

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

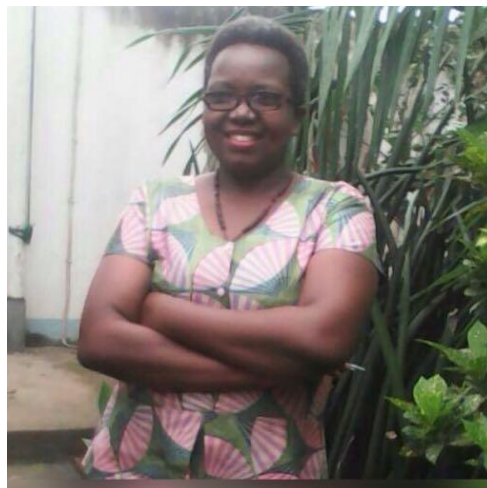
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***In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 31 October 2017, Iteka has documented at least 458 cases of enforced disappearances.***

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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ADISCO</b>	: <i>Support to Integral Development</i>
<b>CDS</b>	: <i>Health Center</i>
<b>CNDD-FDD</b>	: <i>National Council for the Defense of Democracy</i>
<b>CNI</b>	: <i>National Identity Card</i>
<b>ECOFO</b>	: <i>Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale</i>
<b>EAC</b>	: <i>East African Community</i>
<b>EP</b>	: <i>Primary School</i>
<b>EUSEBU</b>	: <i>Holy Ghost Unity Church in Burundi</i>
<b>FAB</b>	: <i>Burundi armed forces</i>
<b>FNL</b>	: <i>National Liberation Front</i>
<b>FVS-AMADE</b>	: <i>Family to Win AIDS</i>
<b>HCR</b>	: <i>High Commissioner for Refugees</i>
<b>ITABU</b>	: <i>Farming Institute of Burundi</i>
<b>ICC</b>	: <i>International Criminal Court</i>
<b>MSD</b>	: <i>Movement for Solidarity</i>
<b>ONG</b>	: <i>Non-Governmental Organisation</i>
<b>ONU-Femmes</b>	: <i>UN-Women</i>
<b>OPC</b>	: <i>Chief Police Officer</i>
<b>OPJ</b>	: <i>Judicial Police Officer</i>
<b>PAFE</b>	: <i>Immigration Authority</i>
<b>PJ</b>	: <i>Judicial Police</i>
<b>PNB</b>	: <i>National Police of Burundi</i>
<b>RDC</b>	: <i>Democratic Republic of Congo</i>
<b>RBP+</b>	: <i>Network of Persons Living with HIV</i>
<b>SNR</b>	: <i>National Intelligence Service</i>
<b>SOBUGEA</b>	: <i>Burundi Airport Authority</i>
<b>TGI</b>	: <i>High Court</i>

**UB** : *University of Burundi*

**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 39 persons were killed including 19 corpses, 10 reported missing including 1 soldier, 13 tortured, 139 arbitrarily arrested including 1 soldier, 4 persons were GBV victims and 9 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, soldiers and administration officials 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 in general and opposition political parties members in particular namely Agathon Rwasa FNL wing, MSD, UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administrative officials, night patrols, demonstrations as well as forced contributions are reported.

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

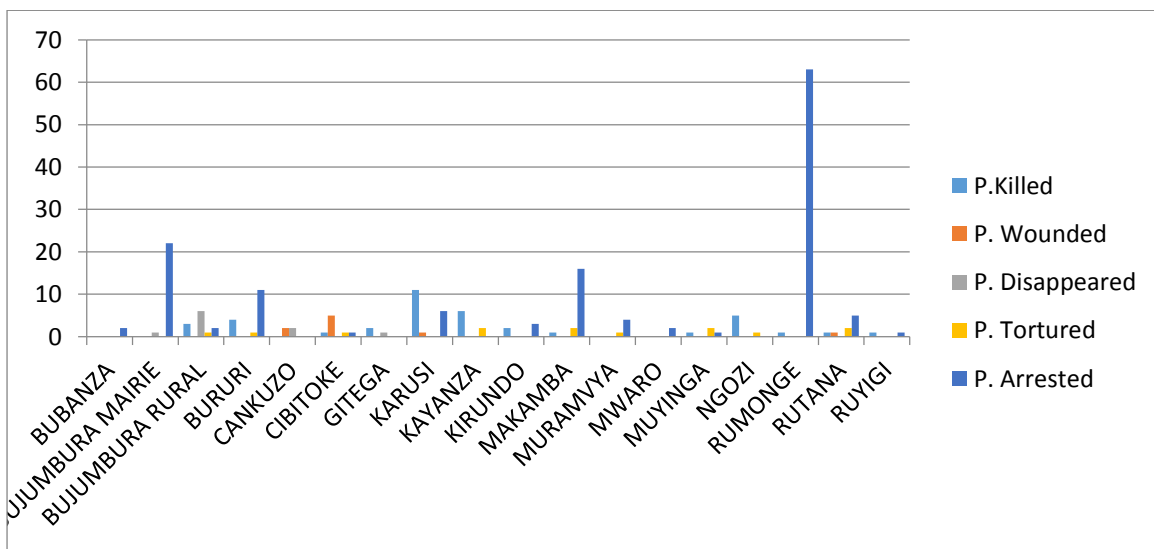
The phenomenon of rape as well as mob justice is also reported.

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

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

PROVINCES	P.Killed	P. Wounded	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested
BUBANZA	0	0	0	0	2
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	0	0	1	0	22
BUJUMBURA RURAL	3	0	6	1	2
BURURI	4	0	0	1	11
CANKUZO	0	2	2	0	0
CIBITOKE	1	5	0	1	1
GITEGA	2	0	1	0	0
KARUSI	11	1	0	0	6
KAYANZA	6	0	0	2	0
KIRUNDO	2	0	0	0	3

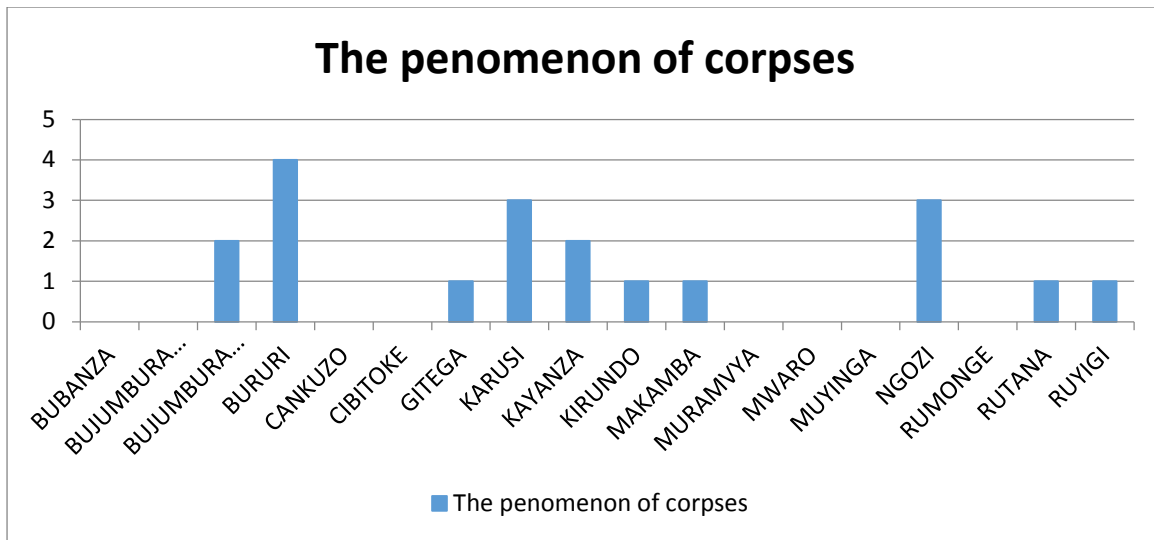
MAKAMBA	1	0	0	2	16
MURAMVYA	0	0	0	1	4
MWARO	0	0	0	0	2
MUYINGA	1	0	0	2	1
NGOZI	5	0	0	1	0
RUMONGE	1	0	0	0	63
RUTANA	1	1	0	2	5
RUYIGI	1	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>139</b>



High figures of people killed are in Karuzi with 11 cases, Kayanza with 6 cases and Ngozi with 5 cases. The table and the chart show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Rumonge province with 63 cases, Bujumbura city with 22 cases and Makamba province with 16 cases. 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 OCTOBER 2017**

<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>The penomenon of corpses</b>
BUBANZA	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	0
BUJUMBURA RURAL	2
BURURI	4
CANKUZO	0
CIBITOKE	0
GITEGA	1
KARUSI	3
KAYANZA	2
KIRUNDO	1
MAKAMBA	1
MURAMVYA	0
MWARO	0
MUYINGA	0
NGOZI	3
RUMONGE	0
RUTANA	1
RUYIGI	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>



The table and chart show 19 corpses some unidentified bodies found in different provinces of the country. Bururi province tops the list with 4 corpses followed by Ngozi and Karuzi province with 4 each. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

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

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

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

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

On 21 October 2017, Moussa Ibrahimu Nduwayo was shot dead by a police officer guarding Rumonge police cell. This victim lived on Rutumo hill, Minago zone, Rumonge commune and province. He was charged with robbery. Police sources say he was shot dead during an escape attempt, but his family says there are grey areas surrounding this so-called escape. Another detainee would have committed suicide in the same cell in early September 2017. A policeman named Domitien Nyabenda who was being prosecuted for an assassination attempt against the public prosecutor in Rumonge while other sources say he was killed.

#### ***I.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE***

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

As of October 29, 2017, at midday, a 14-year-old girl named Chantal Nijimbere was raped and strangled by unidentified people. Her naked body and pullover bound around her neck was found in Kibogoye quarter of Muyinga commune and province in a house still under construction. Originating from Nyaruhinda hill, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province, the victim was working as a house worker for a man named Ahmed.

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

On October 26, 2017, around 1:00 am, on Gatobo hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Claude Nzoyisaba was slaughtered at home by unidentified people, according to local sources. He sold alcohol in that commune.



### **A person killed in Matongo commune, Kayanza province**

On the night of October 24 to 25, 2017, at around 1:00 am on Kijuri hill, Bugarama zone, Matongo commune, Kayanza province, Antoinette Ntaconishimiye, aged 63, was killed. Sources on site indicate she was slaughtered by unidentified people in front of her home when she was out at night. The reason for her assassination remains unknown. The local administration and the police rushed to order the burial of the body of the victim without an inquiry to know the reason and the perpetrators of the crime.

### **One person killed and five wounded in Mugina commune Cibitoke province**

On 16 October 2017, at around 9:00 pm, Josiane Inamahoro, a 15-year girl was killed and 5 others from the same family were seriously injured by a grenade thrown at Rugajo hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to sources on site, a group of unidentified men armed with grenades and threw a grenade into the household of a 52-year-old CNDD-FDD farmer, Ismael Ntacobita, when all family members were having supper. The same sources add that some of the victims were taken to Cibitoke hospital for intensive care while others were transferred to Bujumbura.

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

On the night of 17-18 October 2017, around 2:00 am, on Bwoga hill, Gitega commune and province, Charles Ndaruzaniye, aged 62, was killed. He was married and father of five children and was the watchman of a shop belonging to a merchant named Salvator Ndikumana, alias Kabosi. Sources on site report that a group of bandits attacked the watchman at his workplace and strangled him and then left without stealing anything. The same sources add that the neighbors quickly intervened but the victim was already in critical condition and died at 3:00 am at hospital where he had been rushed.

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

On October 7, 2017, about 1:00 am, on Busokoza hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza Province, Niyongabo Evariste, a cow seller, was killed with a machete by unidentified persons, according to sources on site.

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

On October 2, 2017, on Mayuyu hill and zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, a 53-year-old Niyongabo was killed stabbed by unidentified men. According to our sources, the victim was a watchman at a shop next to Kavovo market. The same sources add that a group of men armed with machetes and knives entered this market and tried to enter a store guarded by Lazare Niyongabo. These sources add that this guard would have tried to prevent them from stealing but as they were numerous, they stabbed him at the chest before running away. He succumbed to his injuries.

### **A person killed in Marangara commune, Ngozi province**

On 8 October 2017, Consolatte Ntiyankundiye, a 40-year widow was killed machete by unidentified people on Nyanza hill, Marangara commune, Ngozi province. According to sources on site, the victim was a teacher at Marangara trades school.

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

#### **A body found in Kiremba commune, Ngozi province**

On October 29, 2017, a body of Clementine Nzoyihiki, aged 2 years, was found in Buyongwe River in Kiremba commune, Ngozi province.

#### **A body found in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province**

On 30 October 2017, at around 6:00 pm, on Nyarugano sub-hill, Rugoti hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province, a body of Nyawenda Céléstin, aged 30, son of Kavugo Pierre and Barigenera was found in Kagogo River. The victim was allegedly drowned by unidentified people for reasons not yet known. The OPJ made the finding in the presence of the administration and authorized the evacuation of the deceased to Butezi hospital mortuary.

#### **A body found in Vugizo commune, Makamba province**

On 23 October 2017, at around 10:00 pm, a body of Zachée Wakana was found on Gasaka sub-hill, Kagege hill, Mpinga zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province.

#### **A body found in Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province**

On October 26, 2017, on Mbuye hill, Kiguhu zone, Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province, a body of a man named Thierry Irakoze was found in bush. The perpetrators were unidentified. The police have already started investigations.

#### **A body found in Bugendana commune, Gitega province**

On 26 October 2017, in the morning, on Rwingiri hill, Bugendana commune, Gitega province, a body of Thérence Niyonzima was found hanged on an avocado tree. According to neighbors, Thérence Niyonzima was a pupil at Kayanza commune High School in second class. He was kicked out of this school because he owned a cell phone and had to report to school with a parent. According to Bugendana commune administrator, the reasons for this assassination are unknown.

#### **A body found in Vumbi commune, Kirundo province**

On 23 October 2017, a body of Emmanuel Rwsa was found on Nyamivuma hill, Bukuba zone, Vumbi commune, Kirundo province. Sources on site indicate this body was seen close to Nzeyimana's home.

#### **A body found in Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural province**

On October 24, 2017, a body of Léonce Ntanganwa, 58 years old, was found on Ruce sub-hill, Rurandira hill, Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural province. Sources on site indicate that Léonce Ntanganwa was attacked by unknown people as he was returning home on Rurandira hill. The same sources add that the victim was slaughtered.

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

On the night of October 26, 2017, in the quarter called Darfur, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural Province, the body of Muzungu was found in Kivogero River. According to our sources, Muzungu was strangled into water by two Imbonerakure from Maramvya zone including Ibrahim Bizimana alias Mafyeri and Shimirimana alias Shimwe. According to the same sources, these Imbonerakure strangled him after stripping him of his money. They later forced the hill head named Nzitunga to say Muzungu had epilepsy.

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

As of October 28, 2017, in the morning, a body of a 20-year old unidentified man slaughtered and showing signs of torture as he had wounds all over his body was found close to FVS-AMADE Bururi offices, Bururi-Rumonge road, Mugozi hill, Bururi commune and province. According to sources on site, the person would have been killed elsewhere and his body dumped on this road. Police took the body to Bururi hospital morgue for identification. The perpetrators of this despicable act remain unknown.

### **A body found in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province**

On 26 October 2017, a body of Odette Sinzobakirana, aged at least 30, was found in the morning on Nyamugari hill, Buhiga commune, Karuzi province. On-site sources indicate that this body was tied up. He was seen by children collecting firewood near Nyamugari secondary school. The same sources add that the corpse was picked by International Committee of the Red Cross agents and took it to Karuzi Hospital morgue.

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

On October 17, 2017, a body of a woman named Julie Niyokwizigira, aged 35, was found stabbed in her home on Rushemeza hill, Bururi commune and province. According to sources on site, the woman was found in her house located on this hill. Two people were arrested for investigation reasons. On-site sources say the victim had been reported missing since October 14, 2017.

### **A body found in Matongo commune, Kayanza province**

On 17 October 2017, a body of Aline Nijimbere was seen by the population in Nyawisesera River on Burarana hill, Matongo commune, Kayanza province. Police reports say the girl drowned in the river.

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

On October 15, 2017, a corpse of a woman named Frédiane Kankindi was found in Jiji River, according to sources on site. Her husband, a soldier, is blamed for killing her. He was arrested and then taken to Bururi police station cell.

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

On 15 October 2017, in the morning, a corpse of Concilie, a lady in her twenties, mother of two children, was found on Kagwa hill, Bamba zone, commune and Bururi province, according to local sources.

### **A body found in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province**

On October 9, 2017, a body of an unidentified young boy, aged at least 12 years old was found in Kigoma quarter, Buhiga commune, Karuzi Province. Sources on site say the victim was reportedly killed elsewhere and thrown into a house under construction in the quarter.

### **A body found in Marangara commune, Ngozi province**

On October 13, 2017, a body of Hilaire Buhungu, aged 35, native of Renga hill, was discovered in a eucalyptus plantation on the same hill in Marangara commune, Ngozi province. Sources on site say the body was found on the border of Marangara and Kiremba communes in Ngozi province. The same sources added that the victim was clubbed to death when trying to flee to Kiremba commune after he was caught in act of robbery.

### **A body found in Gitaramuka commune, Karuzi province**

On 11 October 2017, around 9:00 am, on Gitaramuka hill, zone and commune, Karuzi province, a corpse of a 3-year child was found in a public toilet opposite Lycée St Augustin. According to sources on site, the child was killed by his own mother named Evelyne Nininahazwe from Rwizingwe hill, Nyaruhinda zone, Gitaramuka commune Karuzi province. This woman was taken to Karuzi province police station cell.

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

As of October 02, 2017, a body of a 30-year-old Felix Mbarushimana was found in his house in Muremera quarter of Ngozi city. According to sources on site, he lived alone in a house. The same source indicates that the victim did not have any injuries on his body and died in unclear circumstances.

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

On October 7, 2017, a corpse of Deo Bunwa from Rukago hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province was found on the banks of Kukinyangona River. He had gone by bike to sell bananas. His corpse was found next to his bike.

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

### **A person killed in Kiremba commune, Ngozi province**

On 27 October 2017, on Kibuye hill, Kiremba commune, Ngozi province, Léocadie Ngenzirabona, aged 83, was killed with a machete. The alleged perpetrators, Frederic Macumi, were arrested by the neighbors. According to our sources on site, Frédéric Macumi is a mentally disabled. The neighbors wanted to handle justice and beat him up, then the police intervened. Frederic Macumi was first taken to Kiremba Hospital for health care.

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

On 26 October 2017, Innocent Mugabonihera, aged 29, was beaten up by two Imbonerakure Sugabo and Gilbert Kagabo in Busoni commune, Kirundo province. According to sources on site,

Innocent Mugabonihera later succumbed to his injuries on 26 October 2017. The two Imbonerakure Sugabo and Gilbert Kagabo ran away. Charles Bukuru and Pascal Kanyarigabo<sup>1</sup> were arrested for failing to help a person in danger.

### **Six people killed in Buhiga commune, Karusi province**

On October 9, 2017, on Rweya hill, Buhiga commune, Karuzi province, a family of six persons was decimated and ten houses burnt by Claude Ntirandekura, aged 24. Sources on site say that among the victims was a man, his mother, his wife and three children. According to the same sources, three of these victims were killed with machetes and three others burned in their houses. These sources add that the perpetrator known as a mason and carpenter on this hill also killed cows, goats and hens encountered as he passed. Administration officials indicate that Jean Claude Ntirandekura's body was discovered on the morning of October 10, 2017. The same sources indicate that this corpse was suspended on a tree on the road to Muyinga province.

### **One person killed in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province**

On October 5, 2017, at around 10:00 pm, a man known as Joseph Minyaruko was killed by Felicien and Serges Shemezimana on Kibenga hill, Gitaramuka zone and commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, the perpetrators are Sophie's brothers, owner of a cornfield in which the victim was caught robbing.

### **One person killed in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province**

As of 2 October 2017, at about 2:00 am, Barinakandi killed his wife Claudine Nimbona with a machete on Gasekanya hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, Barinakandi accused his wife of adultery and after killing her, he burned the body. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and taken to Gitaramuka commune police cell.

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

As of October 4, 2017, Pascal Nduwimana of the Twa social component was killed by the population on Gishunzi hill, Gahombo zone and commune, Kayanza province. According to sources on site, Pascal Nduwimana was caught robbing in the fields of this area and was killed. This act was committed in the presence of Gahombo zone head Anther Ntibashirinzigu. The Batwa community in this area is wondering what jurisdiction to take the case when one of theirs is murdered in front of the zone head. It demands justice and that the perpetrators be brought before the competent authority.

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

### **A person of Muramvya province reported missing**

On 23 October 2017, Justin Nsabimana, married and father of 3 children, employee of ADISCO association in Bubanza Province, was reported missing. According to our sources, on 20 October

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<sup>1</sup> Unlike the weekly bulletin No 82 from 23 to 29 October 2017, Charles Bukuru and Pascal Kanyarigabo are not the authors of this assassination but it is two Imbonerakure Sugabo and Gilbert Kagabo

2017, Justin Nsabimana<sup>2</sup> went to Muramvya to see his family. On October 23, 2017, he left Muramvya to Bubanza, but the next day his family learned that theirs did not arrive at the workplace.

### **Two people abducted in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 25, 2017, about 3:00 pm, on Kanyunya hill, Rukina zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural Province, three Imbonerakure youths led by Claude abducted two people, Nyarwayo and Macumi of the Twa social component. According to our sources on site, they were taken to an unknown destination.

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

Information received by Iteka Ligue on 22 October 2017 indicates that Fabrice Niyomwungere, an Imbonerakure from Mwayi sub hill, Rutegama hill, Gitega commune and province was reported missing three weeks earlier. According to sources on site, Fabrice got on the bike of two Imbonerakure from Bujumbura and he was not seen again. His friends searched but did not find him.

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

A non-commissioned officer named Gaston Cishahayo, originating from Mabanda commune, Makamba province, attached to Muramvya police station was reported missing since 19 October 2017 at around 5:00 am. According to sources on site, Gaston went to Bujumbura the same day and returned to Muramvya in the afternoon. He left home around 2:00 pm and has not been seen ever since. The same source indicates that Gaston Cishahayo was a veteran of FNL movement before joining the national defense and security forces.

### **One person abducted and reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On 10 October 2017, on the 15<sup>th</sup> street of Muramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Francois was abducted by Jérémie, SNR head in Mutimbuzi commune in complicity with Odette Ngerageze of the CNDD -FDD women's league. He was taken to an unknown destination.

### **Two people abducted and reported missing in Cankuzo commune and province**

As of October 11, 2017, the administrator of Cankuzo commune submitted a security report of two reported missing persons. It is Cyrille Banyakiki and Deo Nurwubusa, abducted by unidentified persons on 4 October 2017 and theirs are despaired to see them again. Sources on site indicate that Cyrille Banyakiki from Kavumu hill, Minyare zone, Cankuzo commune and province, was last seen at Busoro market on the same hill. According to the administrator and the prosecutor, Cyrille Banyakiki was not in good terms with his brothers Banyakiki Onesphore and Banyakiki Claude. The latter were arrested and are detained at Cankuzo police station cell for investigation reason. Concerning Deo Nurwubusa from Rutoke hill, Minyare zone, he was reported missing in unclear circumstances.

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<sup>2</sup> According to our sources, Justin Nsabimana may not be reported missing and may be hiding in a secret place

### **One person abducted and reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On the night of 10 October 2017, around 7:00 am, on the 15<sup>th</sup> avenue, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province Chanceline Nshimirimana, FNL party member of Agathon Rwasa's wing and mother of two children was abducted by SNR agent Abraham Bizimana nicknamed Mafyeri. He was taken to an unknown destination.

### **One person abducted and reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 13, 2017, on the 15<sup>th</sup> avenue, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Bushiti was abducted by unidentified persons. According to sources on site, her neighbor Odette Ngerageze of the CNDD-FDD Women's League played a role in Bushiti's abduction.

### **One person abducted in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 13, 2017, around 2:00 pm, on Gomvyi hill, Mutambu zone and commune, province Bujumbura rural, Thaddee, FNL leader of Agathon Rwasa's wing of this hill was abducted by Imbonerakure of this locality. He was taken to an unknown location.

### **One person abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura City**

On October 4, 2017 Diomède Niyonkuru from Kinwa hill, Songa zone, Matana commune, Bururi province, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was abducted at Mutanga campus by people in a vehicle without a plate number and then reported missing. On-site sources indicate that Diomede Niyonkuru went to Bujumbura to pick his documents from the UB. The family said they waited for his return but in vain.

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

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

On October 30, 2017, Afizi Hasham and his wife Dada were violently beaten by Gérard Ndayisenga, SNR head in Muyinga province. The couple would be accused of debauchery. Dada was repeatedly violently slapped by Gérard Ndayisenga in front of the provincial office to her enter the vehicle. As for Afizi Hasham, he too was violently beaten in front of the PJ's cell under the helpless gaze of the public. The couple was later placed in police custody.

### **A person tortured in Nyamurenza commune, Ngozi province**

On 23 October 2017, Jacques Twizere, a teacher at ECOFO Kajaga, was tortured by the CNDD-FDD ruling party youth on Kajaga hill, Nyamurenza commune, Ngozi province. In solidarity and to fight against impunity, teachers of the school stopped working. On 25 October 2017, the OPJ in Nyamurenza, Elias Akimana, summoned the two parties for reconciliation.

### **A person tortured in Giharo commune, Rutana province**

On 25 October 2017, at Kabingo hill, Butezi zone, Giharo commune, Rutana province, Gilbert Nyandwi, who used to be an influential member of the CNDD-FDD party, was publicly abused by an Imbonerakure and provincial responsible of the party, accusing him of traitor.

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

On 13 October 2017, on Nyabibuye hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, Francois Haramategeko, a member of Charles Nditije's winged UPRONA party, was beaten up by an Imbonerakure named Philbert Bigirimana. During this beating, he vomited blood. Philbert accused him of not having contributed for the construction of CNDD-FDD party office on Nyabibuye hill.

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

On 21 October 2017, around 10:00 pm, Janvier, CNDD-FDD Imbonerakure of Kibago hill and commune, was attacked at his home. He was beaten up and his arm broken by alleged Imbonerakure people. The latter would be the victim of having revealed their secret after the attack perpetrated on this hill, in September 2017, by his colleagues from Rubimba hill. These attackers told him, "N'akanwa karica!" (You are a victim of the secret revealed), before escaping. And that would have happened after a meeting held by this youth a day before this attack.

### **A person tortured in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province**

On 16 October 2017, Lewis Nyandwi, alias Wakenya, a disabled man and watchman at Mukungu fishing port was tortured by Audace Nduwayo, Mukungu zone head, along with police officers from the local position in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province. The zone head accused him of collaborating with Yakutumba rebel movement working in eastern DRC.

### **A person tortured in Musongati commune, Rutana province**

On October 10, 2017, Ernest was taken beaten up by Imbonerakure Nahayo and Nduwayo on Ngoma hill and zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province. Ernest was taken to Ngoma CDS as a result of torture. He was accused of denouncing their vile acts of patrolling and brutalizing people at night. These alleged perpetrators were arrested and taken to Musongati police station.

### **A person tortured in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province**

As of October 11, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Ruzibazi hill, Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Claudine, 8<sup>th</sup> form student at Rurambira secondary school was tortured by a policeman named Innocent Bahebiyake. According to our sources, the policeman asked the girl to reveal where her brother was. The girl was admitted at Mayuyu CDS.

### **A person arrested and then tortured in Bururi commune and province**

On the night of October 11, 2017, Alexis Niyongabo alias Volvo, trader of Mugozi hill, Bururi commune, Bururi province was arbitrarily arrested by Bururi province police deputy commissioner, nicknamed Gentil. According to sources on site, the reason for his arrest remains



unknown. When he was arrested, he was tortured with belts and plastic clubs. The victim was in critical condition at Bururi cell.

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

On October 13, 2017, on Kagurutsi hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, Gaspard Barutwanayo, farmer, aged 23, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was beaten up by young Imbonerakure of this area led by Minani known as Kibaga. According to our sources, he was accused of not joining CNDD-FDD party.

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

On October 14, 2017, in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Herman was beaten by CNDD-FDD deputy representative in Rutegama commune. According to sources on site, he was accused of not responding him politely. He was jailed in Rutegama police cell.

#### **One person tortured in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province**

As of October 6, 2017, Nyandwi from Butezi hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province was beaten in Butezi by the head of Imbonerakure of this hill, Onesphore Nizigiyimana along with other Imbonerakure Emmanuel Nizigiyimana and Leonidas Bimazubute. They accused him of wanting to commit suicide because money was stolen from him. He was hospitalized in critical condition at Gahombo Hospital on Rukago hill.

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

#### **Five people arrested in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province**

On October 28, 2017, five people including Eric employed at CDS Karuzi, four students of ITABU Karuzi including Toty, Emery Ishimwe were arrested on Nyamugari hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune. After a football match opposing "Vota Santé Sport" from Buhiga and Bugenyuzi commune, the five people met for a drink on the same hill. An Imbonerakure nicknamed Mabosi accused them of holding an illegal political meeting. He informed the commune administrator, Ntakarutimana Euphrasie, and she called the police to arrest them. They were taken to Karuzi police station.

#### **Forty-two people arrested in Rumonge commune and province**

On October 28, 2017, forty-two people including foreigners were arrested in a police raid organized by the police in Rumonge city. As of October 29, 2017, twenty-two people were still at Rumonge police station including fourteen men and eight women. According to local sources, most of those arrested were in hotels and hostels. Some were arrested with valid travel documents.

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

Information dated October 23, 2017 indicates that eleven people from Muhanda and Mutambara hills of Rumonge commune, aboard a transport bus were arrested by police and taken to Nyanza-

Lac post office cell. According to sources on site, these people were accused of going to be enlisted in armed groups. They are still jailed in Nyanza-Lac police station.

#### **A person arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 28, 2017, on Nyabunyegeri hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural Province, Jean Habarugira was arrested on the order of the chief of Imbonerakure in Mutimbuzi commune named Népomuscène Dusengumuremyi. According to our sources, Jean Habarugira refused to join CNDD-FDD party, which this Imbonerakure leader often asked him to do. He was taken to Rubirizi zone police station by Pastor Jérémie, SNR head in Mutimbuzi commune. According to the same sources, in Rubirizi zone the police cell, Japhet, SOBUGEA company employee, was called to accuse Jean Habarugira of collaborating with rebels.

#### **Eight people arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province**

Since 21 October 2017, eight minors including Jean Marie Iradukunda, 15 years old from Muyange hill, Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province, son of Frédéric Sindayikengera and Vestine Ninganza; Amas Irankunda, 15 years old from Tema-Rushomyo hill, Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province, son of Libere Nkeshimana and Spès Hakizimana; Innocent Ndayikengurukiye, 15 years old from Gahombo-Kibande hill, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province, son of Gabriel Hakizimana and Virginie Igiraneza; Faithful Ndayizeye, 15, of Bonero-Bugenyuzi hill, Karusi province, son of Frédéric Ntahonavutse and Candide Nzeyimana; Lionel Nkurunziza aged 14 from Gahumba-Karambi, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province, son of Frédéric Sindayikengera and Vestine Ninganza; Richard Bigirimana, 13 years old from Bikingi hill, Nyarusange commune, Gitega province, son of Antoine Budodoye and Juliette; Destin Ngabonziza, 13 years old from Muyange hill, Fukwe sub-hill, Bururi commune and province, son of Frédéric Sindayigaya and Ninganza; Elvis Irakoze 15-year-old from Sakinyonga hill, Mazege sub-hill, Matana commune, Bururi province, son of Pascal Kayoya and Claudine Muhorakeye, were arrested by Matana police station head, Moise Arakaza alias Nyiganga and were imprisoned at Matana police cell. According to sources on site, they were accused of being irregular. These eight children were released on October 25, 2017 after intervention by FVS-Amade Bururi and were taken to their home communes and handed over to the administrators.

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

On the morning of October 26, 2017, Marie Goreth Ndayishimiye, aged 38, from Mugozi hill, Taba sub hill, Bururi commune, was arrested by a police officer named Antoine Sabushimike from Bururi police station and taken to Bururi cell and she is without a case record. The information received from the population says that land conflicts were the cause of his arrest.

#### **A person arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 18, 2017, Muntunibanga, from Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was arrested at Mutimbuzi commune office on the order of Mutimbuzi communal council head Jérôme Nzokirantevye. According to our sources, the communal council head told Muntunibanga that he no longer wants to see him at Mutimbuzi commune office because he left CNDD-FDD party. The victim was jailed in Mutimbuzi commune police cell.

### **A person arrested in Mbuye commune, Muramvya province**

On 16 October 2017, Rogatienne Niyonzima from Mbuye IDP site, more than 40 years old was arrested in the evening by SNR agents and jailed in Muramvya police cell. Sources on site indicate that she was arrested when she was in one of the bars of the site. The same sources say she was taken aboard a vehicle with tinted windows and taken to Muramvya judicial police cell. Rogatienne Niyonzima would be accused of facilitating some displaced people from Kibumbu site to flee into Rwanda. His family members fear for her security.

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

On 12 October 2017, a 32-year-old driver, Aaron, was arrested at Gasenyi-Nemba border, Bishisha hill, Gisenyi zone, Busoni commune, province Kirundo. According to sources on site, Aaron was accused of leaking secret to returnees from Rwanda to hide their money and not to tell the PAFE that they come from Mahama refugee camp so that their property are not looted by police and Imbonerakure. The PNB province commissioner arrested him and took him to PJ Kirundo cell.

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

On 16 October 2017, Jean Claude Bihumugani, living on Bugorora hill, Rusaka commune, Mwaro province, teacher at ECOFO Bugorora was arrested and taken to PJ Mwaro cell by the police. According to sources on site, he was accused of possessing a grenade in his house, something he categorically denies. According to Jean Claude, he is in conflict with an Imbonerakure of the same hill which would be at the origin of his arrest. The arrest took place without any evidence as was no search was carried out.

### **Five people arrested in Rutana commune and province**

On the afternoon of October 21, 2017, five people were arrested by Rutana commune administrator Isidora Nkundizanye with young Imbonerakure including Désiré Nduwimana, Isidore Sindabakira and Sinzumunsi of CNDD-FDD ruling party on Jomati hill, Rutana commune and province. According to sources on site, they were accused of holding an illegal meeting with Godeberte Hatungimana, MP from AMIZERO Y'ABARUNDI coalition. According to sources on site, the latter was beaten up by these Imbonerakure. FNL members of Agathon RWASA's wing in Rutana province denounce the intimidation suffered by the members of this party.

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

On 12 October 2017, in the afternoon, Didier Hakizimana, a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from Bujumbura rural province was arrested by police and taken to Bururi province police cell. According to sources on site, he is prosecuted for slandering the Catholic Church

### **One person arrested in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province**

As of October 12, 2017, around 2:00 pm, Claude, politically unaffiliated, supplier of construction materials such as sand and stones, originating from Gikebuka hill, Rusaka zone and commune, Mwaro province was arrested by Mwaro province SNR agents. According to sources on site, Claude was arrested at Rwibaga market in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province.

He was subsequently taken to Mwaro province police station cell. According to the same source, the reason for his arrest remains unknown.

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

As of October 9, 2017, on the 7<sup>th</sup> street of Cibitoke hill in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, a 56-year-old Makera, MSD party member, was arrested by Imbonerakure youths led by Bucumi, leader of these Imbonerakure, on order of a MP known named Usiel. According to our sources, Makera was accused of not contributing to CNDD-FDD party. He was released on 12 October 2017.

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

On the afternoon of 11 October 2017, a man named Ananias Bayubahe was arrested by Gad Niyukuri, governor of Makamba province and taken to Makamba police station. He was accused of calling the governor by his name when he passed close by. According to police sources, no offense is charged to him. He was released on 12 October 2017.

### **Seven people arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City**

On October 13, 2017, seven house workers were arrested during a search by soldiers and policemen in Kinanira I quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. They were released after checking the household notebooks.

### **One person arrested in Mbuye commune, Muramvya province**

On October 9, 2017, Chanel Bigirimana, a motorcyclist from IDP site of Kibumbu in Mbuye commune, was arrested by Imbonerakure, one of whom was nicknamed Gahanga, in Mbuye commune, Muramvya province. Sources on site indicate that Chanel Bigirimana was taken by people aboard Remy's vehicle, SNR head in Muramvya. The same sources said that Chanel Bigirimana was reportedly delivered by an Imbonerakure named Cyriaque, a driver of CNDD-FDD party leader in Mbuye commune, accusing him of having transported students from ECOFO Muramvya to the Burundi-Rwanda border to join rebel groups. These sources say there is misunderstanding between the displaced people of Kibumbu site and CNDD-FDD party members. His family members report he was taken to Muramvya police station cell.

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

As of October 13, 2017, two pastors of EUSEBU church were arrested in worship on order of Makamba administrator Japhet Ntungwanayo. They were accused of sabotaging anniversary celebrations of Prince Louis Rwagasore assassination. They were released in the afternoon on the same day. This spread fear among church members who were at service.

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

On October 14, 2017, T rence Nicimpaye, a former soldier was arrested by the SNR head in Rumonge province on Mibanda sub hill, Musave hill, Kizuka zone, Rumonge commune and province. This former soldier is accused of beating soldiers of Musave position, according to police source. He was taken to Rumonge police station cell. His relatives rejected the accusations against him. They accuse Musave hill head Jean Bosco Ndayiragije of orchestrating a fabrication against this former soldier saying he held weapons. The same sources indicate that T rence Nicimpaye had been beaten by young Imbonerakure of this hill on orders of the hill head. The reason is that he refused to give the hill head an amount of 300,000 Bif to allow him building a house on this hill.

### **Illegal detention in Kibago commune, Makamba province**

In Kibago commune, a soldier named Jean Claude Nshimirimana, arrested on 4 October 2017, is still jailed in Makamba public prosecutor's office after more than a week, while the TGI Chambers was held on 5 October 2017 but the decision of the Chambers which should enacted within 48 hours is not yet pronounced. According to sources on site, Jean Claude Nshimirimana is accused of participating in insurrectional groups that attacked Ildephonse Ndiokubwayo's bar on September 9, 2017, located on Kibago hill while those who attacked are Imbonerakure members of the joint committee known as Denis, Radjabu, Rufyikiri, and Emmanuel, accompanied by Kibago zone head Ph nias Kabura.

The same situation is observed at Bururi Court of Appeal where 6 people remain detained after the court has decided to release them. It is Fid le Nsabumukiza, Eli zere Ndayambaje, Josaphat, Sal se, Wilson and Ast re, all CNDD party members of Nyangoma and originating from Makamba province. They were arrested in December 2016, accused of participating in armed movements. The prosecutor at Bururi Court of Appeal said the decision to keep them detained was taken for public security reasons. The decision to release them had been taken on 20 September 2017.

### **One person arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province**

As of October 1, 2017, around 2:00 am, a nicknamed Museveni was arrested at home by Imbonerakure Ndereyimana and Mutama on Taba hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, they accused him of stealing from a local shopkeeper named Pascal, what his neighbors consider as a fabrication.

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

As of October 2, 2017, Halidi Hassan driver to UNHCR Muyinga delegation was arrested and placed in custody for three hours by G rard Ndayisenga, SNR head in Muyinga province. Halidi Hassan was accused of "not participating in the demonstration organized by CNDD-FDD".

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

On 1 October 2017, on Vumwe hill, Kinyinya commune, Ruyigi province, Nicelatte Ndikumana, accused of insulting Imbonerakure of the area, was beaten up by the latter. She was manu militari sent to Ruyigi central prison the same day and was transported by the vehicle of the Governor of Ruyigi province. According to sources on site, a few days before her arrest, her husband accused of robbery, was beaten and fined 600,000 Bif by the Imbonerakure. Nicelatte spoke to Humura and Inzamba programs on the progress of this act.

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

On October 8, 2017, fifteen people were arrested by police and soldiers during a search to avenues 9 to 11, from n° 90 to 124 of Cibitoke urban zone , Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. Four of them were released after paying a ransom of 5,000 Bif each.

### **Two people arrested in Rugazi commune, Bubanza province**

As of October 5, 2017, on Muzinda hill, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province, two students, Bukuru and Butoyi were arrested by police of the area. According to sources on site, they were taken to Bubanza province police station cell. The same sources indicate that the reason for their arrest is they refused to cut their hair because their church does not allow it.

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

On October 5, 2017, Jean Claude Ndabemeye, a 25-year-old motorcyclist from Kirundo town, from Runanira hill, Kirundo commune, was arrested around 6:00 pm at Mushasha police checkpoint, Gisenyi zone, Busoni commune. According to sources on site, Ndabemeye was accused of transporting two clients, a man and his wife who were traveling into Rwanda passing through the marshlands of Cimbogo, Gatete hill, Gatere zone, Busoni commune. The same sources add that this lady was caught by a group of Imbonerakure commanded by their leader named Ngenda who subsequently telephoned his colleagues from Mushasha where they arrested this motorcyclist. The latter and this lady were handed over to SNR head at Gasenyi border, who took them to a secret place. Information states that man managed to escape into Rwanda.

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

As of October 2, 2017, Celeus Niyoyitungira was arrested by Imbonetakure and SNR agents on Mija-Musagara hill, commune and Muramvya province while he was identifying Uprona party members. He was taken to Muramvya province police station.

### **Twenty people arrested in Rumonge commune and province**

On October 5, 2017, twenty people were arrested by police during a search of hotels, bars and roads in Rumonge commune and province. They paid ransoms to be released and most of them were in possession of documents such as CNIs or travel documents for foreigners. Among those arrested were Congolese and persons qualified as prostitutes.

### **Illegal detention in Makamba province**

The TGI Makamba Chamber decided to jail four people, Lin Niyomukiza, ex-FAB, Tresor Nkunuzumwe and Thierry Ndayiragije, students at ECOFO Kibago, Ildephonse Ndiwokubwayo, owner of the bar where the incident occurred. The decision was taken on 3 October 2017 and the alleged perpetrators were notified of the judgment on 4 October 2017. Information received by Iteka League indicates that all four were arrested during the attack on Kibago hill on 9 September 2017 by Imbonerakure from Rubimba hill, accompanied by Kibago zone head Phénias Kabura. This decision hit the victims of the attack while those who attacked never appeared neither before the OPJ nor the prosecution.

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

On October 4, 2017, a soldier named Jean Claude Nshimirimana was arrested by police on Kibago hill, Makamba province. According to sources on site, Jean Claude Nshimirimana is accused of participating in an insurrectional group that attacked Ndiwokubwayo Ildephonse's bar on September 9, 2017, located on Kibago hill while those who attacked are Imbonerakure members of the joint committee known as Denis, Radjabu, Rufyikiri, and Emmanuel, accompanied by Kibago zone head Phénias Kabura.

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

As of 1 October 2017, around 11:00 am, Serges Sindayigaya, a teacher and Bonesha FM correspondent was arrested by police officers on instructions from Makamba province governor. He was later taken to Makamba police station. According to sources on site, this governor accused him of continuing working as journalist while Bonesha FM was closed. He was released on Sunday night but his telephone sets were handed over to him after copying contacts and data.

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

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

On the night of 9-10 October 2017, on Bubanza city center, Bubanza commune, a 13-year-old N.G girl was raped by Leonidas Bigirimana, 17 years old. According to our sources, the victim was accompanied and followed up by RBP + while the perpetrator was arrested and taken to Bubanza province police station and transferred to Bubanza central prison.

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

Information dated 8 October 2017 indicates that on 4 October 2017, on Biganda hill, Muramvya commune and province, N.N, aged 6, was raped by Habonimana Ezéchiél, born in 1975 in Mbuye commune and living in Biganda hill.

### **A person raped in Muramvya province**

As of 6 October 2017 on Biganda hill, Muramvya commune and province, V.M., aged 15, was raped by Manirakiza Innocent, aged 27 and originating from Masango hill in Muramvya commune and province.

### **A person raped in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province**

On 1 October 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Kizigama hill, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province, E.N was raped by Egide Ntirampeba. The victim was taken to Muriza CDS for treatment as of October 3, 2017.

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

#### **A meeting to arrest an opponent in Kibago commune, Makamba province**

On October 22, 2017, at about 7:00 pm, at Kibago hill head home, Laurent Ayubu, a meeting was held between this person, the communal secretary of CNDD-FDD party and Imbonerakure youth representative of this same party. The purpose was to arrest Enock, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. Enock has since been in hiding.

#### **Intimidation to NGOs in Cankuzo province**

On October 24, 2017, in Cankuzo province, in a meeting of the technical and financial partners (PTF), provincial and communal public services and associations that took place at "Agora Hotel" in Cankuzo, Governor Désire Njiji introduced the meeting with intimidation starting with an individual call of NGOs present, specifying that he will make written and urgent decisions to the absentees, according to sources on site. He warned them for the very last time that some NGOs and associations that transmit reports on human rights violations and other situations to Geneva, they expose themselves for security reports are reserved only for administration. He repeated it on October 25, 2017 in a meeting of the heads of departments in his office. He added that henceforth any NGO must budget for institutional support for the province, that the equipment that the NGOs use in the province will stay there at the end of the project (vehicles, motorcycles, computers and other). According to the same sources, he said that recruitment into NGOs and existing staff, constitutional balances will have to be taken into consideration.

#### **Demonstration to protests against ICC in the country**

On 28 October 2017, demonstrations were held in all provinces of the country to celebrate Burundi's effective withdrawal from the ICC.

As illustration:

- In Mwaro province, from 9:00 am, the population from the six communes of this province made a rally at the fiftieth anniversary monument to demonstrate against the ICC deemed biased and Western powers tool to destabilize African countries and support to the Burundian authorities who took the initiative to withdraw Burundi from the ICC. According to local sources, students from schools close to this meeting place were forced to join other demonstrators, including those from Mwaro High School and Mwaro Communal High School. Shopkeepers at Mwaro city center were forced to close until



11:00 am and participate in these events. The police helped in this work to close shops, specify the same sources.

- In Gitega province, demonstrations to celebrate the withdrawal of Burundi from the ICC were organized. Present were Interior Minister Pascal Barandagiye, National Defense and Veterans Affairs Minister Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye and EAC MP Isabelle Nahayo. Demonstrators danced and sang slogans "Bye bye ICC, instrument of the West". The governor of Gitega province, Venant Manirambona, spoke on the ten lies that Westerners say on Burundi as the genocide of the Tutsi, the squandering of the country's wealth by the head of state, the failure to respect Arusha agreement and the constitution, etc.
- In Cankuzo province, after the community works, a demonstration of Burundi withdrawal from the ICC was made and the demonstrators were singing, saying: "Bye bye ICC, goodbye Louis Michel". Words of protest against Louis Michel and the ICC were delivered by MPs, senators and other native executives working in Bujumbura, Gitega or elsewhere, according to local sources. Also present were the public prosecutor in Cankuzo and SNR officials, commune administrators and one of these had come with hill leaders and the population they represent. In the morning, the administrator of Cankuzo commune, Innocent Nyandwi with an Imbonerakure Gabriel Toyi, aboard the Cankuzo paramedic school vehicle, crisscrossed quarters of Cankuzo city center calling people by name to force them attending community work, according to the same sources. The chief adviser to the governor, Pierre Claver Nakumuryango, closed the demonstration by reading the speech from the Interior Ministry.
- In Bujumbura city, CNDD-FDD party militants, bicycle taxis, motorcycle taxis and some state officials such as the Ministry of Interior spokesman, Thérence Ntahiraja, Bujumbura city Mayor, Freddy Mbonimpa, the Ombudsman, Edouard Nduwimana, ministers and MPs gathered at the United Nations roundabout in Ngagara urban zone. They headed to the city center through the Murundi people's boulevard to the Independence Square, to celebrate Burundi's withdrawal from the ICC. The slogan of the day was "Farewell ICC! ". In the words of circumstance we could hear: *"Burundi has just been the champion to withdraw from the ICC,"* according to the city Mayor, *"it will be written in history that our country withdrew first from the ICC and we will pray that many other African countries will follow us,"* Ntahiraja said.

### **Night patrols in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura city**

Since October 2017, a group of Imbonerakure youths with machetes have been conducting night patrols in all quarters of Kanyosha urban zone where people are victims of theft or intimidation. Some of these Imbonerakure have been identified as Gasongo and Mwarabu living in Gisyo neighborhood, Kidumu of Musama IV.

### **Police uniforms found in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province**

On October 19, 2017, at Ruzingati hill in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province, police seized prohibited drinks sold by Imbonerakure Roger and Gerard and also found two police uniforms and boots. These Imbonerakure fled and were not found.

### **Attack at the home of a civil society member in Matongo commune, Kayanza province**

On 18 October 2017, on Ruganza-Bandaga hill, Matongo commune, Kayanza province, at about 1:00 am, Spès-Caritas Inarukundo was attacked at home by Imbonerakure, including Amédée, armed with machetes. A police officer intervened and disarmed an Imbonerakure and all fled. This policeman stayed to guard Spès-Caritas Inarukundo's house on the orders of the province Governor. She is accused of making politics that would incite people not to vote for the ruling party in 2020 through associations she leads, funded by UN-Women. Spès-Caritas Inarukundo works at CDS Matongo and is a civil society activist in Matongo.

### **A person intimidated in Gitega commune and province**

On October 19, 2017, around 9:00 am, a FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, living in Magarama quarter at the place commonly known as Place close to Gitega Court of Appeal, was arrested and searched without a warrant at his home by a man named Onésime, SNR agent in Gitega accompanied by Audace nicknamed Makado, Police Logistics officer in Gitega and a policeman armed with a Kalashnikov.

Jules was released following the intervention of Honorable Thérence elected in Gitega in Amizero y'abarundi coalition.

### **Demonstrations with hate speeches in Bujumbura City**

On the morning of October 14, 2017 until 10:00 am, CNDD-FDD members, taxi bikers of the tricycles, bicycle taxis have demonstrated in the city center streets, at the independence square and in front of the Belgian embassy. The demonstrators also listened to the speech of Thérence Ntahiraja (Home Affairs Ministry spokesman) accusing Rwanda of siding to Europeans, Belgium in particular, to destabilize Burundi regime and distribute weapons to Burundian refugees exiled in Rwanda. During these demonstrations, the traffic on the route of these demonstrators was temporarily blocked by police.

### **Demonstration in Makamba province**

On October 14, 2017, demonstration of Imbonerakure was organized in all the communes of Makamba province. Slogans hostile to the opposition, civil society and international community such as Rwanda and Belgium were chanted. One could hear, *"Intumva Zikuruguture, Nibakine nabo bangana ahandiho tuzobaca amazosi! Urwanda naba koroni bababirigi ntibihende kirimwo abagabo! (The disbelievers should understand this and play with their pairs, if not we will decapitate them! Rwanda and the Belgian colonists should not venture, the country is under control).* This terrified people of Makamba province city because the demonstration began with a kind of paramilitary training of these Imbonerakure from 5:00 am to 8:00 am.

### **People brutalized in Musongati commune, Rutana province**

On October 11, 2017, on Ngoma hill and zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, the Imbonerakure, Mbonirema, Safari and Thérence have beaten up the population at Ngoma market, accusing them of exceeding 6:00 pm, the market closing hours.

### **Forced contribution to the 2020 elections in Rutana province**

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### **Forced adherence to CNDD-FDD party in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province**

On October 4, 2017, Nduwumunsi, principal of Nyanza-Lac communal Lycee has forced all the students of the school to register at the CNDD-FDD party office in order to become party members and attend activities organized. Some senior students interviewed confirmed that they were enrolled. A school regulation number 610/178 on the organization of public and private secondary schools, in article 7 stipulates that the school is an apolitical environment.

## ***IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED***

### **Attempted robbery in Kibago commune, Makamba province**

On October 27, 2017, two policemen, including the position head on Kibago hill and commune, Makamba province, arrested two traders from the market. They beat them up before stripping them of their money. This money was returned after other traders resisted.

### **A grenade found in Gashikanwa commune, Ngozi province**

On October 23, 2017, at about 8:00 am, on Cihonda hill, Gashikanwa commune, Ngozi province, a defensive grenade in good condition was found by the population in Nduwimana Jean Paul's fields, aged 38 years. This grenade was given to the policemen of Gashikanwa Co.Co police station.

### **A person died at Rumonge central prison**

On the night of October 23, 2017, a 56-year-old Michel Haringanji, native of Muramvya province, died suddenly in Rumonge central prison following an unidentified illness, according to Rumonge prison director, OPC1 Jean Claude Ntirandekura. According to sources on site, detainees in Rumonge prison have difficulties to seek treatment and to have permission to consult doctors at Rumonge Hospital located 5 km from Rumonge town. He was convicted of robbery and was serving a 10-year sentence. This inmate is the second to die in this prison in similar and strange circumstances.

### **Two people injured in armed attacks in Cankuzo province**

On the night of October 24 to 25, 2017, on Rusigabangazi sub hill, Bumba hill border with Tanzania, Camazi zone, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province, Bernard Nzeyimana was attacked

at his home by a group of unidentified armed persons with machetes and knives. He was seriously injured in the head and arms. He was bedridden at CDS Rusigabangazi.

In the night of October 22 to 23, 2017, on the same hill, another unidentified person was attacked under the same circumstances, with machetes and knives, seriously injured, transferred that same night to CDS Rusigabangazi, then to Murore Hospital, then in one of the hospitals of Gitega province.

#### **A person injured in Musongati commune, Rutana province**

On the night of 25 October 2017, around 1:00 am, on Gatakazi hill, Musongati zone and commune, Rutana province, Adrien Sindimwo was attacked by unidentified armed persons. According to sources on site, he was stabbed in the head. He was later taken to Musongati Hospital for treatment.

#### **Destruction of a tomb in Kirundo province**

On the night of 18 October 2017, the grave of administrator Stany Misago buried on 12 October 2017 was destroyed by men not yet identified according to sources on site. His family is terrified and wonders who can do this vile act while the Imbonerakure do night patrols.

#### **A prisoner caught with a gun in Bubanza commune and province**

On October 22, 2017, in Bubanza commune and province, Samuel Ndikumana nicknamed General, jailed at Bubanza central prison was caught with a pistol-type gun when he was close to 'Amis du savoir' hotel in Bubanza. According to our sources, Samuel Ndikumana was jailed in Bubanza prison for murder. He was then taken to Bubanza police cell.

#### **Attempted assassination in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province**

On October 18, 2017, in Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province, a policeman named Salvator Kinuma shot and wounded his wife Jeannette Niyongere. The policeman fled to Kamenge urban zone but he was arrested and taken to Rubirizi zone police cell.

#### **One person died in Muyinga Central Prison**

On October 7, 2017, Anastasie Sibomana, jailed in Muyinga central prison died as a result of the neglect of prison authorities. Inmates in Muyinga central prison complain about the lack of medical care at the prison infirmary due to lack of medication. They are also denied permission to seek treatment outside the prison. According to sources on site, critically ill patients remain stuck in their dormitories, resulting in deaths in prison. At least 4 prisoners have died in this prison so far this year.

#### **Prisoners harassed at Gitega prison**

The alleged coup plotters in Gitega central prison face difficulties in seeking treatment. They cannot even see the doctor in the prison infirmary while other prisoners easily consult the doctor. They also deplore the fact that they are denied the right to consult specialist doctors outside the central prison. They do not understand how they are denied the right to information while another category of prisoners in the same Gitega central prison can track information on radio or

television. This happens when this category of people had been described as "dangerous prisoners" by the public prosecutor's office.

### **Albinos hunting in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province**

On October 11, 2017, the public prosecutor in Cankuzo, Léonard Sindayigaya, informed in a meeting of the heads of services that 5 people were arrested on October 9, 2017 in Mishiha commune searching for a market to sell albino bones. According to the prosecutor, the bone rests are of a 4-year-old girl Ntiharirizwa Devote abducted on the night of March 23, 2016, on Musemo hill, Mugera zone, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province. Sources on site indicate that the albino girl was with her mother at home and the people who abducted her intimidated her mother telling her that she would be killed if she shouted. This girl cried loudly when she was abducted but the people who heard her including her mother kept silent for fear of being killed by these people. The persons arrested were jailed on 9 October 2017 in Mishiha police station. They were transferred to Cankuzo Prosecutor's office for interrogation and detained in Cankuzo police station cell. These people are: Jean de Dieu Kwizera and Cyprien Miburo from Rwamvura hill in Kigamba commune, Sylvestre Ngayabosha and Jonas Banyiyezako from Saswe hill in Kigamba commune and Simeon Nzoyihera from Humure I hill in the same commune.

### **One person wounded in Karusi commune and province**

As of October 03, 2017, a trader of Buhiga named Evariste was wounded stabbed by an Imbonerakure named Sinahabari on Buhiga hill, zone and commune, Karusi province. According to sources, the victim was taken to Buhiga hospital.

### **Discovery of a rifle in Burambi commune, Rumonge province**

On 4 October 2017, around 11:00 am, a Kalashnikov-type rifle with a full magazine was found in a bush on Gitaramuka hill, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on site, the rifle was found by Red Cross volunteers and called the police of this commune to take this weapon.

### **Illegal detention of a teacher in Rumonge commune and province**

Léopold Mugabaranoga, FNL party member of Agathon Rwasa's wing and teacher at Iteba Lycée in Rumonge commune and province was arrested on charges of attempted rape, is still jailed since 11 June 2017 at Rumonge central prison while he had been acquitted by TGI Rumonge. According to sources on site, Leopold Mugabaranoga was arrested on the orders of Iteba Lycee principal who is the wife of the Governor of Rumonge province. The court found the charges against Leopold Mugabaranoga<sup>3</sup> were unfounded and decided to release him. His relatives request that he be released in accordance with the verdict of the court while continuing the case being free.

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<sup>3</sup> Leopold Mugabaranoga was released on October 30, 2017 to continue appearing free

## **Discovery of ammunition in Musigati commune, Bubanza province**

On October 7, 2017, at ECOFO Musigati I, Musigati commune, Bubanza province, ammunition made of cartridges, grenades and a landmine was discovered in a septic tank of ECOFO Musigati I. According to our sources, these weapons were discovered by workers emptying school toilets. The head of Musigati police station said these weapons were left during the war because they were much damaged.

## ***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 opponents in general and members of opposition parties in particular are also reported.

The phenomenon of corpses found in rivers and in the bush continues to be reported in various parts of the country.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administration officers, night patrols, forced contributions and demonstrations are recorded in this report.

Settlement of scores is also the consequence of impunity, the population opts to handle justice instead of resorting to competent jurisdictions.

Rape cases are also reported.

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

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

- To dismantle and disarm the Imbonerakure militia which spread terror in the country and which has replaced security corps
- To enforce the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed and/or dealt with by persons who are not competent to do so;
- To punish policemen, soldiers, Imbonerakure youth and administrative agents involved in human rights violations and intimidation of the population;
- Protect GBV victims and punish perpetrator in accordance with the laws
- Halt forced contributions set by administration officers and collected by Imbonerakure youth.

### **B) To the AU**

- Implement its decision to send a military force to protect the Burundian population in distress.

### **C) To the EU**

- Use its power as Burundi's first financial partner to force the Bujumbura regime return to the negotiating table through the implementation of the recently voted resolution ;

### **D) To the United Nations Security Council**

- Take all resolutions likely to restore peace in the country and guarantee the protection of human rights;
- Implement the decision to send a protection force for Burundians in distress.

#### **E) To the Mediation**

- Not to minimize the damage caused by the violation of the Constitution and the Arusha Accords, including the thousands of people killed, exiled, arbitrarily imprisoned and hundreds of tortured and reported missing person as well as hundreds of women and girls raped;
- Knowing that political conflict requires a political solution in order to restart as soon as possible negotiations between Burundian antagonists.

#### **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, open inquiries and carry out necessary indictments.