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***In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to 21 October 2018, Iteka has documented at least 499 cases of enforced disappearances.***

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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ECOFO</b>	: <i>Ecole Fondamentale</i>
<b>FAB</b>	: <i>Burundi Armed Forces</i>
<b>FDNB</b>	: <i>Burundi National Armed Forces</i>
<b>FNL</b>	: <i>National Liberation Movement</i>
<b>OPJ</b>	: <i>Judicial Police Officer</i>
<b>PM</b>	: <i>Military Police</i>
<b>PMPA</b>	: <i>Armed Political Movements and Parties</i>

## **0. INTRODUCTION**

During the reporting period of this bulletin, allegations of violations and human rights violations were recorded: at least 9 people killed including 2 bodies found, 1 person reported missing, 1 tortured and 3 arbitrarily arrested.

Among the victims are 1 women killed.

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

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

## ***I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS***

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

#### ***I.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE***

##### **A person killed in Buterere urban zone, Bujumbura Mairie**

On October 17, 2018, at around 6:00 pm, in Mubone quarter, Buterere urban zone, Bujumbura Mairie, Romain Kadogeza was shot by unidentified people with a pistol. According to sources on site, the victim came from Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province and was returning home to Kamenge, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mairie.

##### **A person killed in Rugazi commune, Bubanza province**

Information received by Ligue Iteka on October 15, 2018 indicates that on October 12, 2018, around 7:00 pm, on Nyarunazi sub-hill, Butavuka hill, Muzinda zone, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province, Salvator Ruriryano, farmer, aged 55, member of Agathon Rwasa's winged FNL party, was killed by unidentified people with machetes. According to local sources, a group of men armed with machetes ambushed the victim, Salvator Ruriryano, who was returning home. Two people were arrested for investigation reasons.

##### **A body found in Matana commune, Bururi province**

On October 18, 2018, a body of a man named Sindayigaya alias Muda, 49 years old, farmer from Nkendo locality, Matana hill and commune, Bururi province was discovered in the morning at the bottom of Rubanga high school on the same hill. According to sources on site, the body showed traces of stabbing. According to the same sources, the alleged perpetrators have not been identified.

### ***I.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND/OR REPORTED MISSING***

##### **A person abducted in Muha commune, Bujumbura Mairie**

Information received by Ligue Iteka on October 15, 2018 indicates that on October 7, 2018, at about 8:00 am, Sergeant Major Lucien Ntakarutimana alias Mututere (All-Terrain) was abducted in quarter III, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mairie by unidentified people after answering a phone call from the number +25779339745 from Pascal Hakizimana alias Nyangoma, PM officer. According to local sources, the victim was PMPA and assigned to FDNB General Staff.

### ***I.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND IMBONERAKURE***

##### **A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province**

On October 20, 2018, on Rango hill and commune, Kayanza province, Bernard Kana, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was beaten up by two Imbonerakure, Roger and Tunga nicknamed Gisage, accompanied by Angelo, head of Rango zone. According to sources on site, they accused him of not having wanted to contribute for the construction of CNDD-FDD party office on this hill. They also

accused him of insulting the authorities and was fined 75,000 Bif. He had to sell his pork to pay this money.

#### ***I.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS***

##### **A person arrested in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province**

On October 20, 2018, André Habiyaremye, 32 years old and member of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, living in Nyamitanga Second Street, Ndava zone, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, was arrested by young Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, the victim was accused of complicity with rebels who attacked Ndava military position in Buganda commune on 19 October 2018. According to the same sources, the victim was jailed in Buganda commune police station cell.

##### **Two people arrested in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province**

Information received by Ligue Iteka on October 16, 2018 indicates that on October 14, 2018, at about 3:00 pm, on Bunyange hill, Rusaka commune, Mwaro province, Kwizera alias Ketos, aged 19, member of FNL party of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by the commune administrator accompanied by 2 policemen and 2 Imbonerakure. According to local sources, Kwizera wore a military sweater belonging his retired big brother ex FAB and headed to Rusaka center. When he arrived at Gikebuka hill 2 km from his home, he was arrested and taken to the commune jail. He was accused of returning from military training in Rwanda. On the afternoon of October 15, 2018, Salvator Budigoma, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, commune representative, former CNDD-FDD party member and a teacher at ECOFO Bukwavu, brought him food and was arrested by a policeman named Bakunda on the order of the OPJ who accused him of complicity in the recruitment of rebels. According to the same sources, the two victims are jailed at Mwaro provincial police station

## ***II. SECURITY FACTS***

##### **Five people killed and 7 others wounded in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province**

On 19 October 2018, at about 10:00 pm, on Nyamitanga hill, Ndava zone, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, unidentified armed men attacked a military position. According to local sources, five soldiers were killed and seven others wounded.

##### **A body found in Gitega commune and province**

On the morning of October 17, 2018, a body of 60-year-old Pascasie Banyiyezako, residing on Butamuheba hill, Mungwa zone, Gitega commune and province, was found in the bottom of a cliff. According to sources on site, the victim who came from a bar on October 16, 2018, around 10:00 pm succumbed to her injuries.

##### **A person injured in Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province**

On October 15, 2018, around 2:00 am, on Taba hill, Masango zone, Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province, Eric Kubwimana, a cow trader was attacked and seriously injured on the hand by a group of

unidentified men armed with 3 guns in civilian clothes. According to sources on site, the alleged perpetrators stole from him an amount of 800,000 Bif. According to the same sources, the victim was taken to Masango health center.

### **Persecution of displaced persons in Ruhororo commune, Ngozi province**

On 17 October 2018, at Ruhororo IDP site, Ruhororo commune, Ngozi province, Mamerthe Birukundi, administrator of this commune organized a meeting for CNDD-FDD party members living in this site, created since the 1993 crisis. According to sources on site, during this meeting, she ordered to go and announce that whoever will not be able to pay 500 000 Bif per occupied plot will have to return to his original hill. According to the same sources, the administrator who also lives on this site, gave the example by paying 500 000 Bif to a person said owner of the plot which she occupies. In addition, she has influenced 2 IDPs members of CNDD-FDD party including Ndikumana Venant alias Drogué who also paid the 500,000 Bif to so-called plot owners. The commune administrator held a meeting for all IDPs on 24 September 2018 to announce that they will have to leave the site and return to their original hills.

### ***III. CONCLUSION***

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

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

Ligue Iteka protests against the impunity of crimes attributed to CNDD-FDD party members. Members of this party involved in various crimes enjoy impunity with a complicity by public authorities.