

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

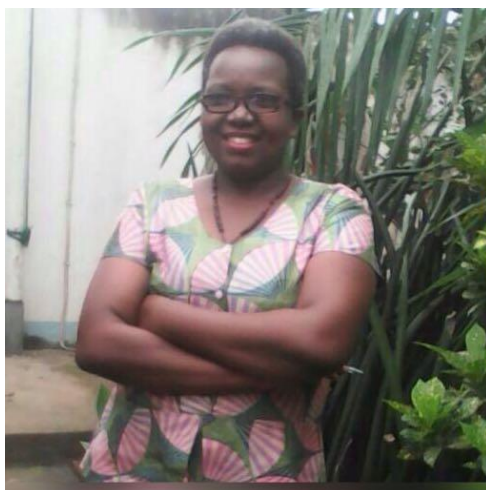
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***In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 31 May 2017, Iteka has documented at least 426 cases of enforced disappearances.***

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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**AT:** *Transmitting Agent*

**BRARUDI:** *Brewry Company of Burundi*

**CDS:** *Health Centre*

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

**CNI :** *National Identity Card*

**CNTB:** *National Commission for Land and Other Property*

**CPI :** *International Criminal Court (ICC)*

**CPP:** *Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP)*

**DCE:** *Communal direction of education*

**DPE:** *Provincial direction of education*

**EAC:** *East African Community*

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

**EP:** *Primary school*

**FAB:** *Burundi Armed Forces*

**FDN :** *National Defense Force*

**FNL :** *National Liberation Front*

**ITABU:** *Farming Institute of Burundi*

**MSD:** *Mouvement for Solidarity and Democracy*

**OPC :** *Chief Police Officer*

**OPJ:** *Judicial Police Officier*

**PJ:** *Judicial Police*

**PMPA** *Parties and Armed Political Movements*

**RANAC:** *National Coalition for change*

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

**REGIDESO:** *Water and power supply company*

**SNR:** *National Intelligence Service*

**SOMINOPAR:** *Solidarity of Policemen and Soldiers from Ruyigi*

**SOSUMO:** *Moso Sugar Company*

**TGI:** *High Court*

**UA:** *African Union*

**UE:** *European Union*

**UPD:** *Union for Peace and Democracy*

**UPRONA:** *Union for National Progress*

**VBG :** *Gender Based Violence*

## ***1. INTRODUCTION***

Allegations and violations of human rights were recorded during this reporting period: at least 36 persons were killed, 4 reported missing, 30 tortured, 148 arbitrarily arrested, 20 wounded and 8 persons were GBV victims.

The phenomenon of corpses is also reported in this report. At least 11 corpses were registered by Iteka League during this reporting period.

This report also records grenade attacks causing deaths and wounded in some quarters of Bujumbura Mayorship.

This report records cases of arbitrary arrests and torture of alleged opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

Ruling CNDD-FDD-youth, the Imbonerakure, SNR agents, policemen and soldiers are blamed as the perpetrators of most of human rights violations.

Ex-FAB soldiers at work or retired have keep on being victims of harassment, arbitrary arrests, torture, and abduction. At least 1 soldier was abducted, 5 tortured and 2 arbitrary arrested.

The report highlights cases of torture and arbitrary arrest of alleged opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Members of the opposition parties have been a privileged target of the repression organized by President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime.

This report protests against the impunity of crimes granted to those close to CNDD-FDD party. Members of this party involved in various crimes enjoy impunity with the complicity of the government.

The security context is characterized by cases of assassination, abductions followed with enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and torture, as well as ongoing acts of intimidation organized by CNDD-FDD members against alleged opponents to the regime.

The phenomenon of mob justice is reported where authors, mostly the Imbonerakure, are not worried.

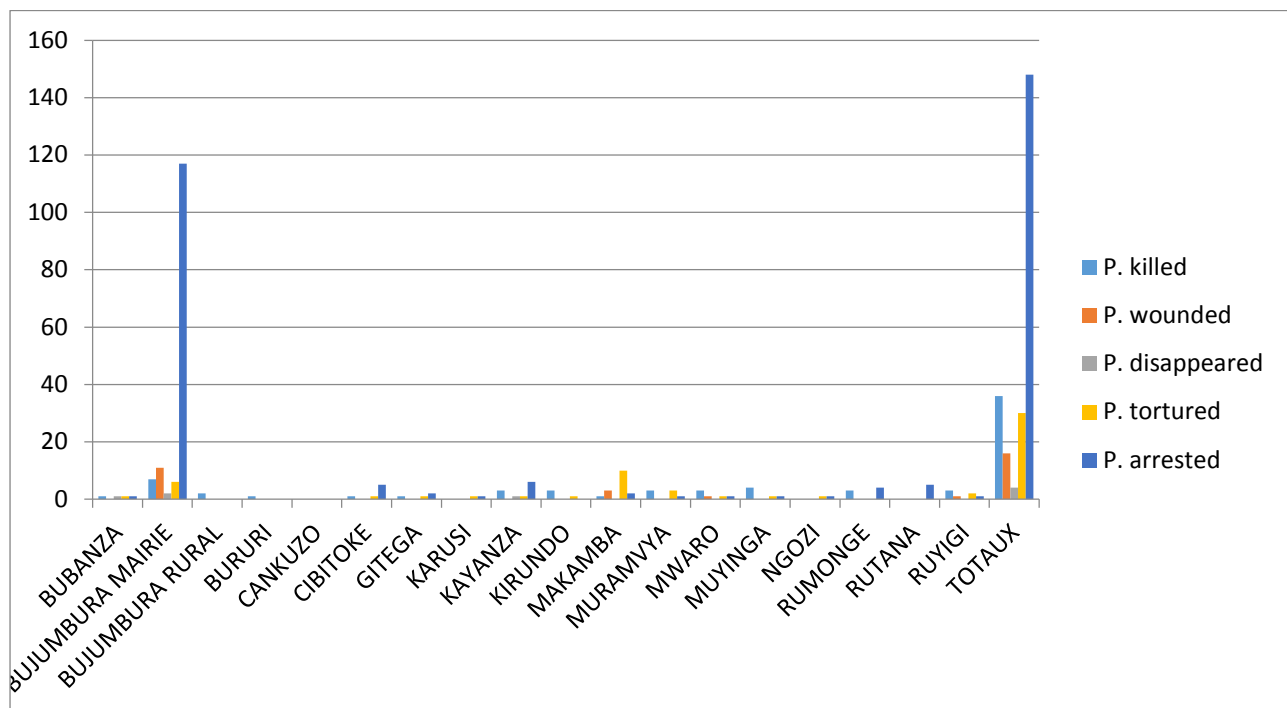
Forced contributions imposed by administrative officers and collected by Imbonerakure in some provinces of the country have marked this report.

Paramilitary training, night patrols, slogans, songs encouraging and calling for violence were observed from young Imbonerakure of the CNDD-FDD ruling party.

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

**Chart I: TABLE AND CHART SHOWING MAJOR ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED IN BURUNDI IN MAY 2017**

<b>PROVINCES</b>	<b>P. killed</b>	<b>P. wounded</b>	<b>P. disappeared</b>	<b>P. tortured</b>	<b>P. arrested</b>
BUBANZA	1	0	1	1	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	7	11	2	6	117
BUJUMBURA RURAL	2	0	0	0	0
BURURI	1	0	0	0	0
CANKUZO	0	0	0	0	0
CIBITOKÉ	1	0	0	1	5
GITEGA	1	0	0	1	2
KARUSI	0	0	0	1	1
KAYANZA	3	0	1	1	6
KIRUNDO	3	0	0	1	0
MAKAMBA	1	3	0	10	2
MURAMVYA	3	0	0	3	1
MWARO	3	1	0	1	1
MUYINGA	4	0	0	1	1
NGOZI	0	0	0	1	1
RUMONGE	3	0	0	0	4
RUTANA	0	0	0	0	5
RUYIGI	3	1	0	2	1
<b>TOTAUX</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>148</b>



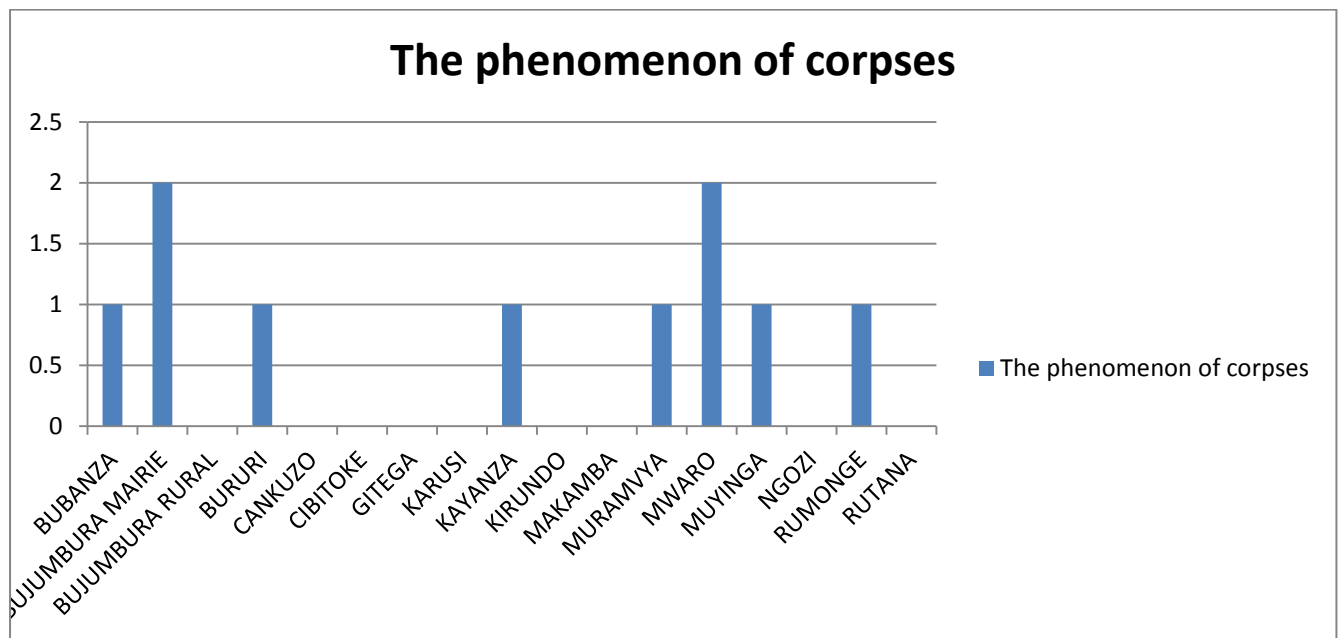
High figures of people killed are in Bujumbura Mayorship, Musinga. Bujumbura tops the list with 7 and Musinga with 4.

The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura with 117 cases. Bujumbura alleged protesting quarters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of the checks of the household notebooks.

**Chart II: TABLE AND CHART ILLUSTRATING THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES IN MAY 2017**

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

MAKAMBA	0
MURAMVYA	1
MWARO	2
MUYINGA	1
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	1
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>



*The table and chart show 11 bodies, some unidentified, found in different provinces of the country. Of these corpses, 2 were found in Bujumbura and 2 in Mwaro Province. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.*



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

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

#### ***I.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS***

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

On May 17, 2017, on Nyarunazi hill, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Audace was beaten to death by Imbonerakure, Eric and Emile. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of stealing a small hoe. The alleged perpetrators have been imprisoned in Rutegama police cell.

##### **One person killed in Muyinga commune and province**

As of 21 May 2017, a 40-year-old man Habimana alias Kagemeru was killed on Mwirire hill, Rugari zone, commune and Muyinga province. According to sources, he was shot by a soldier from a position in the area. The same sources indicate that Kagemeru was with the head of Mwirire hill who managed to escape. The soldier who was about to arrest a wanted fraudster would have been mistaken.

##### **A person killed in Kirundo commune and province**

As of 21 May 2017, around 10:00 pm, on Gahosha hill, commune and Kirundo province, Rwagara, aged 60 was killed by members of the Imbonerakure Youth League. The 60-year-old man is accused of stealing crops in the field. Next to his body, his alleged executioners had placed a pot containing avocados and a few feet of climbing bean, according to a witness.

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

On the night of May 3, 2017, on Mparambo II hill, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue, zone and commune Rugombo, Cibitoke province, Nyabenda, a palm oil trader and native of Ngozi province was whipped to death by Ezéchiél the head of the Imbonerakure on Mparambo II hill.

#### ***I.1.2. PERSONS KILLED FOLLOWING ARMED ATTACKS AND/OR AMBUSHES***

##### **One person killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On 20 May 2017, around 7:00 pm on Bujumbura-Gatumba road, in Kajaga, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Hilali Mohamed was killed by an unidentified armed group. According to our sources, the victim lived in Kajaga quarter. He was returning from Uvira in DRC where he was working on a gas station.

##### **Four people killed and one wounded in Musaga urban zone , Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On 17 May 2017, Audifax Ndayizeye, trainee at REGIDESO, Cedric Kwizera, a transport bus conductor, Reagan Harerimana, trader were killed by unidentified persons in a grenade attack in

Gikoto quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship. Ladouce Iradukunda, a pupil at Musaga Crafts School, succumbed to her injuries and Nice Shurweryimana, a student at Kanyosha Technical College was seriously injured.

According to the Municipal Police Commissioner, Monfort Ndoreraho, all the victims were Imbonerakure. The same source said more than 30 people mostly young people were arrested by the police for investigation reasons. Some of them were released. The current record shows that there are 15 imprisoned people, some in Musaga zone cell while others are detained in the national intelligence service cells. Jean Bosco Mugiraneza chairman of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Musaga urban zone and his brother were arrested by SNR police. Antoine Hakizimana, who was an ex-FAB soldier and his two children were taken aboard an unpatched pic up vehicle to an unknown destination. The population of Musaga zone is concerned about untimely arrests of people, especially young people, some of whom have already fled the area fearing for their safety.

#### **One person killed in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On May 2, 2017, around 7:00 pm, in Rushubi zone, Isare commune, Bujumbura province, Gilbert Ndayisaba was shot dead by unidentified men. According to sources, the victim was in a bar not far from her home sharing a drink with friends.

#### **One person killed and one wounded in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

As of May 4, 2017, Jean Claude Bararufise aged 38, native of Kamenge zone was shot dead by an unidentified armed group while returning home. Sources on the spot indicate that this man was working as a bus conductor at 'Gare du nord' parking located in this zone. The incident occurred in Mirango I quarter of Kamenge, near Nyabagere bridge, down Ntakangwa commune office. The same sources indicate that Nadine Tumberayezu who was with the victim was also injured.

#### **Two people killed in Busoni commune, Kirundo province**

Information received by Iteka League on 7 May 2017 indicates that on 26 April 2017, Régine Citegetse and her daughter Ndagijimana, aged 14 were killed by machetes by unidentified men on Burara hill, Gatara zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, according to sources on the spot.

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

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

On May 12, 2017, in the morning, 74-year-old Bernadette Baragengana was found beheaded by unidentified persons at her home on Rabiro hill, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The victim was the wife of Pierre Mukorukarabe, brother of Oscar Ntasano, a former CNDD-FDD senator elected in Makamba province who was reported missing a month ago. According to sources on the spot, two servants of the same household have run away.

## **One person killed in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province**

On May 14, 2017, at about 10:00 pm, a trader of the area, Léandre Niyonsavye was murdered by unidentified people on Mufumya hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province.

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

#### **A dead body found in Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 24, 2017, in urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship, a visibly strangled 29-year-old Jackson Michel Nimenya, a native of Rugombo commune was found on Mwambutsa Avenue separating Kigobe quarter and quarter VI of Ngagara urban zone. According to our source, Jackson Michel Nimenya was a student at Buyenzi Regional Medical Institute. The population of the area claimed to have heard gunfire at around 3:00 am and believed that the gunfire was related to the assassination. The family of the victim indicates that the young boy had left home around 4:00 pm on May 23, 2017 for Kamenge urban zone.

#### **A dead body found in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province**

On 22 May 2017, around 6:00 am, a dead body of an unidentified man aged between 30 and 35 was found on Bisha hill, in Makamba zone of Rusaka commune, Mwaro province, according to sources.

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

As of 22 May 2017 at about 3:00 pm on 21 May 2017, on Rugunga hill, Buvyuko zone, Bubanza commune and province, a dead body of a 24-year-old girl Rose Ndayishimiye was found in Kadakama River by the population of the area. According to our sources, the victim had disappeared since May 15, 2017.

#### **A dead body found in Bururi commune and province**

As of May 17, 2017, a dead body of Jean Claude Niyongabo, a 23-year-old servant to Nyandwi's was found on Gisanze hill, commune and Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, the corpse of Jean Claude Niyongabo had injuries in the neck. According to information gathered from Nyandwi and the neighbors, Niyongabo was in fine and had no problems on the evening of May 16, 2017. Three people were arrested for investigation reasons and the reason and circumstances of the incident remain unknown.

#### **A dead body found in Gihosha urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship**

On 16 May 2017, a corpse of an unidentified man of at least 30 years was found in a gutter near the PAFE office in Kigobe quarter of Gihosha, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to police deputy spokesman Moise Nkurunziza, the victim had injuries to the head.

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

As of May 19, 2017, a corpse of Canesius Nibizi was found on Murinzi hill, Shombo zone, commune and Muramvya province.

### **A corpse found in Kayanza province**

On May 8, 2017, a dead body of Lydie was found on Ruzingati hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province. At the hospital, it was found that she was raped and strangled. The perpetrators were not identified. Lydia was a student to CFP Gahombo.

### **A dead body found in Ndava commune, Mwaro province**

On 13 May 2017, around 10:00 am, on Matongo hill, Ndava zone, Ndava commune, a dead body of Cyprien Gahungu was found in his house. According to sources on the spot, the victim would be killed with an ax. Some people in his neighborhood say he would be have been killed by thieves.

### **A dead body found in Ruyigi province**

On May 3, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified person was found on Kigamba hill, Ruyigi Province. According to sources on the spot, this corpse was buried by the local administration assisted by Red Cross. According to police sources, it was an unknown person who had been hit on the head. It was a second unidentified person dead on this hill within less than 2 months.

## ***1.1.5. PERSONS KILLED FOLLOWING MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTling OF ACCOUNTS***

### **One person killed in Gatara commune, Kayanza province**

The information received by our office on May 27, 2017 indicates that on May 21, 2017, on Mudahara hill in Gatara commune, Kayanza province, the woman named Aline was beaten to death by her husband Claver. She was his second wife. The reason of this murder remains unknown.

### **One person killed in Muyinga commune and province**

On May 24, 2017, Jacqueline Munezero, from Rusengo hill, commune and Muyinga province was strangled by her husband, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Major Jean Claude Nzitonda of Mukoni camp. According to sources on the spot, the reason of this murder would be linked to a land conflict. The couple was scheduled the next day at TGI Muyinga for a public hearing on the case.

### **One person killed in commune and province Rumonge**

On the evening of May 28, 2017, on Mugomere hill, in Rumonge city, Elysée Nkurunziza was killed with a hoe. Local sources indicate that the victim had gone to visit his girlfriend living on the same hill when she was knocked out by the girl's brother, hostile to the relationship of this young boy with his sister. The perpetrator was immediately arrested by the police. Accused of premeditated murder,

he was detained in Rumonge police cell. The victim's relatives said Elysée Nkurunziza had gone to borrow a notebook from this girl. The victim was in 9<sup>th</sup> form at Rumonge Urban Communal School.

### **One person killed in Giheta commune, Gitega province**

On May 25, 2017, Margueritte Nzobonimpa, aged 74 was murdered by the population of Ruhanza hill, Giheta commune, Gitega province, accused of sorcery.

### **One person killed in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province**

As of 17 May 2017 indicates that Minani of the Twa social component, of Nyankanda sub-hill, Munyinya hill, Bwagiriza zone, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province succumbed to his injuries as of May 14, 2017. According to sources on the spot, he was beaten by the population of this area, accused of robbery in a field. Seven people were arrested for investigation reasons including Kana, Ferdinand alias Dina who was director of Nyankanda E.P and the hill councilor of this hill. Ferdinand is also among the leaders of the Imbonerakure Youth League in the commune. They were imprisoned in Bwagiriza police cell.

According to information received by our office on May 19, 2017, Kana was released. Following the death of Minani, the Twa of Kireka hill where the victim lived started fleeing and the inhabitants of the Hutu and Tutsi social groups feared the retaliation of the Twa.

### **One person killed in Bweru commune, Ruyigi province**

As of May 8, 2017, Marcelline Kagaruro from Gasenyi hill, Busoro zone, Bweru commune, Ruyigi province was almost lynched by his neighbors who accused him of killing Denise Barakamfitye by poisoning. The alleged perpetrators have run away, according to our source. Similarly, on Busūma hill, Mubavu zone, Bweru commune, another person named Goreth accused of sorcery was killed, according to the same sources.

## ***1.1.6. PERSONS DIED DUE TO NEGLIGENCE BY PRISON AUTHORITIES AND/ OR SUICIDE***

### **The death of a detainee in Muyinga Central Prison**

On May 25, 2017, Jef Niyongabo, detained in Muyinga Central Prison died on the way to hospital where he was being treated. According to his friends at Muyinga Central Prison, the victim died as a result of neglect by prison authorities. For several days, his health was in poor condition, confirms the same source before adding that he suffered from acute diarrhea and vomiting. The victim was prosecuted for a rape case.

### **A person found hung in Muyinga commune and province**

On May 24, 2017, a young laureate of the technical humanities residing on Ngogomo hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province was found hung on a tree. According to sources on the spot, this young person would have committed suicide due to daily life concerns.

### **One person killed in Muramvya province**

On May 11, 2017, Yvan Nsanzerugeze, OTB Teza accountant, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, died in Muramvya provincial police station cell. The circumstances of the death of Yvan Nsanzerugeze remain unknown. According to sources on the spot, Yvan Nsanzerugeze was accused of a customs issue. Police say to be waiting for a government doctor for autopsy. He was arrested on May 9, 2017 at Foresta Hotel in Bukeye in Muramvya province with a girl named Emelyne. The same source indicates that Emelyne was released on May 12, 2017.

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

#### **One person abducted in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province**

On May 23, 2017, Eric Ntirandekura, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was abducted by unidentified people in Rubira zone, Mpanda commune of Bubanza province. According to our source, Eric Ntirandekura was with Desire come to visit him. On their way to Muzinda, they were arrested by Imbonerakure Chadrack, Sébastien and Mafyeri, all friends of Désiré. Arrived in Kinama zone, Désiré was off the vehicle to continue to Cibitoke. A member close to his family specifies that the abductors demand an amount of 300,000 Bif for his release. One of the neighbors said Eric Ntirandekura was abducted for political reasons.

#### **One person arrested and reported missing in Rango commune, Kayanza province**

On May 27, 2017, Florian Ndayikeza, MSD party member was arrested by Imbonerakure on Nyabibuye hill in Rango commune, Kayanza province, in collaboration with the police. He was accused of coming from Rwanda. According to sources on the spot, Florian Ndayikeza was taken to Bujumbura but his family does not know where he was taken.

#### **Two people abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura Mayorship**

Two people were reported missing on May 8, 2017 in Taba quarter, Kamenge urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship. Their families say they have no news of theirs. One of these two people is Chanel Ndikuryayo an ex-FAB Tutsi soldier living in Kinama zone, working in Muha camp. This 34-year-old soldier is from Busiga commune, Ngozi province.

According to sources on the spot, he was a guard of an officer known in various human rights violations committed in Burundi named Pascal Minani alias Mababa, commander of the first Muha support battalion. Information from his family says that Chanel Ndikuryayo received a phone call from his engineer Christophe Ndabagoye early in the morning of May 8, 2017. Chanel Ndikuryayo had a building site in Gasenyi quarter of Gihosha zone. His engineer lived in Taba quarter of Kamenge zone. All were in a carina-type car registered A0695 belonging to Christophe Ndabagoye. The source close to Chanel's family said he may have been abducted by SNR agents under the order of Mababa. Chanel Ndikuryayo is a witness to various crimes committed by his boss.

### **1.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS**

#### **Two detainees tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura mayorship**

On 24 May 2017, two detainees in Mpimba central prison, Tharcisse Nimbona and Jean Claude Nduwimana, nicknamed Kibago, all ex-FAB soldiers arrested in late 2016 were tortured. The former was accused of collaborating with rebel groups and the latter was co-accused of Colonel Dieudonné Dushimagize in the case of illegal possession of weapons. Our sources say that a group of young Imbonerakure security guards inside the prison have beaten up Tharcisse Nimbona and Jean Claude Nduwimana under the order of Imbonerakure Christophe Ndayizeye, Abdul Mugisha and another nicknamed Satan.

According to the same sources, these Imbonerakure entered the detention cells of these two soldiers to confiscate their phones but the latter resisted. After long discussions, these security officers used force by bringing the two soldiers to the prison grounds where they were tortured for at least 2 hours. Tharcisse Nimbona has injuries from torture and Jean Claude Nduwimana had a fracture on one of his arms.

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

As of May 25, 2017, Caif Sinzinkayo, a brigadier at Muyinga police station and attached to Gasorwe was publicly assaulted by the SNR Provincial officer in Muyinga Province named Gérard Ndayisenga. This brigadier was prosecuted for hiding alleged fraudsters. He was released. The people of Muyinga province as well as human rights defenders denounce the behavior of SNR official who is constantly mistreating people for the sole reason that they are not CNDD-FDD party members.

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

On the night of May 28, 2017 indicates that on the night of May 18, 2017, on Burara hill, Gatara zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a group of local elected representatives including Nimpagaritse and Mbanziriza as well as Imbonerakure including Mberamiheto, Muvunandinda and Sezibera attacked the family of Innocent Nsengiyumva accusing him of theft. They beat him to death, chest and feet burned, according to sources on the spot. The reason for this disgraceful act is that Innocent Nsengiyumva refused to join CNDD-FDD party. He was hospitalized at CDS Burara. The alleged perpetrators were still at large, says our source.

#### **One person tortured in Murwi commune, Cibitoke Province**

On May 26, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on Rwesero hill in Murwi Commune, Cibitoke Province, Bernard Nyandwi was beaten by young Imbonerakure from this area headed by Birihanyuma. The victim was from a bar, accused by these Imbonerakure of being a political opponent who does not patrol at night.

## **An ex-FAB and his wife tortured by Imbonerakure in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province**

As of May 26, 2017, Marekabiri, an ex-FAB pensioner and his wife were beaten up by a group of Imbonerakure on Rubimba hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. They were accused of not paying the so-called development contribution. These Imbonerakure do this collection without receipts and are responsible for torture. Known names of these Imbonerakure are Bucumi, Nyawakira and Nintunze.

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

On May 16, 2017, on Nkonyovu hill, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Christiane was beaten by the Imbonerakure of this area. Her husband, Eric, had tasked them accusing her of stealing his crops. According to sources on the spot, Binito and Majiridi are mentioned among these Imbonerakure.

## **One person tortured in Kiganda commune of Muramvya province**

On May 16, 2017, on Kiganda hill and commune, Muramvya province Etienne Metuye beat up his child accusing him of stealing an amount of 70,000 Bif. He then asked the Imbonerakure to beat him too for cash. This child was taken to Kiganda hospital in a critical situation.

## **A person tortured in Giheta commune, Gitega province**

As of 14 May 2017 Dr Zacharie Iryumugabe alias Juma, a FDN soldier, was beaten up by the Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD party on a military position at Muryanyoni on Rweru hill, Giheta Commune of Gitega Province. On-site sources indicate that Dr Zacharie Iryumugabe was tied up before being beaten. Names cited among these Imbonerakure are Achille, a demobilized, accompanied by his friends Vincent Nizigiyimana, Felix Kezimana. The same sources indicate that they found him in Philippe's bar of Rweru hill.

## **A person arrested and tortured in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province**

On 19 May 2017, on Rubuga hill, in Gitaramuka zone and commune, a young motorcyclist nicknamed Cinjire was arrested, tied up and beaten up before being taken to the commune cell by his colleagues on the order of the zone head at the same time chairman of the CNDD-FDD ruling party in this commune. He was accused of betraying the regime by uttering that the fuel shortage is caused by the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. But according to our sources, the reason of his arrest is that he is a FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing.

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

On May 16, 2017, on Murambi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba Province, a 70-year-old man Vital Buhororo was seriously injured on the head by an Imbonerakure on patrol when he returned home. According to sources on the spot, Vital Buhororo is a UPRONA party member of Charles Nditije's wing. Despite the efforts of the victim's neighbors who were able to arrest this Imbonerakure, the old man filed a complaint but the OPJs of Kibago position refused proceeding the case. On the same day and in the same commune, a secret meeting chaired by Phénias Nyandwi, Kibago zone head for the



Imbonerakure was held on Kivoga sub-hill, Kibago hill. This created panic among Kibago commune inhabitants, considering the blunders committed by these Imbonerakure.

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

On May 20, 2017, on Rubimba hill, a nicknamed Mugamba was ambushed by Imbonerakure on a night patrol headed by Ciza. According to sources on the spot, he was beaten and injured at the head. These Imbonerakure were from Jimbi hill border with Rubimba hill. Names cited among these Imbonerakure are Ciza and Bahati.

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

In Kayogoro commune, Malaisie Hakizimana, a native of Bujondi hill in Kayogoro commune, was beaten, tied up and then tied to a tree by a group of young Imbonerakure. According to sources on the spot, they suspected her of being involved in arson to her neighbor's kitchen. The names mentioned among these Imbonerakure who tortured Hakizimana are Aloys Ndikumwenayo, Nderayahaga alias Matsitsi, Nestor Ndabazaniye, Jeremie, Celestin and Gilbert Kabura. After discovering the true perpetrator, they have ordered the victim to keep secret except otherwise she will suffer serious consequences. A fine equivalent to local beer can was also imposed on the victim despite his innocence.

### **A soldier arrested and tortured in Mwaro province**

On May 9, 2017 at about 3:00 pm, Ndayishimiye Pacifique alias Muhongo, an ex-FAB soldier of Mwaro artillery brigade was arrested and tortured in military uniform by the commander of this brigade accompanied by his ATs all in military uniform. According to sources on the spot, this incident occurred on Gitwa hill, Gihinga hill, very close to his home. Pacifique Ndayishimiye was from the brigade with a backpack and returned home as usual 1 km from the brigade. Arrived halfway, he took a motorcycle and arriving close to his home, he saw a pickup of the brigade commander rushing behind him with many other soldiers armed with guns and rockets. They arrested him and began beating up him in the presence of the population and his family members.

According to the same sources, Pacifique Ndayishimiye was brutally embarked in the pickup then taken to the brigade. The soldiers who arrested and tortured him are ex-PMPA soldiers, according to the same sources. The reason for his arrest was that his backpack contained 40 cans of canned beef, according to a Mwaro brigade soldier. He was taken manu militari to Mwaro brigade cell.

### **Three persons tortured in commune and province Makamba**

On May 13, 2017, Nkeshimana, a shopkeeper was tortured by a group of young Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD ruling party members in Matonge quarter of commune and Makamba province. He was accused of not partaking in the celebration of the anniversary of the failed coup of May 13, 2015. Among these young people were Shabani, head of Imbonerakure at the commune level accompanied by François and Toyi. The same day, Vianney and Cimpaye were severely beaten up by a team of young Imbonerakure including Yamuremye, Nintunze Cassien and Havyarimana. They were accused of being General Godefroid Niyombare's supporters.

### **Two persons tortured in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province**

As of May 10, 2017, Édissa Nyandwi was the victim of an attack by young Imbonerakure. The facts occurred on Kibara hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. He was accused of sorcery and was beaten, according to sources on the spot. The Imbonerakure cited in this attack are Niyonzima, Musenga and another nicknamed Gipomozi.

On May 11, 2017, about 1:00 am, in the same commune, on Butare hill, a 80-year-old woman was beaten with a nailed club by an Imbonerakure named Isaac Minani after bursting into her house.

### **Four detainees tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship**

Aimable Manirakiza, a University of Burundi student, Fulgence Bizozza, Placide Muganga and an unknown old man are held in poor conditions in Mpimba Central Prison. According to sources on the spot, they were beaten and wounded by Imbonerakure detainees on 11 May 2017 on order of the prison director OPC2 Déo Bigirimana. The same source indicates that this director refused them any visit ordering policemen to eat whatever will be brought by visitors for the 3 above mentioned detainees.

### **One person arrested and tortured in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province**

On May 10, 2017, on Karama hill in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Michel alias Gasongo was beaten up by policemen and then taken to Kayanza cell. He is accused of trafficking coffee to Rwanda.

### **A teacher beaten in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province**

As of May 2, 2017, at ECOFO Rubira, Musenyi zone, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province, Majariwa, 6<sup>th</sup> form teacher was beaten by young Imbonerakure known as Jérôme Nkurunziza and Neto in complicity with the Director of this school Désiré Sindayigaya. According to our sources, the victim would be accused of not teaching well and is FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. Following this incident, activities were suspended by teachers and pupils on 3 May 2017. The students' parents in this area are indignant at the behavior displayed by this director and the Imbonerakure.

### **One person arrested and tortured in Ngozi commune and province**

On May 5, 2017, around 3:00 pm, a young man known as Dieudonné Nsabiyandemye, finalist at Ngozi University, Faculty of Economics was arrested by an Imbonerakure named Manwangari. According to sources on the spot, the young man from Matongo commune, Kayanza province, and MSD party member was accused of photographing Ngozi central market and was taken to Ngozi SNR cell where he was threatened.

According to the same sources, as soon as he arrived at Ngozi SNR office, his smartphone was immediately confiscated by SNR agents. They asked him who gave him authorization to photograph the market. Dieudonné Nsabiyandemye spent the night of May 5, 2017 in the the SNR cell where he was tortured because Radio Inzamba and Humura broadcasts were found in his cell phone the. He was transferred to Ngozi PJ cell.

### **Two persons tortured in Ruyigi province**

On May 4, 2017, on Nyarumanga hill, commune Gisuru, province Ruyigi, Methode, an Imbonerakure of this area and Director of ECOFO Nyarumanga beat two students, Corneille Niyondiko and Diomede Niyonzima. According to sources on the spot, he accused them of throwing stones to his house's roof while the latter were hunting birds with a sling. They were taken to Gisuru Hospital for health care. Methode refused to appear before the Gisuru OPJ, according to the same sources.

### **Torture in Kiganda commune, Muramvya province**

On May 7, 2017, around 2:00 pm, Niyubahwe, a teacher at ECOFO Cumba in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province was arrested by Léonidas Nzoyihuki, head of Rutegama police station. He was tortured by the head of SNR in Kiganda-Rutegama named Anicet in his cell accusing him of insulting MPs.

## ***1.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS***

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

On May 22, 2017, on Nyarusange hill in Rango commune of Kayanza province, an Imbonerakure named Benoit Ndaruzaniye was imprisoned in Rango commune police cell for criticizing the regime. He was released after paying 80,000 Bif.

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

On May 20, 2017, Eric Itangizi was arrested by the Imbonerakure on Songore hill in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, and imprisoned in the commune police cell. He was accused of having stayed in Rwanda.

### **Four people arrested in Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 24, 2017, two civil servants and two house workers were arrested by police and soldiers during a search conducted in quarter VI of Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. This search aimed at weapons and the control of household notebooks.

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

On May 26, 2017, around 3:00 pm, in Bubanza city center, Venant Havyarimana was arrested by young Imbonerakure including Hakiza, Naphtalie and Nshimirimana, in collaboration with the police. The victim is accused of possessing an Android phone in which he had Inzamba and Humura programs. Venant Havyarimana was detained in Bubanza provincial police station cell.

#### **Four people arrested in Minago commune, Rumonge province**

On May 20, 2017, Désiré, secretary of RANAC party and Juma, Eric, Khalfani Nizigiyimana, all responsible for this party in Rumonge province were arrested in Minago in commune and Rumonge province by the zone head accompanied by the police while they were meeting with the party members to set up the organs. They were released after the intervention of the Governor of the province. This opposition party has opposed the amendment of the constitution and the Arusha Agreement and advocates change through the vote. They were released on the same day under the order of the governor of Rumonge province.

#### **Five people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 20, 2017, five people were arrested by policemen and soldiers during a search, household notebooks and CNI check in Mutakura quarter from 0 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. They were released after paying a ransom ranging between 3000 and 5000 Bif.

#### **Thirty-four people arrested in Musaga urban zone , Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

As of 18 May 2017, thirty-four people were arrested by policemen and soldiers during a search in Gikoto quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship. These arrests were made after a grenade exploded in the same area. They were released after paying fines, according to administrator of Muha commune, Daniel Kabura.

#### **Five people arrested in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

As of May 7, 2017, in Cibitoke province, in a bar called ‘chez Coppens’, Jean Baptiste Habumuremyi alias Mpagaze, Police head in Rugombo has arrested Violette Ndayishimiye, Azela Mukeshimana, Consolator Ndorcimpa, Angélique Irankunda and Belyse Ndayikengurukiye. They were released on May 9, 2017 on the intervention of the public prosecutor in Cibitoke. According to the sources on the spot, this police head is cited in many cases of violations.

#### **One person arrested in Ngagara urban zone , Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 17, 2017, a house worker was arrested by police during a search and control of household notebooks in quarter III, Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship. The person arrested was not registered in the household notebook. He was afterwards released.

#### **Eight people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 15, 2017, eight people were arrested and taken to Cibitoke urban zone office by policemen and soldiers during a search and control of household notebooks operated from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> avenue in Cibitoke urban zone . All of these people were accused of not having household notebooks while

these notebooks are no longer available in the zone. They were released after showing the payment slips of 2000 on the mayorship account to buy these household notebooks.

### **Two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Gitega province**

On May 15, 2017, Ladislav Sabukwigura and Edouard Nzambimana, two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by SNR agents on Rutegama hill, Gitega province. Police sources say they were arrested for investigation reasons. They had just spent six months in prison accused of ambushing. After 6 months in detention, they were released by the prosecutor's office at Gitega Court of Appeal on 11 May 2017. These FNL members were arrested again and taken to Gitega police cell. Ferdinand Misigaro, chairman of Agathon Rwasa's FNL in Gitega province is concerned about the arrest of their members who have become quasi-daily and asks for their release.

As of 26 May 2017, Ladislav Sabukwigura and Edouard Nzambimana [.....]

### **One person arrested in Bukemba commune, Rutana province**

On 18 May 2017, at about 1:00 am, Engineer Boniface Nibigira of the SOSUMO Agricultural Service was arrested by the SNR officer in Rutana named Jovit and was taken directly to Rutana police station cell.

Police sources on the spot say he is accused of breaching state security. The victim's relatives say he was arrested because of his membership to UPRONA party of Charles Nditije's wing. Boniface Nibigira is suspected by SNR services of digging a mass grave in the sugarcane plantations to bury people during the 2015 demonstrations.

However, according to a source close to the victim contacted on 19 May 2017, Engineer Boniface Nibigira was commissioned by SOSUMO authorities in 2013 to dig a hole to be used for the destruction of expired medications from SOSUMO health center. According to the same source, this pit was dug in sugarcane fields but never served. The provincial physician of the day would have found another place to destroy these drugs. His colleagues at SOSUMO denounce a setup against this staff and fear for his safety. They call on SOSUMO officials to intervene for his release. Information received indicates that Boniface Nibigira was transferred to Rutana central prison on 23 May 2017 after being heard by the prosecutor.

### **Five people arbitrarily imprisoned in Bururi province**

Information received by our office on May 18, 2017 indicates that 5 people including Nicaise Niyongabo, Monalie Ndayizeye, Elvis Niyondavyi, Ferdinand Ntiszira and Godefroid Manirakiza, all from Kivumu and Donge-Burasira hills were arbitrarily imprisoned in Bururi police cell from 29 April 2017 till 18 May 2017. According to these detainees, the public prosecutor's office and the police excessively delays investigating on this case. The reason for their arrest was related to the theft of cows on Nyarurambi sub-hill, Kivumu zone in Mugamba commune, Bururi province.

## **Two persons arbitrarily detained in Mabanda commune, Makamba province**

On 20 May 2017 in Mabanda commune, Alexis Sibomana and Mapine, both traders of this area were arrested and then imprisoned for one week on order of the administrator of this commune Leatitie Niyonkuru. According to sources on the spot, they were imprisoned without files and were accused of leading an insurrectional movement among traders to solicit the harmonization of the prices of BRARUDI products in all the communes.

### **A person arrested in Rutana province**

As of May 8, 2017, Cyriaque Nyandwi, teacher at ECOFO Mutwana and communal council member in Giharo, from AMIZERO Y'ABARUNDI (UPRONA–Nditije's wing) was arrested by Imbonerakure on Mutwana hill, Butezi zone, Giharo commune, Rutana province. He was taken to the police station cell accused of resupplying BRARUDI drinks to rebels in Tanzania, according to our sources. As for him, he says that the administration of Giharo is plotting against him.

### **One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province**

On May 11, 2017, Oscar Nibaruta, a fish trader at Kiyange market was arrested at his home by Kiyange hill head named Anicet in Kibago commune, Makamba province. He was detained in Kiyange zone. On the same day, around 10:00 pm, Anicet, head of Kiyange hill, Gaspard, head of the Imbonerakure and Chadrack, head of Kiyange zone, searched Oscar's house and took iron sheet while the victim was imprisoned in the zone cell. Oscar spent two days in the zone cell and then transferred to Kibago police station.

### **Thirty people arrested in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

As of May 11, 2017, 30 people were arrested by the police during a search at the 4<sup>th</sup> avenue of quarter III, Nyakabiga urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship. Those arrested did not appear in household notebooks or did not have them. They were taken to the zone cell. They were released after payment of ransom.

### **Twenty-eight people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

As of May 8, 2017, eighteen people were arrested during a search to control household notebooks and CNI, carried out by policemen and soldiers on avenues 15 and 18 of Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura. According to on-spot sources, they were taken to Cibitoke urban zone office. The same sources on the spot indicate that they were released after paying a ransom ranging between 2,000 and 5,000 Bif. On May 10, 2017, for the same charges as those of May 8, 2017, the police arrested and released, under the same conditions 10 people on avenues 9 and 10 from n° 90 to 120 of Cibitoke urban zone.

### **Six people arrested in Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura**

On May 12, 2017, six people were arrested by policemen and soldiers during a search and control of household notebooks in quarter IV, in Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. Their release was conditional upon payment of a ransom of 5,000 to 10,000 Bif. According to sources on the spot, these people were accused of various irregularities in the household notebooks or not having them.

### **An ex- FAB soldier arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province**

As of 2 May 2017, around 8:00 pm, Déo Niyonzima alias Kimito, a retired ex-FAB was arrested on the order of Kigwati quarter head named Dieudonné alias Manyengeti in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. Felicien Bucumi, brigadier at Mabanda post often cited in arrests of political

opponents executed the order and imprisoned this retiree. The latter is accused of insulting institutions, voluntary bodily harm and nightly noise.

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

As of May 4, 2017, in Muramvya commune, Muramvya province, a person named Eric was arrested by Muramvya SNR. He was taken to Muramvya police station. He had been denounced by the Imbonerakure that he had come from Rwanda. According to investigations, he was not in Rwanda but at the Martin Luther King University in Bujumbura. According to the same source, Eric was released the same day evening.

### **Three persons arrested in Butaganzwa commune of Kayanza province**

On May 4, 2017, about 5:00 am on Nyabibuye hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, three persons Samugere, Philibert and Onesphore were arrested pay police during a search. The arrested persons were farmers. The reason of this search and their arrest remains unknown.

### **Three people arrested in Giharo commune, Rutana province**

Information received by Iteka League on 3 May 2017 indicates that on 29 April 2017, on Gatonga hill, in Muzye zone in Giharo commune of Rutana province, at Maragarazi River bordering Burundi-Tanzania, 3 persons, Samuel Sindayigaya, aged 24, from commune and Rumonge province; Jackson Misago, aged 23, from commune and Rumonge province and Samson Nduwayezu, aged 26, from Songan commune and Bururi province were arrested by local Imbonerakure accusing them of joining rebel groups in Tanzania. These Imbonerakure called the police and the 3 persons were detained in Giharo police station cell. They were transferred to Rutana police station cell next to Rutana prosecutor's office for the investigation on 4 May 2017. The victims say they were going to Tanzania to look for work in tobacco and cassava fields.

### **One person arrested in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province**

Reverien Hakizimana, Agathon's Rwaswa FNL party wing representative on Burenda hill, Biyorwa zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province was arrested on 6 May 2017. According to Severin Nitunga, Agathon Rwaswa's FNL wing chairman in Butaganzwa commune, the reasons of this arrest are not yet known. According to the same source, Reverien Hakizimana was arrested on a warrant from the prosecutor's office in Ruyigi province by policemen who were aboard a SNR vehicle. Séverin Nitunga, believes he was arrested for his political affiliation and deplores that CNDD-FDD Imbonerakure youth make night patrols around pro-Rwaswa militants households in almost all Butaganzwa commune. The Biyorwa zone head, Severin Nzikwirinda said he was unaware of the arrest. The public prosecutor in province of Ruyigi, Nigaba Edouard also said he was not aware of the arrest but that he was arrested by one of his deputies and promised to inquire on the situation, according to our source.



### **A person arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On May 3, 2017, Rémy Ndagijimana, a bus driver from Sororezo hill in Muyira zone of Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural was arrested in Gihosha urban zone in Rohero quarter by Joe Dassin, SNR agent. His family is worried about his arrest for the reason is unknown.

### **A person arbitrarily arrested in Kirundo province**

Information received by Iteka League on 7 May 2017 indicates that Emmanuel Coyitungiye, aged 30, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing member, a native of Mukerwa hill, Kirundo Province, was imprisoned since 19 April 2017 in Busoni commune cell. According to sources on the spot, Coyitungiye was arrested by the Imbonerakure for refusing to join CNDD-FDD party. The administration and CNDD-FDD party chairman in the province obliged him to pay a ransom of 320 000 Bif to be released, specifies our source.

## ***II. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE***

### **A person raped in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province**

On May 22, 2017, a 10-year-old girl named A. from Bugorora hill in Rusaka commune was raped by Fiston Mugisha from the same hill, sources said. Both were collecting firewood, police sources said.

### **A person raped in Kiganda commune of Muramvya province**

On May 15, 2017, H. from Ruvumu hill, Kiganda commune, Muramvya province was raped and stabbed by unknown persons when she returned home. She was rushed to Kiganda hospital.

### **One person raped in Muramvya province**

R.I, aged 6, from Kabuye hill, Mbuye commune, Muramvya province was raped three times on 28 April 2017, 4 May 2017 and 17 May 2017 by a 24-year-old man Mathias Ndikumana. He fooled her by giving her an amount of 100 Bif, according to sources on the spot.

### **A person raped in Gitanga commune, Rutana province**

As of May 9, 2017, a 6-year-old girl I.A. was raped by her paternal uncle named Lazare Budenengo on Samahuge hill, Nyakuguma zone, Gitanga commune, Rutana province. The victim was rushed to Makamba Hospital for health care and the alleged perpetrator was arrested and imprisoned at Rutana police station cell.

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

On 10 May 2017, at about 10:00 am on Muyange II hill, commune and Bubanza province, Jean Marie Nzisabira, a 30-year-old single man, director of ECOFO Muyange II was arrested by Bubanza police and imprisoned in Bubanza provincial police station cell. He is accused of impregnating J.N aged 18 years, pupil in 7<sup>th</sup> form at ECOFO Mitakataka.

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

As of 7 May 2017, around 6:00 pm, on Kanama sub-hill, Shari I hill, zone, commune and Bubanza province, a girl known as FN aged 16 was raped by a 18-year old boy named Samson Barutwanayo. The victim was guarding goats and was later taken to the CDS of the area for health care.

In this province, children between one to 15 years are at risk of rape. According to data from Bubanza Family and Community Development Center (CDFC) in 2016, 40 girls victims of rape were registered. Among them, two are under 5 years, 11 are under 15 years, 13 are under 20 years and 5 are over 45 years. In the first quarter of 2017, cases appear to be serious: ten cases of rape are recorded at CDFC Bubanza. 7 of them are under 15 years.

### **A person raped in Cankuzo province**

Information received by Iteka League on 30 May 2017 indicates that Anselme Barandya, the director of ETS Cankuzo, former director of ITABU Kigamba in Kigamba commune, had impregnated a student named AK, according to our sources. On May 28, 2017, Desire Njiji, the governor of Cankuzo province went to the residence of the student's tutor to take her but the tutor refused, according to the same sources. Hence, on May 29, 2017, the pupil was taken to the province office to be heard by Governor Desire Njiji, Reverien Ndugi DPE and Cankuzo Public Prosecutor. As the student's family later arrived at the governor's office, the student was then taken to the public prosecutor office where she was interrogated before being released at around 1:00 pm. Anselme Barandya was placed under arrest warrant while he was in Bujumbura, according to the same sources.

### **A person raped in Ruyigi province**

On May 17, 2017, a 16-year-old girl named C.N. was raped by a man named Salvator Ntirampeba on Mpungwe hill, Mugege zone, Butaganzwa commune. The girl had medical care at CDS of Muhene. The head of the hill confirmed the facts in a correspondence to Muhene CDS manager saying that the girl had been locked up in a bar during the rape.

### **Unwanted pregnancy and early marriage in Makamba province**

As of May 10, 2017, at a meeting with the administration, DPE, DCE, teachers, the head of staff at DPE Makamba warned teachers who will be involved in the acts of impregnating pupils. This is due to alarming figures of unwanted pregnancy and early marriage of the Ministry of Education report.

In Makamba DPE, 2016-2017 school year, 143 cases of unwanted pregnancy and 52 cases of early marriage were recorded. The most affected pupils are those in the first cycle of ECOFO. The perpetrators of these pregnancies include teachers. According to this report from the Ministry of Education, Bururi Province tops the list with many unwanted pregnancies and early marriages among girls at school, followed by Makamba province.

### ***III. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS***

#### ***III.1. RIGHT TO HEALTH***

##### **Prisoners at Gitega Central Prison are denied health care**

Soldiers and policemen imprisoned at Gitega central prison accused of having participated in the May 2015 failed coup are afraid. This is after a security meeting in Gitega province denied these soldiers and policemen to leave this prison, even if they need to go for treatment. During this security meeting, the regional commissioner Thaddée Birutegusa was entitled as the only one to deal with these prisoners' health. This commissioner vowed to no longer waste time transporting these prisoners to hospital, according to sources on the spot.

#### ***III.2. RIGHT TO PROPRIETY***

##### **Expropriation of a plot by CNTB in Kirundo province**

As of May 9, 2017, CNTB granted to Karima, a CNDD-FDD party member, a property belonging to Kagara's family, a UPRONA political party member which caused disagreements According to sources on the spot, Kagara had moved in 1993 to the displaced persons site of Rusarasi.

The latter has exiled in Mahama refugee camp in Rwanda. They are all from Buraza hill, Gatara zone, Busoni commune. There is fear and ethnic disagreements to these displaced persons of Rusarasi site, clarifies our source.

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

##### **Forced contributions by Imbonerakure in Makamba province**

The inhabitants of Makamba province are exhausted of forced unpredicted contributions from the administration. Barriers have been erected on all hills in the province mainly on main roads to public places such as markets and CDS.

"No one can pretend going to public places without having receipts proving the payment of these contributions," said a citizen met arrested on a roadblock on Kayogoro-Makamba road.

In Vugizo commune, adults no longer have access to the markets, "young Imbonerakure stop us at the roadblocks and force us to pay all the installments. We abandoned the markets, we only send children," adds an inhabitant of Vugizo commune.

In Kibago commune, young Imbonerakure abuse and beat people unable to pay these contributions. "They should know that means are limited for some people. There are even those who do not have what to eat, the construction of a provincial office is not a priority for them," say a resident of Kibago.

Communal and provincial authorities say that this project concerns every inhabitant of the province. These contributions are in the 5<sup>th</sup> tranche at a rate of 1,000 Bif per household and an amount varying between 5,000 and 20,000 Bif per official and per tranche.

In Makamba commune, it is also the forced recovery of the cash allocated to the construction of a provincial building. Barriers kept by CNDD-FDD young Imbonerakure are erected everywhere on the roads to the province city.

These roadblocks are observed on all the hills of the commune. People are arrested there, their release is done by means of payment of these expenses or bribes to these young people guarding the barrier.

On May 11, 2017, in Makamba commune, an Imbonerakure named Sakubu assumed the right to compulsory collection of the contribution for the construction of a provincial property. The latter pretexted to doing so on behalf of the province while in fact he was systematically robbing.

### **Forced money and food collection to pay the Imbonerakure in Kirundo province**

Information dated 20 May 2017 indicates that since December 2016, heads of hills and heads of quarter require Kirundo inhabitants to pay a amount of 2000 Bif to pay the Imbonerakure of the area . According to sources on the spot, these authorities explain to the population that Imbonerakure do night patrols to ensure the population safety. They explain that the latter also watch over their fields to prevent thefts at night while it is the same Imbonerakure who are at the origin of these robberies. In Kirundo commune, before harvesting, one should pay this amount if not one is not allowed to harvest, precise our source. In addition to this amount, which the inhabitants pay by force, the same people return to households after the harvest to collect 2 kg of beans or maize per household but also in offices to ask civil servants a contribution of 5000 Bif, according to the same sources. All these costs are in addition to forced contributions demanded by administrative authorities pretexting the construction of public infrastructures in this period of crisis in the country.

### **Forced contribution to build a CNDD-FDD party monument in Karusi province.**

As of May 12, 2017, residents of Gitaramuka commune in Karusi province were forced to pay 5,000 Bif per citizen and 10,000 Bif for every trader. According to sources on the spot, this money is to build a CNDD-FDD party monument. In almost all the country, on these monuments, it is written: "Caratuvunye ntiturota turekura igihugu (we have suffered a lot for the country, we are not intending to free the power)". The same source indicates that there is a person who has been forced to pay an amount of 60,000 Bif since he is engaged in the extraction of pebbles, sand and gravel. The population of Gitaramuka is exhausted of these forced contributions while living in poverty.

### **People assaulted by Imbonerakure in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province**

On May 23, 2017, around 1:00 am, Longin Nsengiyumva, chair of Imbonerakure Youth League in that commune, with other young people, Osias Bigirimana and a nicknamed American assaulted the people who were in a bar.

### **Armed Imbonerakure in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province**

Information received by Iteka League on 22 May 2017 indicates that, at about 8:00 on 20 May 2017, in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, at Burundiano hotel belonging to Vedaste Niyokwizera alias Warumonge, a score of armed men were there. According to our sources, all were young Imbonerakure who had just been armed. Until now, no one could know where these young Imbonerakure have left for.

### **Night patrols by Imbonerakure in Ruyigi province**

In a visit to Ruyigi province of the CNDD-FDD general secretary Evariste Ndayishimiye on May 25, 2017, the inhabitants of the province spent an eventful night because of intimidation by Imbonerakure of the area. The latter patrolled and ordered the inhabitants to go home very early. As an example for Sanzu III quarter, the patrol was made by Imbonerakure including one of the 5 elected on the hill named Sibomana and Damas, according to our sources.

### **Night patrols of Imbonerakure in Cankuzo province**

As of 20 May 2017, four Imbonerakure youth armed with sticks, in night patrols around Bishop Joachim Ruhuna Muyaga High School in Cankuzo commune were seen by a teacher and the pupils of this school. One of them was caught and disarmed with his truncheon. According to sources on the spot, on this truncheon was marked in large print "IMBONERAKURE" and was beaten by the students while 3 others were able to flee. The police soon got involved in this situation and this Imbonerakure was released on the spot.

### **Night patrols of Imbonerakure in Gatara commune, Kayanza province**

In Gatara commune, Kayanza province, the Imbonerakure armed with long sticks make night patrols which frightens the population. As of 20 May 2017, around 9:00 pm, a teacher from Gatara High School named Audifax met them, interrogated him for a long time and then let him continue his way.

### **Paramilitary training in Rumonge province**

Information received by our office on May 28, 2017 indicates that a mobilization of young Imbonerakure is intensifying on several hills where these young people go for jogging chanting slogans glorifying the ruling party and demonizing the opponents. Information reports night secret meetings and paramilitary training in Rumonge, Kigwena and Vyanda nature reserves in Bururi province.

### **Paramilitary training in Rango commune, Kayanza province**

Imbonerakure paramilitary training continues on Gatara, Nteko and Cari hills in Rango commune, Kayanza province. These exercises are done in small forests of these hills towards dawn.

### **Paramilitary training by Imbonerakure in Cankuzo province**

On May 3, 2017, around 10:00 am, the Imbonerakure of the 21 hills of Cankuzo commune, with CNDD-FDD party uniform, some with rifles and others with clubs, all met on Gatungurwe hill, 7 km from Cankuzo. They ran singing and dancing along the way to the province under the control of MP Anglebert Ngendabanka, the people who saw them were afraid, according to our sources.

### **Threats to be arrested and tortured in commune and province Bururi**

Olivier Muhimpundu, a native of Kirembe hill, commune and Bururi province was threatened by young Imbonerakure including Bikebesi, the head of these Imbonerakure and the Bururi commune administrator Nestor Nijimbere, according to sources on the spot. Olivier Muhimpundu fled and is living underground. His family fears for his security. A summons signed by the administrator came out on May 23, 2017 to arrest him. The reason of this pursuit is that Olivier Muhimpundu refused to adhere to the Imbonerakure youth movement, clarifies our source.

### **Ethnic stigma in Busoni commune, Kirundo province**

On May 16, 2017, Busoni administrator Marie Claudine Hashazinka, a CNDD-FDD party member has expelled her 17-year-old daughter named Élysée Irankunda, throwing her affairs in the toilets, accusing her of "Mujeri", the name given to all President Nkurunziza's 3<sup>rd</sup> term opponents, sources said. Hashazinka had this child with a Tutsi when she was still at school. She loudly shouted before the population that she cannot raise a "Mujeri", says our source.

### **FNL member of Agathon Rwas's wing threatened in Kayanza province**

Oswald Manirakiza, a supervisor at Kayanza High School, was threatened by the Director of Kayanza High School, Kayanza commune and province. The latter accused him of being a FNL member of Agathon Rwas's wing and asked him to join CNDD-FDD party if he wishes to keep his job.

### **Demonstration by CNDD-FDD party members across the country**

As of 13 May 2017, demonstrations were organized throughout the country by CNDD-FDD party. According to sources on the spot, this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the failed coup of May 13, 2015. Some Imbonerakure paraded in possession of guns, bayonets, clubs and small hoes. They chanted slogans to insult and intimidate opponents or alleged opponents.

Some illustrative cases:

In Cankuzo province, all the communes were mobilized. The number of CNDD-FDD demonstrators was between 1500 and 2500. Two people were carrying guns, including Gabriel Baravungwa. Another person had a bayonet while others had small hoes and clubs. They commemorated the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the failed coup of May 13, 2015, according to sources on the spot. The day before, they danced before alleged opponents in a bar. They had a vehicle with loudspeakers and said, « *ya coup d'État iri he?* » (*What about the coup?*)? "The owners of one of the bars were afraid to open this day of protest because the day before during the mobilization, CNDD-FDD members had told them

that they would dance in this bar. The latter would be the dancing place for those who would have supported the coup in 2015.

In Rutana province, Imbonerakure began demonstrating from 5:00 am in celebration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the failed coup. They chanted songs to support President Pierre Nkurunziza and castigated Niyombare and those who supported him.

In Ruyigi province, CNDD-FDD party members demonstrated against the coup leaders on this 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the failed coup, according to sources on the spot. Imbonerakure provided security. In the Ruyigi Governor's speech, he cited chronologically the bloody events that characterized Burundi from 1961 until May 13, 2015 when the enemies of Burundi plunged the country into a bloodbath. He congratulated the neighboring countries for their moral support, regretting instead the behavior of Rwanda which gave refuge to the enemies. The countries hosting the enemies should extradite them for trial, he added. According to him, the date of 13 May will be dedicated to Democracy. This speech was sent by the Home Affairs Minister, Pascal Barandagiye. Even though many participants were not in uniform, there were ruling party flags everywhere, which annoyed some during community work. There were so many even those from other communes, MPs and senators of Ruyigi. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the disappeared including late Colonel Darius Ikurakure, a native of Ruyigi. Soldiers and policemen gathered in SOMIPONAR were present at this demonstration.

In Bujumbura province, the Home Affairs ministry called on the Burundian population to demonstrate to celebrate the second anniversary of the coup attempt of 13 May 2015. Several people demonstrated and chanted anti-Kagame slogans who is accused of sending Rwandan spies to collaborate with coup plotters.

In Kirundo province, similar demonstrations organized by CNDD-FDD took place. According to sources on the spot, the non-party population was afraid to leave their homes to avoid mistreatment by these demonstrators.

In Karusi province, similar demonstrations took place. Slogans insulting coup plotters, civil society organizations, Rwanda and President Kagame, and UN organizations were chanted. The provincial governor publicly declared in his speech that those who did not respond to these demonstrations are supporting the putschists and should be followed closely. According to a political analyst, this kind of speech is a call for the violence and incitement to hatred of any non-member to CNDD-FDD, apolitical or political.

### **Confrontation of Imbonerakure in Cibitoke province**

On May 9, 2017, at Cibitoke High School in Cibitoke Province, a young Imbonerakure named Charles Niyongere was definitely expelled from Cibitoke High School after attempting to kill another young Imbonerakure named Thierry Niyongere. According to our sources, he tried to stab him with a knife he had in the dormitory. The victim was slightly injured on the hand. Both were in 2<sup>nd</sup> Modern Arts. The origin of the dispute was the theft of a mobile phone that Charles Niyongere accused the victim, according to the same sources.

## **Confrontations between CNDD-FDD party Imbonerakure youth and the opposition parties' members in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province**

As of 2 May 2017, around 12:00 am on Rubira hill, Musenyi zone, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province, non-members of CNDD-FDD party were afraid following clashes that occurred between young Imbonerakure and those of the opposition. Some opposition members hid in the bush while others fled, the sources said. The authors leading this incident are the Imbonerakure known as Desire Sindayigaya, Jerome Nkurunziza, Hakiza and Eric. Among the opposition members is Adolphe Nizigiyimana, whose motorcycle, and 520 000 Bif were robbed and his wife also beaten by these Imbonerakure from Mpanda commune with some others from Rugazi commune with police uniforms and firearms.

## **Clash of Imbonerakure in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

As of May 3, 2017, the CNDD-FDD party Imbonerakure in Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province clashed after sharing money stolen from Zacharie Gahungu while returning home to Kirekura, 14<sup>th</sup> avenue. They were subdivided into two groups. The 1<sup>st</sup> group leader is a nicknamed Mapfyeri who allegedly participated in the assassination of Mathus Nshimirimana, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing member. The 2<sup>nd</sup> group leader is Gaston Singora, also leader of Imbonerakure on Maramvya hill at the 15<sup>th</sup> avenue. The latter had been arrested on April 24, 2017 in possession of a gun. He was taken to Gakumbu military camp and then released. According to sources on the spot, the two team leaders possess illegally. During this clash, a nicknamed Bayore, the head of the 15<sup>th</sup> avenue Maramvya zone and CNDD-FDD representative on this hill shouted for help. Soldiers intervened and disarmed these two leaders. On May 4, 2017, a reconciliation meeting was organized by Léonard, head of Imbonerakure Youth League in the province, Nepo Dusengumuremyi, head of Imbonerakure Youth League in the commune, Elysé, the CNDD-FDD Party representative in commune Mutimbuzi and his deputy Jean Paul Ndikumana, Pelagie Mayabu the head of CNDD-FDD party Women's League and the MP from CNDD-FDD Sauda Mboneko elected in Bujumbura rural province. The decision from the meeting was that their firearms that had been seized be given back, according to sources on the spot.

## **Imbonerakure paramilitary training in Makamba province**

On May 6, 2017, about fifty CNDD-FDD youths undertook paramilitary training as part of community service. Songs hostile to the opposition were chanted: "we will dig a 100-meters deep hole for opponents to Pierre Nkurunziza and bury them with their reliable partners." In chorus, "Abagwanya Pierre Nkurunziza tuzokwimba ikinogo c'imetero 100 tubahambemwo does not ababasha babo bose". The same scenario occurred in Gatabo zone, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province, during a visit of the Imbonerakure from Giharo commune, Rutana province to those of Kayogoro commune.

## **Two students beaten in commune and Kayanza province**

On the night of 1-2 May 2017, at Kayanza High School, Kayanza commune and province, two students Samson Manariyo and Abel Ndiokubwayo were beaten by a group of 8 students from the



same Lycée because they were not members of the ruling party. These are Holides Nshimirimana of 1<sup>st</sup> Modern Arts, Cyriaque of 1<sup>st</sup> Science, Jovial-Freddy, Jean Nsabimana of 2<sup>nd</sup> Modern Arts, Anicet of 1<sup>st</sup> Pedagogy, Fabrice, Cedric-Gyslain of Economics II and Kwizera Régis of 1<sup>st</sup> Modern Arts. The Disciplinary Board decided that these 8 pupils should be external until the end of the year.

#### ***V. OTHER FACTS REPORTED***

Information received by our office on May 21, 2017 indicates that census of retired ex-FAB in Rumonge province is underway in Rumonge province. They are asked to register in their communes of origin. These pensioners are concerned as this census does not concern other soldiers from ex-PMPA. According to official sources, the FDN Staff would have asked to do this census.

#### **Four grenades found in a field in commune and province Makamba**

As of May 22, 2017, four grenades were found in a field on Nyabigina hill, commune and Makamba province. According to administrative sources, this field was rented by an association of farmers.

#### **Grenade attack in Rohero urban zone , Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

On 26 May 2017, around 8:00 pm, close the French school in Rohero quarter, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship, unidentified persons aboard a vehicle launched two grenades. One person was injured and gunshots were heard.

#### **Grenade attack in Kamenge urban zone , Ntangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

Information received on 22 May 2017 indicates that a grenade was launched on the night of 21 May 2017 near the home of Kamenge zone head on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gikizi quarter, Kamenge urban zone, Ntangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources, six people were wounded during the attack.

#### **One person injured in Bweru commune, Ruyigi province**

On 19 May 2017, around 10:00 pm, on Nzozi hill in Bweru commune, Ruyigi province, Lazare Baranzira, aged 69 was wounded by a grenade thrown into his house by unidentified criminals. The victim was accused of sorcery. He was taken to Kibuye hospital.

#### **Tensions caused by CNTB in Makamba province**

Tensions between residents and returnees resurfaced wounding people on Buheka hill, Nyanza-Lac commune and Butare in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. Agents of this commission are threatening the residents. The most recent case is the one that occurred on Mara hill in Mabanda commune. Two resident families were expropriated from their land. These are the families of Mujinya and Barashirukanya. These residents say they are threatened during the execution by the

commission agents that they are opposed to the enforcement. The case went even further to call them insurgent supporters against the regime. In these threats the chief advisor to the governor is pointed by many residents.

### **One person injured in Buterere urban, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship**

As of 9 May 2017, unidentified armed men shot and wounded a person in Buterere urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources, the victim was hit in the head and evacuated to the hospital.

### **Fuel shortages across the country**

Since early May 14, 2017, in different provinces of the country, different gas stations have not been supplied with fuel.

As of May 4, 2017, Daniel Mpitabakana of the Ministry of Energy and Mine took measures to manage the quantity of available fuel. According to the same source, the distribution of fuel is allowed in daytime between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. No one is allowed to buy fuel in a can except with a 48-hour permission of the Director of Fuel or the Governor. Trucks carrying fuel are not allowed to leave oil warehouses after 6:00 pm. Despite these measures, fuel remains a scarce commodity and transport prices have been revised upwards.

For example, for trips from Bujumbura to the provinces of Gitega and Ngozi, the ticket went from 5,000 to 10,000 Bif for car taxis. Bus ticket increased from 4,500 to 8,000 Bif.

In Rutana province, throughout the period from May 1 to 5, 2017, there was a fuel shortage (gasoline) in all the communes, leading to higher travel costs and prices for other essentials.

In Bururi province, gas stations are facing fuel shortage, according to our source. As a result, prices of essentials are rising steadily. For instance, the price of beans, rice, cassava flour etc., says our source. In general, food prices have increased by more than 60% compared to the previous month. The population does not know what to do. It lives in poverty.

In Gitega province, due to fuel shortage, some young Imbonerakure are involved in fuel sale. They are supervising fuel distribution in gas stations and took advantage of requesting bribes to facilitate access to the pumps. Motorcyclists pay between 2,000 to 4,000 Bif to be served. This interference of the young Imbonerakure is done in the presence of the police and administration.

In Makamba province, fuel has become a rare commodity. Several gas stations have suspended their activities. According to local sources, gas station owners are facing a big loss because they keep paying employees who scarcely work. Following this shortage, a black market took place. For example, the liter of gasoline that cost 2100 Bif, is today sold between 3500 Bif and 4 000 Bif.

In Bujumbura mayorship just as in the country, the serious lack of fuel has been observed. Queues in front of gas stations have increased. According to oil traders, the government would have given the import license to a single company unable to satisfy home market. According to Energy and Mining Minister Come Manirakize, this fuel shortage is due to a lack of foreign currency.

### **Three people injured following land disputes in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

Information received by our office on 1 May 2017 indicates that a widow, Capitoline Hamenyayo residing in Nyanza-Lac was seriously injured, beaten by members of the returnee families. A group of residents have avenged the widow wanting to take justice into their own hands. A man repatriated named Nduwamungu and his wife were also wounded in the clashes. According to local sources, it all started with fights that occurred when a returnee's family went to harvest palms and cut trees from one property among those of the five families of residents that the CNTB had expropriated on 27 April 2017.

### **Armed attack in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province**

On the night of 6-7 May 2017, about 1:00 am, on Rutyazo hill, in Mwaro zone in Kayokwe commune, an unidentified group of gunmen attacked Kazirukanyo's home, wounding a woman named Mediatrice who came to the rescue, according to sources on the spot. They stole a mattress, cell phones and an amount of money received in mourning held on May 6, 2017 of a member of Kazirukanyo's family. They took off to Fota, in Ndava commune, Mwaro province.

### **Hard living conditions of persons expelled of Tanzania, Makamba province**

As of May 5, 2017, eighty returnees from Tanzania had spent nearly two weeks in Mabanda commune, Makamba province without any assistance. According to sources on the spot, these persons expelled asked to return to their native provinces because the commune is unable to assist them. They ask the benefactors to help them by giving them transport fees to go back home.

## **VI. 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.

Grenade attacks and ambushes by unidentified gunmen are still evident in different parts of the country.

Torture, targeted arbitrary and illegal arrests to members of opposition parties is also reported.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth, forced contributions as well as night patrols is a source of threats to the ruling party non-members.

Given the continuously serious situation of human rights situation in Burundi, Iteka League recommends:

### **A) To the Government of Burundi**

- To punish policemen, soldiers, Imbonerakure League youth and administrative agents involved in human rights violations and intimidation of the population;
- To dismantle and disarm the militia of the Imbonerakure youth league which spread terror in the country and which has replaced the administration and security corps instead of seeking to legalize it;
- To ensure compliance with the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed and/or dealt with by persons who are not competent to do so;

### **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.

