

**BURUNDIAN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS "ITEKA"**

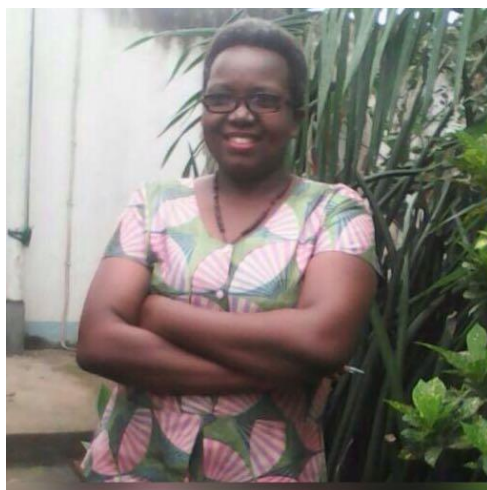
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***In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 31 August 2017, Iteka has documented at least 442 cases of enforced disappearances.***

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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**AMOTABU:** *Burundi Motorcyclists Association*

**API:** *Support for the Protection of Institution*

**BAE:** *Anti-Riot Police*

**CDS:** *Health Centre*

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

**CNTB:** *National Land Commission*

**CODIP:** *Population Integrated Development Organizations*

**ECOFO:** *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

**ETS:** *Secondary Technical School*

**FAB:** *Burundi Armed Forces*

**FNL:** *National Liberation Front*

**FRODEBU:** *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

**MINUSCA:** *Multidimensional Integrated Mission in the Central African Republic*

**MSD:** *Movement for Solidarity and Democracy*

**ONG:** *Non-Governmental Organization*

**OPJ:** *Judicial Police Officier*

**RANAC:** *National Gathering for Change*

**RDC:** *Democratic Republic of Congo*

**RN:** *National Road*

**SNR:** *National Intelligence Service*

**TGI:** *High Court*

**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 40 persons were killed including 16 corpses, 3 reported missing, 31 tortured, 378 arbitrarily arrested, 3 persons were GBV victims and 82 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 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

Members of the opposition parties mainly FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing and MSD, SAHWANYA FRODEBU, civil society organizations as well as Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired have been a privileged target of CNDD-FDD regime.

The report denounces paramilitary training, acts of intimidation by Imbonerakure youth as well as forced contributions supported by administrative officials.

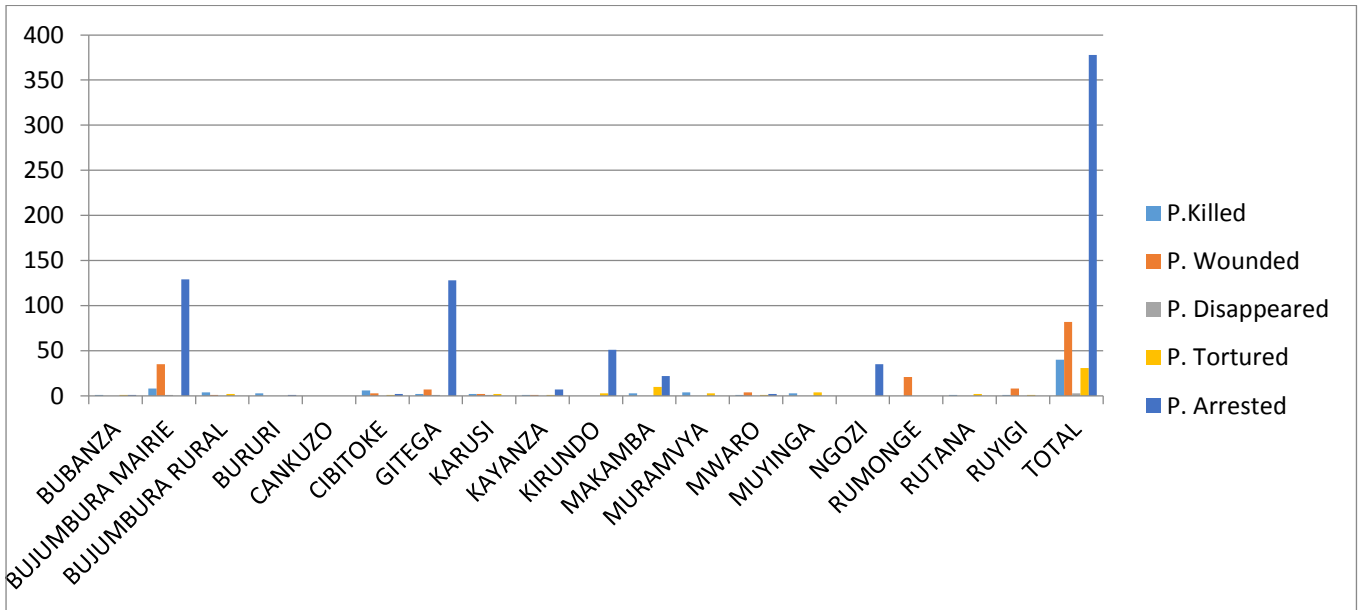
The phenomenon of rape and mob justice is also reported.

This report makes recommendations to any partner likely to influence on the change in the precarious human rights situation in the country.

### **Figure 1: TABLE AND CHART SHOWING MAJOR ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED IN BURUNDI IN AUGUST 2017**

PROVINCES	P.Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	1	0	0	1	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	8	35	1	0	129
BUJUMBURA RURAL	4	1	0	2	0
BURURI	3	0	0	0	1
CANKUZO	0	0	0	0	0
CIBITOKÉ	6	3	0	1	2
GITEGA	2	7	1	0	128
KARUSI	2	2	1	2	0
KAYANZA	1	1	0	1	7
KIRUNDO	0	0	0	3	51
MAKAMBA	3	0	0	10	22
MURAMVYA	4	0	0	3	0
MWARO	1	4	0	1	2
MUYINGA	3	0	0	4	0
NGOZI	0	0	0	0	35

RUMONGE	0	21	0	0	0
RUTANA	1	0	0	2	0
RUYIGI	1	8	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>378</b>

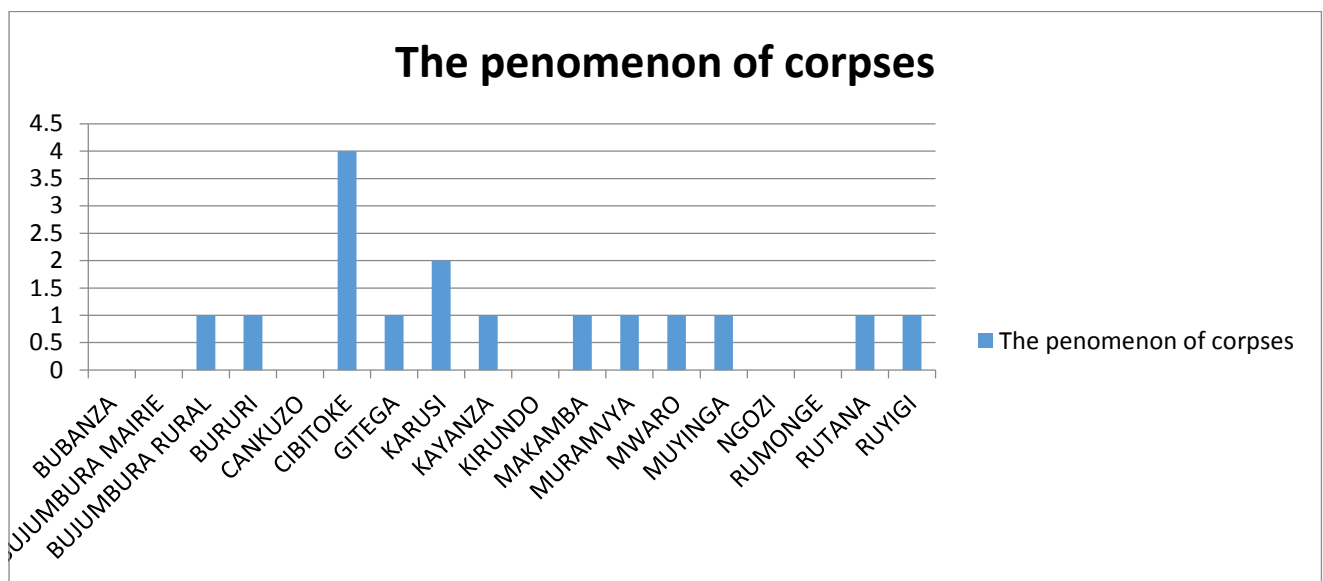


High figures of people killed are in Bujumbura city with 8 cases, Cibitoke 6 and Muramvya 4. The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura City with 129 cases and 128 cases in Gitega province. Bujumbura city protesting quarters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of the checks of the household notebooks.

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

PROVINCE	The penomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	0
BUJUMBURA RURAL	1
BURURI	1
CANKUZO	0
CIBITOKI	4
GITEGA	1
KARUSI	2
KAYANZA	1
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	1

MURAMVYA	1
MWARO	1
MUYINGA	1
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	0
RUTANA	1
RUYIGI	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>



The table and chart show 16 corpses some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Cibitoke province tops the list with 4 corpses followed by Karusi province with 2. 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, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS***

##### **One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

On August 25, 2017, around 6:00 pm, on Rukana hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Bonheur Girukwishaka, a 20-year-old Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party was killed by Pascal Nzoyisaba, also Imbonerakure, the same hill, commune and province. According to our sources, Pascal Nzoyisaba was jailed in Rugombo commune police station cell.

### **One person killed in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city**

On 6 August 2017 at about 8:00 pm, in Mubone quarter of Buterere urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City, a retired police officer named Leonard Manirakiza was beaten to death by young Imbonerakure on patrol in this quarter of Mubone. According to our sources, Leonard Manirakiza shouted for rescue to police from Mutimbuzi commune post not far from the place where these young Imbonerakure were beating him but in vain. These young people carried him to his home where he succumbed to the blows and injuries.

### **A person killed in Bujumbura city**

On 6 August 2017, a member of the presidential guard, Corporal Nishemezwe, Reg. 38772, native of Muramvya Province was shot dead by his colleague at his workplace at the presidential palace. But the Burundi police spokesman said the soldier committed suicide. He had just returned from a peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic to MINUSCA.

### ***1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED IN ARMED ATTACKS***

#### **Three persons killed and twenty-seven injured in Buyenzi urban zone, Bujumbura City**

On 17 August 2017, around 8:00 pm, Fidele, cloth street vendor at Ruvumera market and native from Rushemeza hill, Rutovu commune, Bururi province, three persons were killed and twenty-nine were injured in a grenade attack at banana beer bars on the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue No 21 and No 29. According to police sources, 12 people were injured on the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue No 21 and 17<sup>th</sup> avenue No 29. Two among the injured succumbed later to their wounds including Muhwego former teacher at Bujumbura Athennee, native from Muzima hill, commune and Bururi province and Cunike money exchanger at the 7<sup>th</sup> avenue in Buyenzi urban zone, Bujumbura city.

#### **Two people killed and seven wounded in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura City**

On August 8, 2017, two people were killed in a grenade attack in a bar by an unidentified person in Buyenzi urban zone at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mukaza Commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, one died straightaway and another died from his injuries.

#### **Three soldiers killed in armed attack in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

As of 11 August 2017, around 9:00 pm, in Warubondo sector, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, three soldiers were killed in an armed attack by rebels of General Aloys Nzabampema's FNL. According to the movement spokesman, Ambassador Isidore Nibizi, the attack occurred in Warubondo area between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue when these men were on patrol.

On the morning of August 12, 2017, military, police and administrative officials held a security meeting. These authorities accuse the population of being accomplice and warn to take serious measures.

### **One person killed in Musigati commune, Bubanza province**

As of August 13, 2017, around 10:00 pm, Fabien Kayobera was killed by grenade thrown by unidentified people through the window of his home on Busindi sub hill, Rugeyo hill, Musigati commune, Bubanza province. The reason of this killing remains unknown.

#### ***1.1.3. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE***

### **One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

On the night of August 23-24, 2017, on Gabiro-Ruvyagira hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Joseph Karikurubu, 60 years old was killed by unidentified men. According to our sources, Joseph Karikurubu was guarding an orange plantation. A suspect was arrested and taken to Rugombo commune police station cell for investigation reasons, according to the same sources.

### **One person killed in Kiganda commune, province Muramvya**

On the night of 20-21 August 2017, René Ntahompagaze was beheaded with a knife at home by unidentified people on Rubumba hill, Kiganda commune, Muramvya province. He left a widow and 6 children.

### **One person killed in Mugamba commune, Bururi province**

As of August 30, 2017, Gaspard Niyokwizera, demobilized ex-FAB was killed by unidentified people on Donge-Burasira hill, Mugamba commune, Bururi province. According to sources on site, he was shot dead while from Tora market to sell his cow. A sum of 270,000 Bif he had on him was not stolen. The same source adds that Gaspard was killed because he was an SNR informant.

#### ***1.1.4. CORPSES FOUND IN STREET, BUSH AND/OR RIVERS***

### **A corpse found in Mutaho commune, Gitega province**

As of 20 August 2017, a body of Rogatien Gahungu was found on Gitongo hill, Mutaho commune, Gitega province. He worked as a bicycle taxi in this area and was stabbed to death. Four alleged perpetrators of the murder were arrested and jailed in Mutaho commune police cell.

### **A corpse found in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province**

On August 14, 2017, on Gahahe hill, Butihinda commune, Muyinga province, a body of an old woman Immaculée Misago, aged 70, was discovered strangled in her house. The same sources add that the victim had spent the evening in a bar of the area. Local administrative officials confirm this information and indicate that investigations have already started.

### **A corpse found in Karusi province**

On 16 August 2017, a corpse of Elie Kwizera was found in Ndurumu River separating Buhiga and Bugenyuzi communes in Karusi province. The body was packed in a mosquito net, feet and hands tied with a rope. According to sources on site, Elie Kwizera lived in Yoba-Magarama quarter in



Gitega urban center. The same sources add he was a CNDD-FDD Imbonerakure youth movement member. Very active in Imbonerakure movement, he was reported missing two weeks after a meeting at the party office in Gitega.

### **A corpse found in Ruyigi province**

On August 14, 2017, on Ruharo hill in Nyabitsinda commune, Ruyigi province, a 70-year-old woman Anesie Bucumi was found dead suspended on a rope in her house. According to site sources, her body had wounds, which suggested she may have been killed. The cause of this murder is linked to land issue, sources said. She had won her case in a land dispute with H  l  ne Nyandwi. On 11 August 2017, Nyabitsinda court granted him the property which was the subject of the dispute. The alleged perpetrators, including Nyarusage, the deceased's granddaughter and another man, were jailed in Nyabitsinda commune cell, according to the same sources.

### **A corpse found in Bururi province**

As of 18 August 2017 in morning, a body of a 30-year-old woman with tied arms was discovered in Jiji River between Bururi and Songa communes. According to sources on site, this corpse was Noella alis Mafiyana, a widow a Fiacre, former SOSUMO staff and former chair of staff trade union. Noella lived in Nyabisondu quarter in Gitega town. According to the province police commissioner, the body was taken to Bururi hospital morgue and was buried on August 25 2017 in Gitega.

### **Three bodies found in Ruhwa River, Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province**

As of August 17, 2017, three pierced bodies were found in Ruhwa River, close to customs post between Burundi and Rwanda, on Rukana hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province. According to our sources, the bodies still floated on the river on the evening of August 18, 2017. The origin of these bodies remains unknown and the same sources say they heard vehicles at night in this area. In Cibitoke province, in Buganda commune, in Gasenyi, Joseph Mathias Niyonzima alias Kazungu cited in many killings make several shuttles during these days of discoveries of these bodies in this province, according to the same sources.

### **A corpse found in Giharo commune, Rutana province**

On August 10, 2017, around 9:00 am, on Mutwana hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a corpse of an unidentified man was found floating in Ndurumu River. Giharo police has initiated investigations, according to sources on the spot.

### **A corpse found in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

As of 3 August 2017, on Mushasha I hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, a boy named Paul Bikorimana was killed by unidentified people. According to our sources, the corpse was found in his house on August 7, 2017.

### **A corpse found in commune and Muramvya province**

As of 10 August 2017, around 6:00 pm, a body of an unidentified young man was found on Musagara hill, Muramvya commune, Muramvya province. His body had torture signs. The body was taken to Muramvya hospital morgue in the presence of police, administration and the Red Cross.

### **A corpse found in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province**

On August 10, 2017, around 9:00 pm, a body of Joseph Bankuwiha, aged 70, was found 100 m away from his home on Benja hill, Kayokwe zone and commune, Mwaro province. According to the police, Joseph came from bar, and he would have fallen to the ground due to the excess of alcohol, and then died straightaway.

### **A corpse found in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province**

As of 31 July 2017, around 11:00 am, a corpse of Kibwa, a farmer and MSD member was found on Busokoza hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province. According to on-site sources, perpetrators were not identified

### **A dead body found in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province**

On August 4, 2017, around 2:00 pm, a dead body of a 5-year-old child named Kenny, son of Havyarimana from Muyange hill, zone and commune Bugenyuzi was found packed in a loincloth in Ndurumu marshlands on Rwingoma hill, zone and commune Buhiga, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, Kenny's body was burned and his right foot amputated.

### **A dead body found in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

On the night of 27-28 August 2017, the dead body of Bucumi, aged 30, a banana wine seller and farmer, CNDD-FDD party member was found at the 4<sup>th</sup> street on Kagazi hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province. According to our sources, Bucumi was decapitated in a rice field by unidentified men.

### **A corpse found in Kibago commune, Makamba province**

As of August 29, 2017, a corpse of a young adolescent aged between 13 and 14 was discovered on Ruyange sub-hill, Mbizi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. According to the local administration, the body was found by children herding cows near Muragarazi River on the Burundi-Tanzanian border on Burundi side. According to sources on site, the victim was slit and was unidentified.

## ***1.1.5. PERSONS KILLED DUE TO MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLING OF SCORES***

### **Two persons killed in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

On August 24, 2017, Domitien Ntahomvukiye killed his nephew Cedric Nsabimana, aged 14, and seriously injured his older brother Stève Niyonkuru, aged 17, with a machete. The events occurred on Muguruka hill, Mukungu zone, commune Nyanza-Lac. According to sources on site, the perpetrator was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment for voluntary manslaughter by Makamba High Court on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Administrative sources justify various politically motivated assassinations under cover of land conflicts and sorcery.

### **One person killed in Songa commune, Bururi province**

As of August 22, 2017, Darius died clubbed by the inhabitants of Jenda hill, Songa commune, Bururi province. According to sources on site, Darius not known in the area was caught by the population

as of August 20, 2017 while trying to rob in one of the local households. The same sources add that the inhabitants began to beat him and the police took him to Ruvumvu health center located in Songa zone where he died. Local administrative officials report investigations are already under way to find out the origin of the victim and the perpetrators of his murder.

### **One person killed in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province**

As on August 1, 2017, on Kibogoye hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, 60-year-old Astère Ngendakumana was killed with a machete by his son Tuyisenge Jean. Astere had surprised her son stealing his fruits. Tuyisenge Jean was jailed in Muramvya police station on the same day.

### **One person killed, Gihosha zone in Bujumbura city**

Information dated 1 August 2017 indicates that as of July 31, 2017, around 8:00 pm, an Imbonerakure named Donatien was killed in Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura city. Sources on site indicate a group of imbonerakure entered a bar in the same quarter called mu Gatutu belonging to Nzeyimana on the road to ETS Kamenge. After having a drink in this bar, the same sources indicate that two Imbonerakure would have refused to pay the bill, the origin of clashes between them and the people who were in this bar. Our sources on the spot add that the Imbonerakure Donatien died straightaway following blows on the head. This group of Imbonerakure was arguing with the bar owner named Nzeyimana and the nicknamed Mwarabu who were in this bar. The inhabitants of Gihosha zone are concerned about their security because the Imbonerakure, quartered to Christian's, head of Imbonerakure in Taba quarter, mistreat them during night patrols, armed with clubs and grenades, asking forcibly money from the population.

### **One person killed in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province**

On August 2, 2017, at around 10:00 pm on Mushikamo hill, Nyamitwenzi zone, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Nathanael Irutingabo, a 23-year-old merchant, was killed with a small hoe by his friends Claver Habonimana and Joseph, both traders. They removed his eyes and tongue and cut off his genitals. His corpse was found in a banana plantation the next day on August 3, 2017. Claver Habonimana and Joseph accused him of having more customers than them. They were jailed in Muramvya prison on 4 August 2017.

### **A person killed in Gitega province**

As of 1 August 2017, Acqueline Ntahokari, aged 52, was killed in the evening on Bwoga hill, commune and Province Gitega. On-site sources indicate that the old woman Acqueline Ntahokari was killed by two girls Louise Tatu and Claudine Nduwimana while trying to rescue her daughter being beaten by the same girls. Acqueline's daughter may have accused Louise Tatu and Claudine Nduwimana of sorcery.

### **Two persons killed in Muyinga commune and province**

Information received by Iteka League on 1 August 2017 indicates that as of 30 July 2017 two unidentified children were killed in a grenade explosion in a house on Nyamarumba hill, commune and Muyinga province. According to Bernard Nzinahora, Munagano zone head, the criminal forced

in the window to throw the grenade inside the house. The reason of this crime would be linked to sorcery accusations.

## ***1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING***

### **One person arrested and then reported missing in Kamenge urban zone , Bujumbura City**

On 17 August 2017, at about 4:00 pm, Fiston Nsengiyumva, aged 38, living in Bwiza urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city, was arrested by an Imbonerakure known as Ramazani near Iwabo w'Abantu bar in Kamenge, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, Fiston was from Kenya via Rwanda. The same sources add that Fiston was handed over to a soldier named Rickman attached to a position near "Iwabo n'abantu" bar before being taken to an unknown destination. His family indicates that the place of detention of Fiston Nsengiyumva is still unknown.

### **A person reported missing in Gitega commune and province**

Parfait, living in Kumasanzira, commune and province Gitega was reported missing in the first week of August 2017. According to information from Gitega, he was with Elie Kwizera found dead packed in a mosquito net in Ndurumu River separating Buhiga and Bugenyuzi communes in Karusi province on 16 August 2017. His family says it did not have news of him anymore.

### **A person reported missing in Buhiga commune, Karusi province**

On 7 August 2017, Charles Nsabuwanka from Rwingoma hill, zone and commune of Buhiga, Karusi province was reported missing since the morning of 6 August 2017. Sources on the spot indicate that Charles Nsabuwanka was No. 4 of the hill elected official, and a new knife, a new rope, and a small bag of mice poison were found in his room, but no trace shows he was killed.

## ***1.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS***

### **A person arrested and beaten in Bubanza commune and province**

On August 23, 2017, around 11:00 am, in Bubanza center, Nabubu quarter, commune and Bubanza province, Patrick alias Patiri, aged 35, son of Spès was beaten up and then arrested by a police officer Edouard accompanied by Imbonerakure named Dieudonné Hakiza and Cehusi. He was taken to Bubanza police station cell. According to our sources, he was accused of having participated in rebellion. This young boy had fled the Burundi crisis of 2015 into Rwanda but he was back a month earlier.

### **A person arrested and tortured in Busoni province, Kirundo commune**

Information dated 23 August 2017 indicates that on 20 August 2017, Perre Miburo, a Hutu, 25 years old and CNDD-FDD party member, from Kididiri hill, Murore zone, Busoni commune, province Kirundo was arrested after being beaten up by Kididiri hill head in the eyes of the MP Baptiste Nzigamasabo alias Gihaha., according to sources on site. He was accused of participating in sports and night patrols of Imbonerakure. The true reason for his arrest remains unknown according to sources from his family.

### **Two people tortured in Rutana province**

On 23 August 2017, around 7:00am on Gatongati hill in Rutana commune and province, Imbonerakure, CNDD-FDD ruling party youth members threatened and tortured two sisters, Claudine and Désidérate on order of the hill head Egide Nzambimana. According to sources on site, the heart of the problem is a goat given by the NGO HELP CHANEL as common property to three sisters orphaned from both father and mother of which one of them Jacqueline, CODIP member, association close to the regime, has usurped by taking advantage of the absence of her sisters. Wanting to know the state of this goat, Jacqueline seized the hill head who handed her two sisters over to these young people.

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

As of August 17, 2017, 8:00 pm Jules, Bikorimana, MSD member, was beaten up on Rubungu hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, around 8:00 attached to an avocado by Imbonerakure for not joining CNDD-FDD party. Barnabe Nahimana and Symphorien alias Bamba are among the Imbonerakure who beat him.

### **One person tortured in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province**

As of 13 August 2017, around 9:00 pm, on Musimbwe hill, Nyakararo zone, Gisozi commune in Mwaro province, Ntunzwenimana Pontien, soldier on leave was clubbed on the head by Musimbwe hill head Sévérin Hajayandi. According to sources on site, Pontien and Severin both came from a bar in Kiyange 1 km from this hill. Arrived halfway, near a potato field, Pontien was clubbed on the head by the hill chairman. The victim was admitted to CDS Nyakararo.

### **One person tortured in Ntega commune, Kirundo province**

Information dated August 20, 2017 indicates that Mushengezi aged 39, a Hutu, member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, from Carubambo hill Mugendo zone, Ntega commune, Kirundo province was arrested, beaten up and tied by Toyi P. Claver and Imbonerakure of the area on the night of 23 to 24 July 2017 in Mariza, Mugendo zone, Ntega commune, Kirundo province. Mushengezi was obliged to pay an amount of 230,000 Bif to be released and he was forced to sell his cow as he did not have this cash available.

### **Two persons tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province**

On 14 August 2017, in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, two brothers Georges and Josias were beaten up by the SNR official in Rutegama, known as Anicet. He accused Josias of returning from Kenya. They are both FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing.

### **A person tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province**

On the night of 14 August 2017, in Mabanda commune, Makamba province, three Imbonerakure on patrols headed by Kwizera, severely beat up Jean Bosco Muhimpundu before robbing everything he possessed. A cell phone and an amount of 25,000 Bif were stolen from him before throwing him in a gutter, roped.

### **One person tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province**

As of August 14, 2017, Minani was beaten up and severely wounded by young Imbonerakure headed by Ndayitwayeko on Rurambira hill, Gishiha zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. According to sources on site, he was accused of attempting to steal.

### **A person tortured in Nyabitsinda commune, Ruyigi province**

On 8 August 2017, around 6:00 pm, a man named Fabien was beaten up by a police officer in Nyabitsinda commune, Ruyigi province. According to sources on the spot, he accused him of trafficking sugar while the latter carried rice bran. Richard came to rescue the victim by beating this policeman. He took his rifle and handed it to his colleagues. Richard, pursued by the police, is at large.

### **One person tortured in Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province**

On August 11, 2017, Eliazard Bizimana was beaten up by Imbonerakure on Gahoma hill, Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province, headed by Habarugira, also a young Imbonerakure while leaving a gold panning site. According to our sources, he was robbed the gold he owned valued at more than 300,000 Bif. The victim is accused of going back and forth to Rwanda in Bweyeye area to traffic gold.

### **A person tortured in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On August 7, 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Nyarushanga hill, Jenda zone, Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province, Bigirimana was beaten and wounded at the face in a bar, located in Jenda urban center by an Imbonerakure named Niyonzima alias Tempo. According to our sources, this Imbonerakure intimidated him forcing him to buy him beer that he is supposedly from CNDD-FDD party and that he is influential. The victim complained to Mugongo-Manga commune administrator named Diomede Ndabahinyuye and to the police station head named Jean Louis Sugwavuba but this Imbonerakure was not worried.

### **A person tortured in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province**

On August 10, 2017, Hamisi Niyonkuru, known as Nzungu, was beaten by SNR agents and Imbonerakure of Butihinda commune, Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, Gérard Ndayisenga, SNR head in Muyinga province and police officers guarding him, came to arrest Hamisi, accusing him of extracting gold without paying taxes. The same sources add that Philippe Rwasa, SNR head Butihinda commune went himself to arrest Hamisi alias Nzungu where was hiding to his cousin's. After beating him, he was embarked in a SNR vehicle in Muyinga registered IA 4028. He was released the same day.

### **A person tortured in Busoni commune, Kirundo province**

As of 5 August 2017, at Vyanzo hill police station, Gatare zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a 34-year-old Evelyne Mukandekezi, pregnant, was beaten by policemen and Imbonerakure. According to sources on the spot, she was accused of refusing to pay a forced contribution required by Imbonerakure from local associations. Evelyne was taken to CDS Vyanzo

for treatment and risks of abortion, according to the same sources. The victim was refused by the OPJ of Busoni commune to file a complaint for fear of giving summons to the alleged authors composed of Imbonerakure and police officers.

### **One person tortured in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province**

On August 10, 2017, Mbitsemunda was beaten up by two Imbonerakure Revocat Ndayishimiye and Leon Gahungu on Ruyaga hill, Munanira zone, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, these Imbonerakure accused him of drunkenness.

### **Seven people arrested and tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province**

As of August 12, 2017, seven natives of Buhiga commune, Karusi province were arrested by CNDD-FDD Imbonerakure youths on Kagege hill, Mpinga zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The latter tortured them, including two seriously wounded. The administration accused them of being surprised causing bush fires. One was treated at CDS for care while others were held at Vugizo police station.

### **One person tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province**

As of August 10, 2017, Longin was seriously injured by young Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD. He was suspected of arson in Rukamba Nature Reserve on Kagege hill, Mpinga zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province.

### **One person tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province**

On 31 July 2017, on the Nkonyovu hill, Mushikamo zone, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Buyoya was beaten by Anicet, SNR head in Rutegama commune and Leonidas Nzoyihiki, head of Rutegama police station. According to sources on site, they accused him of not having participated in inauguration ceremonies of CNDD-FDD party office in Rutegama. His body is covered with wounds.

### **A person tortured in the commune and province Muyinga**

On August 22, 2017, Jaffari, a motorcycle taxi driver in Muyinga town, was beaten by Bienvenue Ngenzirabona, head of police station in Muyinga commune. According to this head of post, Jaffari assaulted him physically, what the victim firmly denies.

### **Two persons tortured in Muyinga commune and province**

On August 28, 2017, on Kibongera hill, Muyinga commune and province, a widow named Lydia Ciza and Corneille Nsinzumunsi were severely beaten up by young Imbonerakure headed by Selemani Ndayizeye, responsible of this entity. Lydie Ciza was admitted in CDS Kibongera. Selemani Ndayizeye was arrested on the morning of 29 August 2017 and was taken into custody, sources said.

### **A person tortured in Buhiga commune and Karusi province**

As of August 27, 2017, around 11:00 pm, a nicknamed Singigi was beaten up by two Imbonerakure Fayida and Bobo in night rounds. According to sources on site, these two Imbonerakure clubbed him on the head. Singigi lodged a complaint against his attackers to the police in vain. The two Imbonerakure Fayida and Bobo were not worried.

### **A person tortured in a commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura rural**

As of 28 August 2017, at about 11:00 pm on Mushasha I hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Ali Birikunzira, a native of Kinyinya commune, Ruyigi province, was beaten up at home by Imbonerakure in night patrols. According to our sources, Ali Birukunzira cannot be found since August 28, 2017.

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

### **Five people arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

On 24 August 2017, Cossan Minani, Gilbert Havyarimana, David Sabushimike, Yvan Niyungeko and Emile Manirakiza, all CNDD-FDD party elected in Kiderege, were arrested and jailed in Makamba prosecutor's cell. They are accused of participating in the arson that ravaged Mukengerezi River Bridge on Kiderege hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province.

This incident occurred after the decision of the CNTB special court against three households in a land dispute between residents and returnees. This bridge was burned for the second time in less than two months.

### **Three people arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province**

As of August 21, 2017, the post head in Mabanda Bernard Nzeyimana arrested Salvator Ndayisenga, his wife Marie Rose Gakima and their daughter on complaint of a woman named Victorie of the CNDD-FDD women's league. The latter accused them of being the perpetrators of throwing stones at her house. They were released on Friday, August 25, 2017 after intervention of neighbors who pleaded their innocence.

### **A person arrested in Makamba commune and province**

As of August 21, 2017, Juliette Igiraneza of Gasaka hill, Makamba commune and province, died after the failure of surgery. The next day, an anesthesiologist named Thomas Harerimana who was on the guard was arrested by Governor Gad Niyukuri. Though he had not yet been tried, the governor held an emergency meeting to charge him in the eyes of the sick and his colleagues. According to sources on site, this case is being ethicized by some technicians of this hospital who work for the SNR.



### **A couple arrested in Makamba commune and province**

As of August 21, 2017, Festus Ndayikeza and his wife were arrested by the head of Makamba post called Serges near Makamba market for no reason. They were released on Monday afternoon after paying a ream of paper without due process.

### **Four people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City**

On August 21, 2017, police and soldiers searched and arrested four people in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City, from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They were taken to the zone cell, accused of not being registered in household notebooks. They were released on the same day. A visitor at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue gave an amount of 10,000 francs to a policeman to escape the arrest.

### **Twenty-six people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City**

On August 23, 2017, police searched and arrested 11 people at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue of Cibitoke urban zone from No 90 to No 124, Ntakangwa Commune, Bujumbura City. They were taken to the zone office for not being registered in household notebooks. They were released the same day. As of August 25, 2017, another search was carried out on avenues 13 and 14 from No 90 to 124 where 15 people were arrested and taken to the zone office accused of not being registered in the household notebooks and then released. Sources on site indicate that they have been ransomed for release.

### **Two people arrested in Mwaro commune and province**

On 21 August 2017, Donatien Bihumugani, Frodebu party chair in the commune and Salvator Budigoma, who is politically neutral, both teachers of Rusaka commune were arrested after a security meeting at Rusaka commune that ended at 12:00 pm According to sources on site, Bikundumuhari, head of the Imbonerakure at the communal level ordered a police officer to arrest Donatien and Budigoma and to get them to an SNR vehicle and were taken to one of Mwaro province police station cells.

### **A person arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City**

On August 25, 2017, Theogene Nsengiyumva, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested in Musaga the urban zone, Bujumbura City. Local sources say this young person from Kamesa quarter was arrested by police in Musaga zone while returning home. His family does not understand why he was arrested. The same sources added that he would be jailed in one of the national intelligence service cells in Bujumbura city.

### **Sixty-eight people arrested in Gitega commune and province.**

As of August 25, 2017, in the afternoon, in Nyabugogo quarter, Gitega city, a group of 68 young people gathered in a bar commonly called "Iwabo w'Ingoma" were arrested by the police. They are accused by the administration of organizing an illegal meeting and are jailed in Gitega police station cell.

### **One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province**

As of August 26, 2017, on Karama hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, the Imbonerakure found 3 grenades and 2 magazines filled with bullets to Oswald Nibaruta, also Imbonerakure. Karama hill head named Anatole accompanied with Imbonerakure including Oswald have arrested Bernard Niyongabo, a FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing instead of Oswald and took him to the police cell. They accused him of bringing his grenades and magazines with his friends to Oswald.

### **Nine eight people arrested at Mutanga campus, Bujumbura City**

As of 19 August 2017, ninety eight persons were arrested and taken to Bujumbura City police station by API and BAE police together with the Imbonerakure during a search at Mutanga Campus of the University of Burundi. According to sources on site, they came without a warrant and smashed the doors of the rooms closed for the search. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said among the arrested, seventy eight were finalist students, fifteen attended other universities, four were visitors and one student had hemp. According to our sources, 40 were released after paying fine of 15,000 Bif each, paid to Bujumbura capital city account.

### **Fifty people arrested in Kirundo province**

On 18 August 2017, a Platinum agency bus from Uganda was stopped in Kirundo after crossing Gasenyi-Nemba border by SNR agents and 50 passengers are all held in Kirundo. The reason for their arrest remained unknown.

### **Thirty-five people arrested in Ruhororo commune, Ngozi province**

As of 16 August 2017, thirty-five persons, including 28 displaced persons from Ruhororo site were arrested and taken to Ngozi province police cell by police officers from Ruhororo commune. Most of them over the age of 50 were accused of wanting to join armed groups. On the same day, policemen in collaboration with young Imbonerakure from Cagura and Gitaramuka hills in Ruhororo commune of Ngozi province blocked the road to a probox vehicle. Passengers in this vehicle were beaten up before being robbed of all their belongings and then taken to the cell with those arrested from Ruhororo site. All these persons were released on 19 August 2017 on payment of 10 000 Bif each and those who transported them paid 25 000 Bif each.

### **One person arrested in Vyanda commune, Bururi province**

On August 13, 2017, a pastor of the Pentecost Church named Manassé Kazungu, alias Tirozi, was arrested in Vyanda commune, Bururi province by SNR agents accompanied by an Imbonerakure named Ferdinand alias Budida. According to sources on the spot, this pastor Manassé Kazungu, a Tutsi ex-FAB was taken to Bururi central prison. The same sources indicate that this pastor was arrested while preaching the word of God.

### **One person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

On August 7, 2017, Stève Bishaza, a representative of AMOTABU in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested and taken by policemen to Nyanza-Lac police station cell, Makamba province. According to sources on the spot, he was transferred to Makamba prosecutor's

office cell on 9 August 2017. The reason for his arrest remains unknown. The same source indicates that he was wanted by the SNR head in Makamba province.

### **One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province**

On August 2, 2017, on the hill and Rango commune, Kayanza province, Mechak Bukuru from Ngoro zone, Gatara commune was arrested by Imbonerakure, including Joachim nicknamed Rugata. They accused him of being among the people who threw grenades on Shinya hill in Ngoro zone. They jailed him in Rango commune police cell, Kayanza province.

### **Three people arrested in Matongo commune, Kayanza province**

As of August 10, 2017, Matongo commune, Kayanza province, Claude Nzeyimana of party FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, teacher at ECOFO Kiziba, Emile Bankuwunguka of RANAC, teacher at Burarana Commune High School and Emmanuel Nzambimana of UPRONA Nditije wing's, teacher at ECOFO Gasenyi, were arrested by the police with Imbonerakure. They were arrested in a church on Bandaga hill while praying. They were jailed at the commune police cell, accused of having denounced a distribution of weapons to Imbonerakure youth.

### **Two people arrested in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province**

On August 7, 2017, Claude Nzeyimana and Jerome were arrested by Anaclet Bikorimana of SNR deputy head in Cibitoke province. He accused them of having stayed in the DRC. Sources on site claim they are victims of their membership to FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing.

### **Two persons arrested in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province**

Information received by Iteka League on 1 July 2017 indicates that on July 28, 2017, on Rukere hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Mvuyekure from Caratsi hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, was arrested by a policeman nicknamed Mapepe. According to sources on site, he accused him of buying a mattress from Rwanda. His son, who went to see him to inquire on the situation was also arrested and tied up by CNDD-FDD party representative on this hill named Serges, accompanied by two Imbonerakure, Japhet and Nzoyisaba. Mvuyekure and his son are jailed in the commune cell.

### **Three persons arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

On August 4, 2017, Irambona and Sirabahenda, Pauline's sons, aged 60, were arrested by police in Buheka hill, Kazirabageni zone, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. According to sources on the spot, Silas Hatungimana and Charles Nduwayo, Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party came to Pauline's home to arrest Mr Irambona. These two brothers resisted and the two Imbonerakure were wounded in the clashes and rushed to Nyanza-Lac hospital. Pauline and her two sons are jailed at Nyanza-Lac commune police station before being released on 9 August 2017.

### **Sixty people arrested in Gitega commune and province**

On August 26, 2017, 60 people were arbitrarily arrested by the police in complicity with the administration in Nyabugogo quarter of Gitega city, near the Paramedical Institute. They are members of an association fighting against gender-based violence. They were accused of holding an

illegal meeting while the head of Ntobwe hill, where the meeting was held, had been invited even if he was absent. They were released on August 28, 2017 by the Provincial Police Commissioner, Melchior, without being questioned.

## ***II. CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE***

### **A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province**

Information received by Iteka League on 7 August 2017 indicates that as of 31 July 2017, on Kivogero commune, Bukeye, Muramvya province, a 7-year-old C. was raped by Liévin, aged 17, shepherd to the victim's family.

### **A girl raped in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province**

On August 5, 2017, a young girl named B.M, aged 14, was raped by an Imbonerakure named Elie Mugisha on the hill, zone and commune Gitaramuka, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, Elie Mugisha has managed to run away. The same source said the girl was taken to Buhiga hospital for care.

### **A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza**

As of 1 August 2017, around 11:00 am, in Gisovu quarter of Bubanza downtown hill, zone, commune and Bubanza province, a 9-year-old girl known as C.I was raped by a 16-year-old boy nicknamed Kaposho residing in the same area. According to our sources, the victim went to Seruka center on August 3, 2017 for suitable care. The alleged perpetrator is jailed in Bubanza province police station cell.

## ***III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS***

### **A show of strength in Rumonge province**

As of August 26, 2017, in a show of strength on different hills of Rumonge province, young Imbonerakure traveled collectively for a show of strength and to frighten opposition parties' members by singing songs glorying CNDD-FDD party. On Mutambara hill, these young Imbonerakure transformed a religious song into a song praising the ruling party. One sings in churches "*yesu niwe Mutabazi*" and the Imbonerakure chant "*Yesu niwe mugumyambanga*" which means Jesus is a member of the ruling party.

### **A person aggressed in Rumonge commune and province**

As of August 27, 2017, the RANAC party representative in Rumonge province was physically aggressed by Mibanda hill head with young Imbonerakure from Kizuka zone, commune and Rumonge province. According to sources on site, he held a meeting with party members. Things would degenerate into open conflict had it not been for the intervention of the FDN soldiers stationed at Musave hill.

### **Night patrols at Mutanga campus**

Imbonerakure students of the University of Burundi, Mutanga Campus beat and mistreat their colleagues not members of CNDD -FDD party. Campus sources say there is a climate of tension caused by these Imbonerakure. These CNDD-FDD militants beat any passer-by as well as their

colleagues who return at night mainly coming from Nyakabiga urban zone. According to the same sources, there is an example of a student who was arrested on 14 August 2017 from Nyakabiga and who was forced to walk on his knees from Tropicana I to Tropicana II. The sources indicate that the most targeted are Tutsi. The Imbonerakure pointed are Melthus Nsengiyumva of the Faculty of Law and who is representing the students, Pasteur Nkeshimana and Hermes all from the faculty of psychology at Kamenge campus but residing at Mutanga campus, Désiré Nimenya of the Faculty of Law BacIII, Obede of the faculty of Biology BacIII and Rubin of the Faculty of Economics and Administration who, according to our sources, coordinates these ill-treatment acts.

### **A house burnt in Busoni commune, Kirundo province**

As of 13 August 2017, on Mukerwa hill, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, the house of Salvator Sinabajije, a 65-year-old Hutu, was burnt by Imbonerakure of the area. According to sources on site, Salvator sought refuge to Mukerwa zone office. He is accused of sorcery.

### **Forced participation in community work in Cankuzo province**

On 19 August 2017, at Cankuzo stadium, Philippe Nduwayo, advisor to the commune administrator and Rose Ntakamurenga have blocked RN13 to stop any vehicle, motorcycle and bicycle passing and required them to participate to community work from 8:00 am to 10:0 am. No policeman was there, these two authorities held the rope themselves.

### **A citizen intimidated in Cankuzo province**

On August 19, 2017, Barylur Bigirimana was intimidated by Christophe Nyamiye, Cankuzo zone head, accusing him of irregularity in Cankuzo province for originating from Kirundo province. According to site sources, the zone head confiscated his identity card ordering him to return to his native province. The same sources indicate that he was born in 1978 on Kunama hill, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a cultivator as mentioned on his identity card. This vexed the natives of the Northern provinces who were attending these works. The ID card was returned some time later. According to the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi article 33 states that "*Every Burundian citizen has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the national territory and the right to leave and return to his country*".

### **Intimidation of people in Makamba commune and province**

As of August 17, 2017, two ex-FAB retirees, Hashim Ndayizeye and Laurent, a disabled person and Fidèle Nduwayezu, were summoned by Makamba province governor Gad Niyukuri, informed by a young Imbonerakure Mrisho Bigirimana nicknamed Kimura. According to sources on site, they were accused of links with armed movements in military training in neighboring countries. All these summoned persons live in Swahili quarter of Makamba province. They are scared after these gratuitous accusations. According to the same sources, this practice has become commonplace by Governor Gad Niyukuri, who inadvertently summons and/or arrests opposition members and ex-FAB retirees to intimidate them.

### **Manhunt in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province**

Information dated August 14, 2017 indicates that Claver has been underground since August 12, 2017 because he is wanted by young Imbonerakure accusing him of having demonized their league. Gilbert is the team leader of these Imbonerakure.

### **The population mistreated in Ntega commune, Kirundo province**

Information received by Iteka League on 13 August 2017 indicates that on Mariza hill, Ntega commune, Kirundo province, any person nonmember of CNDD-FDD party is mistreated by administrative authorities and has no right to administrative documents such as wedding certificates. Non-members of CNDD-FDD party are also banned of the right to purchase goods in shops. As illustration, on 10 August 2017, Jacqueline Miburo, FNL member Agathon Rwasa's wing, was denied by CNDD-FDD party chair in Ntega commune and the Imbonerakure to buy one kg of palm oil.

### **Gunfire in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

As of 28 August 2017, around 8:00 pm, gunshots were heard on Kigwati I and II hills in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province. According to our sources, soldiers saw a group of armed men and opened fire on them pushing them back into Rukoko nature reserve. On-site information indicates that these armed men were Imbonerakure from Kigwati I and II hills. The same sources confirm that no damage was recorded. On the morning of August 30, 2017, a search was carried out by soldiers and policemen on both hills. An R4-type rifle was found behind the house of the Imbonerakure head of Kigwati II hill, at the same time deputy chairman of the joint security committee on Kigwati I and II hills named Prosper Kwizera. After this search, Prosper Kwizera and Floribert Nduwayo alias Bébé, also Imborerakure, who is also a guard in Buringa at Ndomboro's house, a former SNR officer now jailed in Mpimba central prison, were arrested and taken to Gatumba Brigade police cell in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. The information received indicates that Floribert Nduwayo alias Bebe is mentioned among the people who participated in the burial of the bodies in a mass grave in Rukoko. The CNDD-FDD party head on Kigwati II hill and an Imbonerakure named Emmanuel Minani were arrested on 31 August 2017 and taken to Gatumba Brigade cell. The same source on site adds they were arrested for the gun seized is not one of those distributed to the young Imbonerakure on these two hills. This rifle was brought by an Imbonerakure nicknamed "Metallic" from Bubanza province.

### **A person injured in Gitega province**

In the night of 28-29 August 2017, in Gitega town, Ndayisenga Gerard, SNR head in Muyinga shot on the chest on a 28-year-old Emery Nsengiyuma. He was part of a group of 5 people who were unloading a truck filled with chemical fertilizer belonging to a trader nicknamed Ruvyogo. They were near Mutoyi shop in Shatanya III, where Gérard Ndayisenga's family lived. He ordered them to lie on the ground and shot on Emery when Emery tried to raise his head to see their assailant. They immediately rushed him to Gitega hospital in critical condition. As for Gerard, he is free and claims to have defended himself against people who wanted to attack him.

### **Eight people injured in Ruyigi commune and province**

On August 7, 2017, Reverien Manirakiza alias Kamoteri, an Imbonerakure from Gasnda quarter in Ruyigi province city has wounded eight people, including five policemen, with a machete. According to sources on site, this incident was due to the refusal to execute an order from this Imbonerakure who asked them to go dowse a bush fire that had broken out on Mpungwe hill.

#### ***IV. AUTRES FAITS RAPPORTES***

##### **One person injured in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On 20 August 2017, around 8:00 pm, back from transporting a passenger in Murunga, Bertrand Nshimirimana, a motorcyclist from Nyamugari hill Nkankina zone, Mugongo-Manga commune was wounded by machete at the hip by an Imbonerakure named Egide Nkurunziza from Murunga hill, Jenda zone, Mugongo-Manga commune. According to our sources, this Imbonerakure blocked the road with stones wanting to steal money from this biker. The latter cried out for help. The police intervened and arrested this Imbonerakure around 3:00 pm on 21 August 2017. The police arrested him and took him to Rwibaga police station cell, according to the same sources.

##### **One person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

As of 24 August 2017, at about 9 :00 pm on Munyika II hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province Belyse Niyonsaba, aged 25 and CNDD-FDD party member, was wounded by a machete by her ex-husband Ezekiel Niyonkuru, aged 24 and member of the same party.

##### **A house of returnees destroyed in Vugizo commune, Makamba province**

On August 24, 2017, on Rurambira hill, Gishiha zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province, Sophie and her three children found their home destroyed by strangers returning from Tanzania where they had exiled. They are for the moment hosted by neighbors where they live in hard conditions.

##### **A person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province**

As of August 24, 2017 Pascasie Kabagema, about sixty years old, was almost killed on Mparambo hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. Sources on site say she was beaten with a machete by a group of 5 people who robbed all her money and her bike. The criminals were not identified because they took off after the crime, continue our sources. The victim was rushed to the hospital for treatment.

##### **A mass grave found in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province**

As of 23 August 2017, around 2:00 pm, a CVR team of Mwaro and that of Bujumbura discovered a mass grave on Nyamiyaga hill, zone and commune Gisozi, Mwaro province. According to sources on site, this mass grave may contain victims of the 1972 crisis.

##### **Six people injured in Gitega commune, Gitega province**

On August 19, 2017, six people were injured, one severely wounded, in a bar in Gitega urban center called Butezi Bar, around 10:0 pm, when a grenade exploded among clients having a drink. This grenade may have exploded from the neighboring plot. The six people were rushed to Gitega Regional Hospital for first aid. The reasons of this attack are not yet known, but some think of a jealousy because this bar was much frequented. Gitega police did not identify the perpetrators of the attack due to darkness. A watchman of this neighboring plot was arrested and jailed in Gitega police cell for investigation reasons.

### **Grenade explosion in province Cankuzo**

On the evening of 16 August 2017, on Rusange sub hill, Ruramba hill, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province, a grenade was thrown in the household of Norbert Havyarimana, a Tutsi teacher. According to information from one of his neighbors, this grenade aimed at destroying his property. His motorcycle was damaged. The author is not yet known.

### **A grenade launched in Ngozi commune and province**

On the night of August 20-21, 2017, a grenade was thrown by unidentified people in a house in Kinyami quarter of Ngozi town. No human damage was reported. This household neighbors the SNR head in Ngozi province.

### **Armed attack in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province**

On August 15, around 8:00 pm, on the RN 5, between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> avenue, in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Bubanza province governor's vehicle, Tharcisse Niyongabo, was attacked by unidentified gunmen while returning from a security meeting. According to our sources, these men run away into Rukoko forest after a short gunfight with the governor's police guard and no damage was reported.

### **Two children wounded in Buhiga commune, Karusi province**

Information dated August 13, 2017 on Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province, an 11-year-old boy named Arsene found a grenade under an avocado to Saidi's and brought it home. The next day, he pulled the pin and was strongly wounded on the belly and another boy who was with him was hit on the head. Both were admitted at Karusi Hospital.

### **A person wounded in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province**

On August 19, 2017, on Rukere hill in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Alexis son of Mbirigi was shot wounded by a police officer named Clément who fled after the crime. He accused him of returning from Rwanda. The police officer was arrested but the place of his detention remains unknown. Alexis is admitted in Kayanza hospital.

### **Three wounded and another fractured in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province**

As of 20 August 2017, in Rusaka zone and commune, precisely in the commune town, a grenade was thrown by an unidentified person around 8:00 pm. According to the province police commissioner in Mwaro, gun shots were fired from a policeman who fired into the air. The people injured by this grenade are Patience, aged 35, Berahino, about 50 years old, and Sylvère, about 40 years old, and fractured, according to sources on site.

### **Sixteen people killed in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura City**

As of 11 August 2017, around 10:00 am, 16 people were embarked by police in a pickup truck registered A277A PN in Buyenzi urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on the spot, they were taken to an unknown destination.



### **A person injured in Cibitoke urban zone , Bujumbura City**

As of 8 August 2017, at around 2:00 am, an old lady named Alimasi Mwajuma was shot and wounded by a gun fired by an unidentified person through her sleeping bedroom window in Cibitoke urban zone, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue No. 120, Ntahangwa Commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, land conflicts with her nephews would be behind this assassination attempt.

### **Twenty-one person injured in commune and province Rumonge**

On August 3, 2017, twenty one persons were wounded in clashes between prisoners in Rumonge prisons. Among the wounded was Colonel Adrien Kadende, ex- FAB, was shot and wounded on kidneys by a policeman nicknamed Mayaya in Rumonge central prison during clashes between detainees pro and anti CNDD- FDD. According to sources on the spot, this fight was due to bad distribution of food. Jailed in Rumonge Central Prison from September 2016, Colonel Kadende is accused of breaking internal security of state and was not among those who were fighting. Being in critical condition, he was transferred to Kamenge military hospital for treatment but was directly taken to Mpimba central prison. Information received indicates that Colonel Adrien Kadende has not yet been operated to remove a bullet from the kidneys.

### **A person wounded in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province**

On the night of 28 August 2017, on Nyempundu hill, Nyamakarabo zone, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, Bonith Habonimana was severely wounded with machetes by Imbonerakure. According to our sources, the victim was stripped of 600.000 Bif.

### **Observation of the place where parts of corpses found in Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province**

Since August 21, 2017, the place where corpses were on the Ruhwa River is observed from afar by young Imbonerakure. According to our sources, even on Rwanda side nobody wants to approach these bodies and the two countries blaming each other on the origin of these bodies. The latter continue arriving in Ruhwa River in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province up the joint customs control station between Rwanda and Burundi.

## ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> term continue to be recorded in various parts of the country.

Killings, abduction followed by enforced disappearances, torture, targeted arbitrary and illegal arrests to members of opposition parties namely FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, MSD, RANAC, Shwanya Frodebu and UPRONA of Charles Nditije are also reported.

Repression against Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired is reported in the country.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administrative officers, paramilitary training and ransoms 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;

#### **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.