

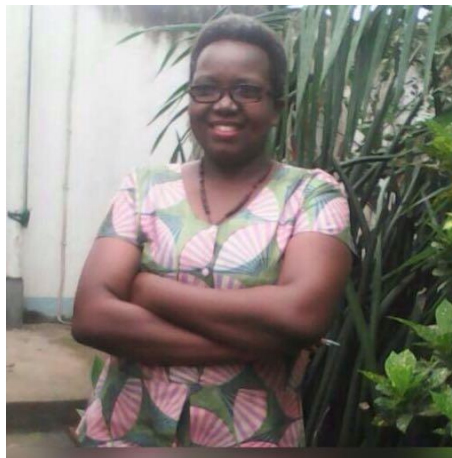
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to 10 June 2018, Iteka has documented at least 495 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CDS : *Health Center*

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

DRC : *Democratic Republic of Congo*

ECOFO : *Fundamental School*

FAB : *Burundi Armed Forces*

FNL : *National Liberation Front*

IT : *Temporary Registration*

LM : *Modern Arts*

PJ : *Judiciary Police*

RN : *National Road*

SNR : *National Intelligence Service*

TGI : *High Court*

UPD : *Union for Development and Democracy*

VBG : *Gender Based Violence*

0. INTRODUCTION

During the period covered by this bulletin, allegations of violations and human rights violations were recorded: at least 10 people killed, including 4 bodies found, 3 abducted, 3 tortured, 12 arbitrarily arrested and 4 GBV victims.

Young people from the Imbonerakure militia affiliated to CNDD-FDD ruling party, police, SNR agents and administrative officials are singled out as the perpetrators of most of these human rights violations.

The phenomenon of bodies found continues to be observed.

This bulletin notes cases of killings, torture and arbitrary arrests of opponents and alleged opponents of President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime.

Arrests based on verification of household notebooks has become a means of ransoming the population by police officers.

Cases of intimidation are reported in this bulletin

Cases of mob justice are reported.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

I.1.1. PEOPLE KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE

A person killed in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

On June 7, 2018, an Imbonerakure named Ryarahiye from Kagege hill, Mukerwa zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, was killed by Imbonerakure from that hill. According to sources on site, he was accused of grabbing alone the property they looted in night patrols. His body was found and buried on June 8, 2018. The same sources add that one of them named Karori was seen with blood on his clothes and legs and was arrested and jailed at PJ Kirundo for investigation reasons. CNDD-FDD party communal officials preferred to hide the names of the alleged perpetrators who were with the victim during the night, which his family denounced. The latter begins to be terrorized by the commune and hill authorities and by these Imbonerakure not to continue its lamentations.

I.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

A body found in Kirundo commune and province

On June 10, 2018, a body of Arthemon Ngendakuriyo, Imbonerakure, teacher at ECOFO Kavomo, residing in Murama quarter, Kirundo commune, was found in the morning at the 4th avenue of Swahili quarter in Kirundo town but beside him there was black waste of vomiting. According to sources on site, he had spent the day of June 9, 2018 in a referendum results celebration with other Imbonerakure. According to the same sources, he was poisoned by other members of his party during this party

because he had been interrogated at CNDD-FDD party office on his collaboration with Honorable Hussein Radjabu. Arthémon Ngendakuriyo was UPD-Zigamibanga member before joining CNDD-FDD party.

A person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On June 6, 2018, around 8:00 pm, Alexis Niyonzima, aged 28, was killed by unidentified people in Ruziba zone, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to sources on site, Alexis had several times claimed to receive threats. Police investigations are underway to identify the author.

A person killed in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City

On June 7, 2018, around 8:00 pm, unidentified gunmen pretending to be customers killed Vincent Barishakarike, aged 48, a retired ex-FAB from Bururi commune and province, taxi driver. According to sources on site, he was shot near Friendship High School on Bishop Buconyori road, in Ngagara zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city and he died on the spot. Our sources in Ngagara zone reveal that the victim's vehicle was taken to Ngagara zone office. The reasons of this assassination remain unknown.

A body found in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On June 8, 2018, a body of 18-year-old Raissa Mpunduyimana, a student at Fota High School in 1st LM form, was found on Muramba sub-hill, Gatsinga hill, Buziracanda zone, Ndava commune, Mwaro province, nearby Kaniga River. According to sources on site, Raissa Mpunduyimana would be pregnant and had disappeared a few days ago. The reason for his death is not yet known.

A body found in Matongo commune, Kayanza province

On June 4, 2018, in the morning, a body of a 7-year-old schoolboy residing on Macorwe sub hill and Matongo hill and commune, Kayanza province was found in a eucalyptus forest on Bihunge hill in Banga zone of the same commune. According to sources on site, some parts of the body of the victim had been taken away by his killers. Four gold miners from this locality were arrested and taken to Matongo commune cell for investigation.

1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED BY SNR AGENTS AND UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

A person abducted in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city

On June 6, 2018, a young man named Gilbert, living on No. 30 Avenue IX, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city, was abducted by unidentified men in a vehicle registered as D254A IT. He was taken to an unknown destination.

A person abducted in Busiga commune, Ngozi province

Information received by Iteka League on June 9, 2018 indicates that on June 3, 2018, in the Rukeco zone, Busiga commune, Ngozi province, Nestor Nahimana, nicknamed Kiwi, ex-FAB, was abducted

by SNR agents. Local sources indicate that Nestor Nahimana responded to a phone call from a an unknown person telling him to go to Rukeco zone and that he did not return. According to the same sources, as soon as he arrived on the scene, he was boarded in a white double-cabin vehicle belonging to SNR, heading to Ngozi. His family said he had searched all the cells in vain.

A person abducted in Ngozi commune and province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 6, 2018 indicates that on May 31, 2018, in "peace village" of Vyegwa, Ngozi commune and province, initiated by President Pierre Nkurunziza, Thaddée Nduwimana alias Kagabo, native of Kimenyi hill, Mugomera zone, Ngozi commune and province, living in the city of the same province, was abducted by Imbonerakure including Ndikumana Hassan alias Busigo and a hill head of this locality named Manwangari, all led by Venant Miburo, SNR provincial representative in Ngozi. According to sources on site, the victim was fooled that his house under construction was destroyed, then he decided to come to sell it. He was then arrested accused of sabotaging the President's plan and residing in Rwanda. According to the same sources, Thaddée was taken into the vehicle of the SNR provincial officer that was waiting for him a few meters and took him to an unknown location. His family searched everywhere but in vain.

1.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On June 9, 2018, at around 6:00 pm, on Karama hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, Novrice Bigirimana, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was beaten up by four Imbonerakure, including Majambere, who led the group, a nicknamed Ntosore. and Bikorimana. They broke his arm, punctured the tires on his bike and poured the sugar he had just bought on the ground. According to sources on site, they accused him of having voted for "NO" in the constitutional referendum.

Three people tortured in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

On June 6, 2018, on Kinyinya hill, Mutaho commune, Gitega province, three FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing, including Nestor and Elvis were attacked and beaten up by a group of eight Imbonerakure. According to local sources, Nestor is hospitalized in Mutaho.

1.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY POLICE, IMBONERAKURE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

Ten people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city

On June 9, 2018, police officers and soldiers conducted a search and control of household notebooks from 6th to 16th Avenue, from No 60 to No 124 in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to local sources, ten people were arrested and released after giving ransom.

At the 7th avenue, n ° 97, during this search, a policeman entered Jeannette's room, the phone of the latter disappeared and when she denounced it, she was arrested and jailed in the cell of this zone.

Two people arrested in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On June 5, 2018, two men Musa and Silas from Musenyi hill, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province were arrested by Imbonerakure and Musenyi zone head on their return from the DRC. According to sources on site, they were accused of belonging to a rebellion and they were taken to the commune cell before they arrived in their respective families. These two men revealed that they were returning from a refugee camp in the DRC.

1.5. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in Bugenyuzi commune, Karuzi province

On June 4, 2018, at about 6:00 pm, on Kiranda hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karuzi province, Nestor, Gideon, and Muhimpundu, all Imbonerakure raped a 25-year-old girl named F., from Gasekanya hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune of the same province. According to sources on site, the perpetrators raped her when she came to visit her aunt living in Kiranda. Two alleged perpetrators, Nestor and Gideon were arrested and taken to the police cell in Kiranda while Muhimpundu had taken off. The community animator named Nestor was accused of not helping a person in danger because he was informed and did not intervene and even refused to accompany the girl to the CDS. The same sources add that all three detainees were released on June 7, 2018, after being forced to pay an amount of 90,000 Bif to the girl.

A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

Information received by League Iteka on June 10, 2018 indicates that on May 29, 2018, on Rusha hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, I. J. A., aged 5, was raped by 39-year-old Longin Ndikumana.

Two people raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

Information received by League Iteka on June 10, 2018 indicates that on May 29, 2018, on Busangana hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, MAI aged 3 and CBI aged 5 were raped by Fiacre Misigaro, 18 years old.

1.6. VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

A road blocked in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On June 5, 2018, Imbonerakure from Musenyi zone, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province blocked Bujumbura-Bubanza NR 9 road during community work near Mpanda commune office. They forced all passersby (vehicles, cyclists, bikers, pedestrians) to participate in this work. According to sources

on site, those who had no time paid these young people a sum ranging from 500 to 1000 Bif to continue their way.

II. SECURITY FACTS

One person killed and another wounded in Bubanza commune and province

On June 10, 2018, on Caro sub-hill, Buhororo hill, Bubanza commune and province, Lionel was killed by the population of this locality and Simeon was wounded with a spear at the ribs and the third person was able to escape. According to sources on site, Simeon was taken to Mpanda Hospital with the spear still in the ribs. These 3 people went to steal a palm oil machine on that hill. According to the same sources, the population pulled teeth and crushed Lionel's testicles before killing him.

A person killed in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city

On June 6, 2018, a man named Justin was stabbed by a man named Claude from 14th avenue, Mirango II quarter, Kamenge urban zone, accusing him of having urinated on a fence of his plot. According to local sources, the victim succumbed to his injuries. The alleged perpetrator was arrested by police when the neighboring population of the victim wanted justice.

A person killed in Songa commune, Bururi province

On June 10, 2018, around 12:00 am, 17-year-old Emelyne Niyondiko, a 1st form student at pedagogy school at Nyakigongo Communal High School, was killed by a young man who would be her fiancé, Roger Nshimirimana, 25 years old, a hairdresser in Kiryama center. He is from Karusi province and tried to suicide with the same knife but to no avail for he was slightly injured in the chest. According to local sources, the facts occurred in a bush at Kiryama Communal High School. This young man accused the victim of abandoning her to prepare wedding with a soldier from Matana commune. According to the same sources, Roger left Rutovu Hospital and was jailed by the police.

A body found in Kayanza commune and province

On June 4, 2018, on Musave hill, commune and Kayanza province, the body of a woman named Candide, teacher, mother of 3 children was found in the bush. According to sources on site, the body of the victim was beheaded and the wrists mutilated. Her husband Adelin, a teacher at ECOFO Bwari, was arrested for investigation reasons. He is jailed in Ngozi central prison after being sentenced to life in prison.

A person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 5-6 June 2018, on Rukana hill II, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, 34-year-old farmer Vianney Ndimubakunzi, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was wounded on the back with a spear by a young Imbonerakure known as Shetani. According to sources on site, the victim was

attacked because he refused to join CNDD-FDD party. The same sources indicate that the author was not worried, the victim was taken to CDS Rukana for treatment.

A night patrol by Imbonerakure in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on 4 June 2018 indicates that on 3 June 2018, around 1:00 am, at Gisara IDP site, Mubogora zone, Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, a large number of Imbonerakure entered the site for night patrols. The inhabitants of the site caught 8 Imbonerakure including Cyrille, the head of these Imbonerakure who wore boots and a military beret. Residents of the site requested help from soldiers from Gisara position. The military seized the military equipment and burned them. The next day, the commune administrator went to ask that they be forgiven and were released.

A person injured in Bisoro commune, Mwaro province

Information received by Iteka League on June 10, 2018 indicates that in the night of May 30 to 31, 2018, in Bisoro commune, a policeman named Hermes Ndagijimana attempted to assassinate his colleague by shooting at him. According to local sources, the victim was hit by 3 bullets in the leg. The same sources add that the alleged author was in the bar of Bisoro center called Kwirogero, and began to threaten the customers by ordering them to go home quickly. One of the clients went to tell the postmaster and he sent 3 police officers to calm down the situation around 8:00 pm. When the alleged perpetrator saw them, he loaded his gun and started shooting, shooting his colleague. The next day, he was sentenced to 7 years and 6 months in prison by TGI Mwaro. The victim was evacuated to Gitega hospital for health care.

A person wounded in Gitega commune and province

On June 4, 2018, on Bwoga hill, Gitega commune and province, Jean Paul Nduwarugira wounded his sister Lyduine with a machete. According to sources on site, the latter was the victim of having refused to sell a piece of family land.

A person beaten and injured by the population in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On June 9, 2018, on Ngoma hill and zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, Cyprien Ntasano from Gitega province, was beaten and injured by locals who caught him stealing bananas. According to local sources, the victim was evacuated to Kibuye Hospital and the alleged perpetrators were not worried.

III. INTIMIDATION ACTS

Intimidation in Gitaramuka commune, Karuzi province

On June 7, 2018, on Gitaramuka hill, zone and commune, Karuzi province, during a collective prayer organized by CNDD-FDD party at Gitaramuka stadium, Claver Nkeshimana alias Ruhombo, zone head at the same time commune representing of that party, delivered a speech threatening members of

other opposition political parties. In his speech, he said that all those who do not belong to this party or who do not want his party to win future elections must clear out before being hunted down. He added that "rain or shine, CNDD-FDD party will remain in power".

IV. CONCLUSION

Violations of human rights and allegations of violations following the deterioration of the political context since the beginning of the challenge of the 3rd term of President Pierre Nkurunziza continue to be recorded in various parts of the country.

Cases of killings, abductions, torture, arbitrary and illegal arrests targeted of opponents and alleged opponents to CNDD-FDD party regime are reported.

Acts of intimidation are a source of threat to the population

The Ligue Iteka protests against the impunity of the crimes enjoyed by CNDD-FDD party members involved in various violations under the complicity of the public authorities.