenda was identified among these young Imbonerakure. The police wire was issued for these Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, all the five Imbonerakure were not prosecuted are still free and enjoy impunity.

One person tortured in Giharo commune, Rutana province

As of 2 September 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Gatonga hill, Muzye area, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a 39-year-old Muhare, was beaten up by the ruling party young when he returned from Tanzania to take his family. He is accused of recruiting rebels.

A person tortured in Musongati commune, Rutana province

As of 6 September 2017, around 11:00 am, on Shanga hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, Claude Ndikuriyo, aged 37, mill user, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, Donatien, Niyonsaba and Gordien, CNDD-FDD ruling party youths. According to sources on site, Ndikuriyo was accused of pouring accidentally diesel into the flour. Hearing cries, two policemen Jean Marie and Kiwi intervened and were also beaten by these young people. These policemen did not bear this outrage and demanded intervention from his colleagues and arrested and jailed Donatien, the perpetrator, in Musongati police station cell.

A person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 6, 2017, around 12:00 am, a young man named Kevin, conductor at Buhiga parking, was beaten by two Imbonerakure Sadoscar and Musaba on the hill, zone and Buhiga commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure accused him of hitting Sadoscar's vehicle. They tied him up before dragging him on the ground and then beat him up. The same sources indicate that these Imbonerakure insulted him in these terms: "*Tutsi imbecile, you must return to other Mujeri in exile*".

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of September 9, 2017, Claude Nsavyimana was beaten by Gaheta zone head of Rango commune of, known as Didace, on Muzumure hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province. His arm was fractured. He accused him of having said that those who protest against the UN experts report content on violations in Burundi are wasting their time.

A person tortured in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

Information received by Iteka League on 4 September 2017 indicates that on 3 September 2017, in Gomvyi zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province, Dederi Nzeyimana was beaten up by an Imbonerakure named Cinyo. The victim was accused of being an opponent of the regime. The victim was taken to Mutambu CDS for care.

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

Twelve people arrested in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City

As of September 29, 2017, a search was carried out by soldiers and policemen accompanied by Mutakura quarter head Adelin Ndikumasabo on the 13th, 14th and 15th avenues, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. Twelve people were arrested, including seven men and five women and taken to Cibitoke urban zone police station . The reason for this arrest was that their notebooks did not have the zone stamp. They were released after paying a ransom ranging from 1000 Bif to 5000 Bif.

Six people arrested in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City

As of September 27, 2017, a search and control of household notebooks was carried out by police and soldiers in Jabe III quarter, Bwiza urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on site, six house workers were arrested including Nsabiyumva Emmanuel, Nyandwi Violette, Chanique and three others unidentified for lack of house workers service cards. They released after paying a ransom ranging between 2000 Bif and 5000 Bif.

Three people arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province

On 25 September 2017, 3 people including Hakizimana Pascal, Nduwamungu and Marc Karorero are jailed in Matana commune police cell. According to sources on site, the reason for these arrests remains unknown. According to information from the community, the three people were arrested for political reasons.

Two people arrested in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of September 26, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Gomvyi hill and zone, Mutambu commune, rural Bujumbura province, Claude Nzorubara and Eddy Nkengurutse, FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by the police accompanied by two Imbonerakure including Ruhara and Claude . According to our sources, they are accused of holding an illegal meeting and were taken to Mutambu commune police cell.

Four people arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 23 September 2017, in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Julien Nimubona, Mushasha I hill-leader, was arrested by Imbonerakure on Gaharawe hill and he

was taken to Gatumba police brigade. According to our sources, Julien Nimubona was in a mourning celebration of Élysée Nihezagira, 8th form student at Gatumba LC, killed by Imbonerakure, led by a certain Dieudonné on September 19, 2017, at the place called Kukarago, near Safari's bar, on Gaharawe hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. As of September 25, 2017, police searched Mushasha I hill and three persons were arrested including Jimmy Rukundo, Roger Ndayishimiye and Lazare Hatungimana. Julien Nimubona and these three people were taken to Bujumbura. According to the same sources, Julien Nimubona is accused of collaborating and hiding rebels. Their families have sought the place where they are jailed in vain.

Twelve persons arrested in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province

As of September 30, 2017, twelve persons, Desire Habiyakare, Jamborito Logatien, Cyprien Banyiyezako, Laurent Ntawuyamara, Diomede Niyonsaba, Ntahokagiye, Libert Buzoya, Nsabimbona, Leonard Kaziri, Jules Ntahorutaba and Ngabo were arrested by SNR agents in collaboration with security guards and province authorities on Mugongwa hill in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province. According to our source in Butihinda, these people would be followers of a church not recognized by the law. They were arrested by the province governor, Aline Manirabarusha and the SNR head in that province while they were in prayer and then taken to a hitherto unknown place. The same source confirms that their family fears for their safety because no one was informed of their place of detention.

Nine persons arrested in Rutana province

On 20 September 2017 on Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, Rutana Province, police officers of Gihofi police station arrested and jailed 9 adults from Karusi, Gitega, Kayanza and Ngozi provinces. According sources on site, those persons arrested were accused of intending to join rebel movements as they wanted to cross the Burundi-Tanzanian border to look for work. Among them were 8 minors and Bukemba administration decided to return them home on 22 September 2017, while 9 adults were imprisoned.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On 18 September 2017, on Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province, Innocent alias Mandigisi was arrested by police and taken to Karusi police station cell. According to sources on site, he was accused by an Imbonerakure named Jean Marie of insulting CNDD-FDD members comparing them to giant rats "Amasiha".

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

Information dated 18 September 2017 indicates that Steve Bishaza, AMOTABU representative in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested and taken to police station on the order of Kabondo hill head Mrs. Jacqueline Ndamuhawenayo accusing him of having insulted him. He was released on 24 September 2017.

A driver arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On September 23, 2017, the head of Nyanza-Lac commune police station, named Berchimans, has arrested a driver named Abdoul, accusing him of not participating in the community work. He was released in the evening around 7:00 pm after payment of a ransom of 50,000 Bif

Ten people arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On September 9, 2017, Leonard Harushingoro, retired ex-FAB, Lin Niyomukiza, demobilized ex-FAB, Jérôme Kabura, Franck, Ildefonse, Thierry, Boris, Nshimirimana a soldier on leave and two others unidentified were arrested by Kibago post head Jean Bosco Hatungimana before being beaten up by a group of young Imbonerakure. They were arrested after a fight with Imbonerakure accompanied by Kibago zone head Phenias Kabura. According to sources on site, this group of Imbonerakure attacked people to Ildefonse's bar. They were accused of holding an illegal meeting. These Imbonerakure come from Rubimba hill to regularly impose a curfew in Kibago.

A person jailed in Rumonge commune and province

On September 13, 2017, Léopold Mugabaranoga, a teacher at Iteba Lycee and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was released by Rumonge TGI on the charges weighing on him of attempted rape of a pupil of this school but surprisingly he has not been released from Rumonge prison where he has been jailed since June 2017. Rumonge prosecutor's office appealed, but the principle is that he should be released and then appear free, said his lawyer who said he was surprised and disappointed. Sources on site say the governor of Rumonge province interferes in this affair because the director of this Iteba Lycee who has imprisoned this teacher is the wife of the Governor of Rumonge province. This teacher remained in prison despite the court decision.

One person arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 16 September 2017, Mélance Mugisha, UPD-Zigamibanga party member was arrested between the 1st and 2nd Avenue by police from Musaga urban zone position, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, these police officers took his phone and his purse before embarking him. The reason for this arrest is not known. According to his relatives, he was reportedly taken to the SNR cell nearby Regina Mundi Cathedral.

One person arrested in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

As of September 11, 2017, 22-year-old Eric, Imbonerakure, was arrested on Gisenyi hill, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, by his Imbonerakure colleagues accompanied by Gisenyi zone head named Célestin Rurasuzugura before being taken to Gisenyi zone cell. According to sources on site, Sinzinkayo Eric was arrested because he had refused the Imbonerakure to divert aid from the Pentecostal Church for the vulnerable. Eric distributed this assistance to beneficiaries.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 11, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on the hill, Buhiga zone and commune, the household of a soldier named Gérard, a driver at the 4th Military Region of Muyinga, was searched by soldiers from Kamahoro Camp in Karusi province. According to sources on site, a military dungaree was found there. According to the same sources, the soldier was dismissed, accused by his commander that he would have transported brooms of a trader from Kayanza into Rwanda but in reality his commander was seeking at all costs to get rid of this ex-FAB driver, suspected as his ex-FAB colleagues of being in contact with rebel movements. After this decision, he decided to go and complain to the General Staff in Bujumbura and instead of hearing him and restoring his rights, he was arrested and taken to one of the military police cells in Bujumbura.

Two people arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

As of September 11, 2017, on Rwandagarro hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, two Rwandan electricians were arrested by the commune administrator Claver Nakumuryango who accused them of being suspicious of trouble makers and were taken to Nyabikere commune police cell. According to local sources, they went there to repair Nyabikere dam being rehabilitated.

A person arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On 15 September 2017, on Butamenwa hill, Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, a man named Ibrahim was arrested by police and then taken to Nyabikere commune police cell. He was accused of sorcery.

Three people arrested in Cibitoke province

Three young girls including Chantal Uwimana, Jeanne Mukandayisenga were arrested by young Imbonerakure on Ruhwa River as they left Rwanda to Musaga where they were baby sitters. They were accused of spying, according to our sources. They have just spent two weeks in Cibitoke province police cell from September 9, 2017.

Three people arrested in Ngagara urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of September 6, 2017, around 1:00 pm, Rossy, student at Saint Gabriel Central Lycée, Jean and Claude, student at ITELETIQUE, as well as Clary, student in the 1st year BAC, were arrested and taken by policemen by the north zone commander in a pickup on the road separating the II and III quarters at the place commonly known as "chez Malhonnête", in Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to local sources, they were jailed in Cibitoke urban zone cell before being released on the morning of September 7, 2017. No offense was charged.

Two people arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On September 4, 2017, Emmanuel Ntahombasigiye, Kinanira I quarter head, UPRONA party member and Alexis Ntibirangenza, Gitaramuka quarter head, were arrested by police and taken to

one of SNR cells. Accused of giving CNIs to young combatants against Pierre Nkurunziza regime, they were taken to Mpimba central prison on September 6, 2017.

One person arrested in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

On September 7, 2017, on the hill, zone and commune of Rusaka, a Tutsi teacher of English named Reverien Gahungu, aged 35 years, Rusaka Communist Lycee, with no political affiliation, was arrested around 11:00 pm on a warrant of the prosecutor. According to sources on site, the arrest warrant says Gahungu is prosecuted for armed robbery with a gun. According to the same sources on site, the reason for his arrest is that he participated in the demonstrations against President Nkurunziza's 3rd term. Reverien Gahungu was jailed in Rusaka commune police cell.

One person arrested in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

Information dated 7 September 2017 indicates that as of 2 September 2017, in Buhimba, Murore zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a 62-year-old, Pascal Ndabukira, UPRONA party member was arrested by Imbonerakure youth and Buhimba hill leader. The latter accusing him of raping a young girl Sandrine Niyonkuru aged 14 years old. According to Pascal Ndabukira, he was arrested because he refused to join CNDD-FDD party and the rape is a set up. The same sources indicate that Pascal claimed innocence demanding to check the girl to prove if she was raped or not in order to prove his innocence. The medical examination was done and showed nothing of rape but the girl continues claiming she was raped. Pascal Ndabukira was jailed at PJ Kirundo cell.

Two people arrested in Gitega province

On 3 September 2017, in the morning, Ezekiel Tuyishemeze and Gylaine Munyemana, all FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested while in a meeting the administration considered as illegal. The meeting was held to Paul Ntatama's. They were thirty but some were able to escape. Both were jailed in Gitega police cell.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 9, 2017, Thomas, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing and studies prefect at Buhiga communal High School, Karusi province was arrested by the police. According to sources on site, about fifteen policemen commissioned by the commissioner Donatien Bizimana climbed a wall to Septime Bizimana's, the owner of the house where Thomas was a tenant, demolished the padlocks of the gates and then entered by force. They explained they were looking for Thomas. These police officers arrested him and then taken him to Karusi police station cell. Police sources say he is accused of giving lessons to non-proficient professors, but his colleagues in FNL party say he is rather victim of his political affiliation to Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing.

A person arrested in Bwiza urban zone , Bujumbura City

On September 7, 2017, Sarah Rwaka, a resident of Jabe quarter, was arrested at home by SNR agents. She was accused of holding Rwandan administrative documents.

Seven people arrested in Rumonge commune and province

Information dated 4 September 2017 indicates that seven young people from Busenge hill, Muhuta commune, were arrested by police and young Imbonerakure in Minago, Rumonge commune and province on 27 August 2017. According to local sources, these young people were heading to Tanzania for work hunting. Accused of leaving for armed groups, they were jailed in Rumonge police cell before being released on 4 September 2017. They returned directly to their commune of Muhuta and gave up their intention to go to Tanzania.

Two people arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of September 4, 2017, on Rurambira hill, Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Jean claude Nkurunziza, Didier Nimubona, all members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing were arrested by the police. According to our sources, they were accused of holding an illegal meeting. They were jailed in Mayuyu police cell and denied any visit.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On September 9, 2017, Gilbert Ndikumana, Jimbi CDS manager and UPRONA member, was arrested by police in Kibago commune, Makamba province on a setup by a CNDD-FDD women's league lady accusing him of attempted rape. This manager spent one day in the cell. After he was released, he was beaten by Kibago post head after the setup failed.

II. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in Makamba commune and province

As of 6 September 2017 Erisha Rukoto, elected to Makamba II quarter and member of Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party youth league in Makamba commune and province, who raped a girl named K was arrested and released under the cover of Makamba commune administrator Japhet Ntungwanayo. The alleged rapist would be HIV/AIDS positive.

A person raped in Kirundo commune and province

As of September 7, 2017, in Murama, Kirundo commune and province, Samuel, a motorcyclist was arrested in flagrante delicto raping a young girl named N, aged 15, the child of a trader named Cuma of Kirundo commune and province. According to sources on site, the perpetrator was jailed in the prosecution cell but people fear he will be released because he is Imbonerakure. The same sources say that Samuel was released while he was arrested in possession of a military Motorola but was not prosecuted.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS

Night patrols of Imbonerakure in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

As of September 20, 2017, a group of young Imbonerakure on night patrols on Mutaho hill, zone and commune, Gitega province prevented 6 people from traveling to Tanzania. According to sources on site, it was around 5:00 am when these young Imbonerakure barred the way and beat up these people.

Night patrols by Imbonerakure in Rutana province

As of 12 September 2017, around 3:00 am on Munyika hill, Kayero zone, Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province, the Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party of that area night patrolled chanting party slogans and insults against the opposition parties they consider as rebels.

Demonstration of the Imbonerakure in Bujumbura City

On 16 September 2017, around 10:00 am, the CNDD-FDD party demonstrated in Bujumbura city. In this event, there were police pick-up vehicles without plates and SNR ones with CNDD-FDD party flags. A double cabin vehicle with loudspeakers sounded songs like "*Genda Niyombare warahemutse*" (go Niyombare you were dishonest). The demonstrators brandished slogans like "*turuzuye 2020 ntimukorako*" (we are strong in numbers 2020 we cannot be defeated). During these demonstrations, all activities and traffic were paralyzed (people passing nearby them were forced to leave and the Imbonerakure remained in the avenues to guide pedestrians and vehicle traffic. In his speech, the CNDD-FDD ruling party General Secretary, Evariste Ndayishimiye, urged these activists to stand up, fear nothing, have a hard heart, love their country and be ready to die for the nation because the baby they waited a long time will soon be born.

Forced contributions to the Province of Rutana

As of 13 September 2017, on Mungwa, Musagara and Munywero hills of Ngoma zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, the population of these hills was forced by CNDD-FDD ruling party representatives on these hills to contribute 2000 Bif each to build this party office but the population laments saying this is not a contribution. It is forced recovery as a contribution is voluntary.

Forced participation in the torch of peace provincial ceremonies in Cankuzo

As of September 13, 2017, the torch of peace ceremonies in Cankuzo took place from Ruvubu River separating Cankuzo and Muyinga to Ruru Bridge separating Cankuzo and Ruyigi. According to local sources, forced mobilization was observed at all levels of the hill, commune and province. All those responsible at all levels, whether of the ruling CNDD-FDD party or not were present, including those in charge of security, defense, justice, traders, private sector employees, etc. All government vehicles and NGOs were mobilized.

Paramilitary training of the Imbonerakure in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 17 September 2017 indicates that in Murehe Nature Reserve near the Rwandan border, a movement of the Imbonerakure has resumed since the rumors on the social networks of a list of authorities would be incriminated by the ICC. According to sources on site, this movement had ceased for lack of supply. This movement is supported by Salvator Muvunyi who is CNDD-FDD party commissioner in Busoni commune and transports them in his probox vehicle under the orders of the MP Jean Baptiste Nzigamasabo alias Gihaha.

People manhandled by Imbonerakure in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On September 11, 2017, around 3:00 pm, on Nyagoba hill, in Bugenyuzi commune and commune, Karusi province, the ruling party representative on this hill named Blaise Riyazimana ordered the Imbonerakure to enter all the households living in common-law unions and fine them in case of resistance. After the hill head knew it and asked to stop this upheaval. A conflict between two responsible occurred. The bashingantahe intervened and fined 20,000 Bif this ruling party chair.

Arrests and torture by Imbonerakure in Bururi province

Information received by the Iteka League on 16 September 2017 indicates that in Bururi province Imbonerakure beat and arrest people and then take them to the police cell. As illustration, since the beginning of September 2017, three people, Dieudonné Nimubona, Eric Havyarimana and the nicknamed Sete of Gatohwe sub-hill, Mugozi hill, Bururi zone were beaten by the Imbonerakure and Dieudonné Nimubona was taken at Bururi hospital for treatment. The same incident occurred in Musebeyi area where two people were beaten by accusing them of selling a local beverage known as "Igiti". According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure are sent by CNDD-FDD party leaders and if they succeed in arresting them, they earn 20 000 Bif at the rate of 10 000 Bif before leaving to search for the people to be arrested and 10 000 Bif after bringing these people. The Imbonerakure involved in these despicable acts are Diomedes, Gitara, Aimable, Minani and others. Most of these Imbonerakure are domestic workers.

A person aggressed in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 7 September 2017, around 10:00 pm, the policemen guarding General Gervais Ndirakobuca, alias Ndakugarika, physically aggressed that general's neighbor named Innocent Nduwayo, an RTNB employee, living in Kinanira IV quarter, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City. They ordered him to sit down, guns to the head and asked him to call his son to come and release him and his wife soon arrived. Threats asking them to flee like others were uttered. He was afterwards released.

Suspension of a hill elected in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of September 4, 2017, Anaclet Ndimurwanko, Cashi hill leader, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province, was provisionally suspended by the commune administrator, Joachim

Manirakiza for insubordination, lack of collaboration with the joint security committees and low level of mobilization of the population for development. Anaclet says he was dismissed for political reasons as he is a FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. He has recurrently refused to join CNDD-FDD party and has opposed night patrols by young Imbonerakure of this hill. His political family denounces political intolerance and accuses the regime to monopolize the administration.

Forced contributions in Kirundo province.

Information dated September 9, 2017 indicates that since August 15, 2017, all motorcyclists in Kirundo province are obliged to pay 500 Bif per day for contribution to CDD-FDD party. According to sources on site, he who does not pay the contribution is arrested and his motorcycle confiscated at the police station.

Motorcyclists manhandled in Kirundo province

As of 2 September 2017, motorcyclists were obliged by the head of Imbonerakure in the province, Ahishakiye Abel to make the procession of his friend named Sagatwa who married and the police arrested those who refused to attend this procession.

People beaten by Imbonerakure in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On the night of 3 September 2017 a group of young Imbonerakure from Kibago hill, composed of Denis, Emmanuel and Rufyikiri from Rubimba hill, beat up bar owner of Rwahirwa sub hill in Kibago commune, makamba province. The latter came to close the bars they accused of exceeding closing hours. In addition to bar owners, an Imbonerakure named Leonard who tried to prevent them from beating them without any reason was also beaten.

Two people beaten and fined in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On September 7, 2017, Gaëtan and Claver were beaten and fined 200,000 Bif by Imbonerakure youths on Mazita hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, the reason is that Gaëtan and Claver would have found a dead goat of their neighbors in the bush and shared it.

IV. OTHER REPORTED FACTS

Attack of gunmen in Gitega

As of September 27, 2017, a group of gunmen attacked the prosecutor's home in Gitega province, Thérèse Niyongabo in Nyabututsi quarter of Gitega city. Sources on site say these criminals on board an unregistered black vehicle broke into Therese Niyongabo's house and ordered them to give them money. An amount of 300,000 Bif, a laptop, a radio set, two cell phones and various service documents were stolen. Apart from the stolen material, this information says no one was killed or wounded by these perpetrators.

Child trafficking in Rutana province

As of September 27, 2017, on Mabawe hill, Shanga zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, 8 children were abducted and caught in Bukemba commune when they were heading to Tanzania, according to sources on site. They say that Abel, 37aged, told them they were going to look for work in Tanzania. Abel was arrested by Musongati police station police and taken to Musongati police station cell.

As of September 28, 2017, in Musongati zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, there were more than 10 children who were caught in Bukemba commune when they were heading to Tanzania for work search.

Forced repatriation in Cankuzo province

On 27 September 2017, in a meeting of heads of services, Jothan Nikora, deputy commissioner for migration office in Cankuzo province, reported that out of the 118 Burundians repatriated to Burundi via Gasenyi II migration office, Mburi hill, Camazi zone, Gisagara commune, only 65 individuals who do not have or go are left. Most of them are children and their mothers, others have left one by one, no one knows if they have returned home or returned to Tanzania or have requested accommodation in households of Gasenyi small center, to ask province authority to facilitate the remaining 65 to return home. The Governor, Desire Njiji, with a harsh tone, uttered these hate words: *"You must hit them hard, what did they flee? How did they arrive in the country? They should be beaten up, whoever wants can go back home or to Tanzania."* The deputy commissioner added: *"These people were whipped in Tanzania side and were loaded into trucks by force."* Many participants criticized these comments with hatred towards these returnees.

Proliferation of small arms and light weapons in Bururi commune and province

On September 26, 2017 at 5:00 pm, a grenade exploded near Kabuye stadium in Bururi commune. According to sources on site, no human and material damage was recorded. The same source indicates that there is a proliferation of small arms and light weapons and may be the distribution of weapons by SNR services in Bururi province.

In the morning of October 27, 2017, on Burunda hill, Bururi commune, and province, 3 Kalashnikov rifles were found hidden. Information from administration says criminals would have hidden them to attack at night.

Appearance of 18 ex-FAB soldiers at Ngozi Court of Appeal

As of 29 September 2017, eighteen soldiers were prosecuted in the case of the attack on Mukoni military camp in Muyinga in January 2017, appeared before Ngozi Court of Appeal, assisted by their lawyers and supported by the Legal Aid Project of the Ministry of Justice. After a short hearing, the case was postponed to October 12, 2017.

Suspension of the activities of an ASBL in the commune and province Rumonge

As of September 30, 2017, Rumonge province governor, Juvénal Bigirimana, suspended the activities of "NIHAGACIRO" association composed of 2,700 women, mostly widows and the divorced. The latter prepared meals for fishermen and had just received funding from the French Embassy in Burundi. This suspension would be linked to the speech of the ambassador, Laurent Delahousse, at the official launch of the project saying their funding no longer passes through the government but directly to the beneficiaries.

A person ambushed by Imbonerakure youth in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On September 20, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on the hill, zone and Buhiga commune, Karusi province, a trading woman named Nzeyimana was ambushed by 3 young Imbonerakure Kiki, Jean and Ncuti when she returned from the market. According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure took her money equivalent to 3 million Bif. One of these Imbonerakure was recognized, prompting the police to arrest them the next day before being taken to Buhiga police cell

Four persons wounded in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

As of September 22, 2017, on the hill, zone and commune Rusaka, in the commune city, a grenade was thrown by an unidentified person in front of Bigirimana Alexis' shop alias Oussama and 4 people including Serges Sindayihebura, Jean Claude Habonimana, David Ntahonkuriye all CNDD-FDD party members and a policeman named Ferdinand Bakundumuhari, , were injured. According to sources on site, Bakundumuhari cooperates a lot with Imbonerakure. The military and police searched on the morning of September 23, 2017, but no weapon was found.

Persecution of a MSD party family member jailed in Mpimba Central Prison

On September 19, 2017, Dieudonné Ndikumasabo, living in Kinindo urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city, who was in charge of the Gym and swimming at King's conference center, was abducted by police officers while he was at Mpimba central prison to visit his relatives, according to sources on site. Dieudonné Ndikumasabo had 400.000 Bif and was accused of supplying prisoners who had been prosecuted for breaching internal security of the State and participating in uprising movements. The same sources add that the amount that Dieudonné Ndikumasaba had was meant for the preparation of his wedding planned as of November 4, 2017. Dieudonné Ndikumasabo is the brother-in-law of Nathal Ndayongeje, MSD influential member (Movement for Solidarity and Democracy) jailed since 8 March 2014 and the brother of Nathal Ndayongenje's wife, Niyonzima Godeberthe, also arrested as her husband. This is persecution against detainees and their families. He was released on 21 September 2017 but his money was not returned.

Aid diversion in Kirundo province

As of 20 September 2017, an aid of rice and hoes distributed by the Oumbousman in Rusarasi, Busoni commune, Kirundi province for the new returnees and vulnerable was given to

Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, each family should get 25 kg of beans but had only 10 kg. The distribution of this food was made by the technical adviser of Busoni commune administrator named Jean Kabaka and the commune administrator.

Attack on OHCHR offices in Rohero urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of 13 September 2017, an armed group broke into OHCHR offices in Burundi before hijacking PSG security agents in INSS quarter, Makamba Avenue, Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, the perpetrators had prefabricated keys. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said police were not informed of the attack while General Prosecutor Sylvestre Nyandwi confirmed the attack was carried out by six people, including one armed on September 14, 2017. He added that investigations are ongoing.

Fire of a market in Gitega province

As of September 16, 2017, a fire devastated Giheta market in Gitega province. Half of the market went up in smoke and the other was saved by a fire truck. The origin of the fire is unknown but sources on site say the fire came from a kiosk near the market.

Weapons found in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

As of 15 September 2017, on Gakaranka and Mukike hills, in Nyagasasa zone of Mugamba, Bururi province, three Kalashnikov-type rifles, three grenades, 255 rounds of ammunition, one bayonet and military pants were found by soldiers on patrol in an afforestation. According to sources, the military reportedly received information that paramilitary training was taking place in the area, but no one was arrested. The same sources add that a rifle was discovered on 14 September 2017 on Kiroha hill, Gisarenda zone, Matana commune. According to the population of Mugamba and Matana communes, it is a setup to arrest people without just cause.

Attack on a household in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of September 14, 2017, around 11:00 pm, in the quarter called Darfur, on Maramvya hill 15th street, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, an old man named Pierre Rurakengereza was attacked by a group of Imbonerakure headed by Nshimirimana alias Shimwe. According to our sources, the victim had sold his plot and these Imbonerakure stole his money. These Imbonerakure ordered this Rurakengereza to say nothing or risk execution. The next morning, Pierre Rurakengereza complained to the Maramvya zone head named Moise Bucumi but these Imbonerakure were not prosecuted.

Simulation of a suicide in Rumonge police cell

On September 7, 2017, Domitien Nyabenda, police officer, service number APN 18968, was found dead in his cell. According to source on site, Domitien Nyabenda was arrested after attempting to murder the public prosecutor in Rumonge, Donathe Niyonsaba and an economic operator named Ildephonse Ntirandekura. According to the victim's family, a blur hangs over Domitien's death that police qualified as suicide because they do not understand where the

mosquito net and cans used to commit suicide came from. Furthermore, this family did not see the testament written by the victim before committing suicide as announced by Rumonge province governor in a brief speech to the population in front of the police cell. Some sources indicate that the police officer was part of a criminal network and had begun citing some of them. These sources add that Domitien would have been killed by the SNR to erase all traces. The victim was to appear on September 7, 2017 in a flagrancy file.

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 are also reported.

Repression against Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired is reported in the country as well as repression of families of persons jailed for political reasons.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administration officers, night patrols, paramilitary training and forced contributions 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.

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.

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.

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.