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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to June 2017, Iteka has documented at least 437 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS

ADC: *Alliance for Democratic Change*

API: *Support to Protection of Institutions*

AT: *Transmitting Agent*

BRARUDI: *Brasserie et Limonaderie du Burundi/Brewer and soft beverage company*

BRB: *Bank of the Republic of Burundi*

CDS: *Health Center*

CECAD: *Cooperative for savings and Loans for self-Development*

CFP: *Professional Training Centre*

CHUK: *Hospitalo-University Centre of Kamenge*

CMCK: *Medico Surgical Centre of Kinindo*

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

CNI: *National Identity Card*

CNPK: *Neuro Psychiatric Centre of Kamenge*

CNTB: *National Land Commission for Burundi*

COMIBU: *Burundi Islamic Community*

CPI/ICC: *International Criminal Court*

CPP: *Code of Criminal Procedure*

CVR: *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*

DAF: *Administrative and Financial Officer*

DCE: *Communal Direction of Education*

DPAE: *Provincial Direction for Agriculture and Breeding*

DPE: *Provincial Direction of Education*

EAC: *East African Community*

ECOFU: *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

ECOSAT: *Supervision of Social Constructions and Land Developments*

ENS: *Higher School*

EP: *Primary School*

ETS: *Secondary Technical School*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FDN: *National Defence Force*

FNL: *National Liberation Forces*

FPR: *Rwandan Patriotic Front*

FOCODE: *Conscience and Development Forum*

FRODEBU: *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

IPA: *Applied Pedagogy Institute*

ISABU: *Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi*

ITABU: *Burundi Farming Institute*

MSD: *Movement for Solidarity and Democracy*

MSF: *Doctors without Borders*

ODH: *Human Rights Observers*

ONG : *Non-Gouvernemental Organisation*

ONU : *United Nations Organisation*

OPC: *Chief Police Officer*

OPJ: *Judicial Police Officer*

OPP: *Principal Police Officer*

PAFE: *Air, Border and Foreigners Police (Immigration police)*

PAM: *Programme Alimentaire Mondial/World Food Programme*

PARCEM: *Action for Awareness and Evolution of Mind*

PBA: *Participation to Armed Gangs*

PJ: *Judicial Police*

PMPA: *Parties and Armed Political Movements*

PNLS: *National Programme to fight against AIDS*

PRODEFI: *Commodities Development Programme*

PSI: *Internal Security Police*

PSR: *Special Traffic Police*

RANAC: *National Coalition for Change*

RDC: *Democratic Republic of Congo*

REGIDESO: *Water and Power Supply Company*

RN: *National Road*

SNR: *National Intelligence Service*

SOMIPONAR: *Ruyigi Policemen and Soldiers Natives Solidarity*

SOSUMO: *Moso Sugar Factory*

TGI: *High Court*

UA: *African Union*

UB: *University of Burundi*

UE: *European Union*

UPD: *Union for Peace and Development*

UPRONA: *Union for National Progress*

VBG: *Gender Based Violence*

0. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report on the human rights situation is the 2nd produced by Iteka League in 2017. It is henceforth a summary of the information published in the monthly reports of April, May and June 2017.

This pace allows the Iteka League to identify major trends in relation to human rights violations, highlight major violations, alert in time on grave human rights violations and degradation of the security situation in the country.

In this report, allegations of the human rights violation were recorded: at least 100 persons were killed including 28 corpses thrown in streets, bushes or rivers, 27 were reported missing, 74 were tortured, 658 arbitrarily arrested, 20 GBV victims and 51 were wounded.

Young Imbonerakure affiliated to CNDD-FDD party ruling, SNR agents, policemen and soldiers are blamed for most of these human rights violations.

Ex FAB soldiers in duty or retired continue being subjected to sequestration, arbitrary arrests, torture and assassination. At least 10 soldiers were arrested including 9 tortured and 1 reported missing. At least 2 policemen were killed and 2 were tortured.

Members of opposition parties, especially FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa, MSD and UPRONA of Charles Nditije as well as those of civil society associations have been a privileged target of the CNDD-FDD regime.

It also refers to the phenomenon of mob justice where the population chooses to go handle justice following impunity prevailing in the country and the lack of confidence in local justice.

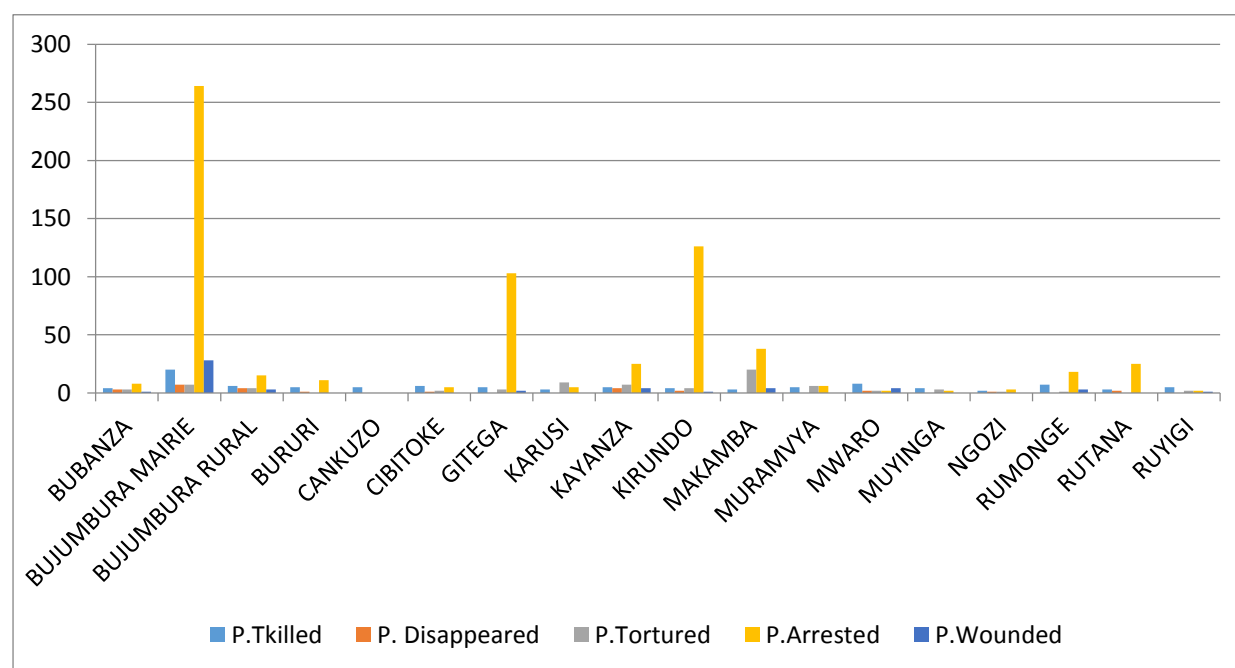
Forced contributions by administrative officials and collected by Imbonerakure in some provinces of the country, paramilitary training, night patrols, slogans and songs encouraging to violence were observed from Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD ruling party are a source of insecurity.

The report also denounces hate speeches and incitement to violence pronounced by some authorities of the country.

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

Figure 1 : TABLE AND CHART SHOWING THE MAIN ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTED IN BURUNDI FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2017

PROVINCE	P. Killed	P. Disappeared	P.Tortured	P.Arrested	P. Wounded
BUBANZA	4	3	3	8	1
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	20	7	7	264	28
BUJUMBURA RURAL	6	4	4	15	3
BURURI	5	1	0	11	0
CANKUZO	5	0	0	0	0
CIBITOE	6	1	2	5	0
GITEGA	5	0	3	103	2
KARUSI	3	0	9	5	0
KAYANZA	5	4	7	25	4
KIRUNDO	4	2	4	126	1
MAKAMBA	3	0	20	38	4
MURAMVYA	5	0	6	6	0
MWARO	8	2	2	2	4
MUYINGA	4	0	3	2	0
NGOZI	2	1	1	3	0
RUMONGE	7	0	1	18	3
RUTANA	3	2	0	25	0
RUYIGI	5	0	2	2	1
TOTAUX	100	27	74	658	51

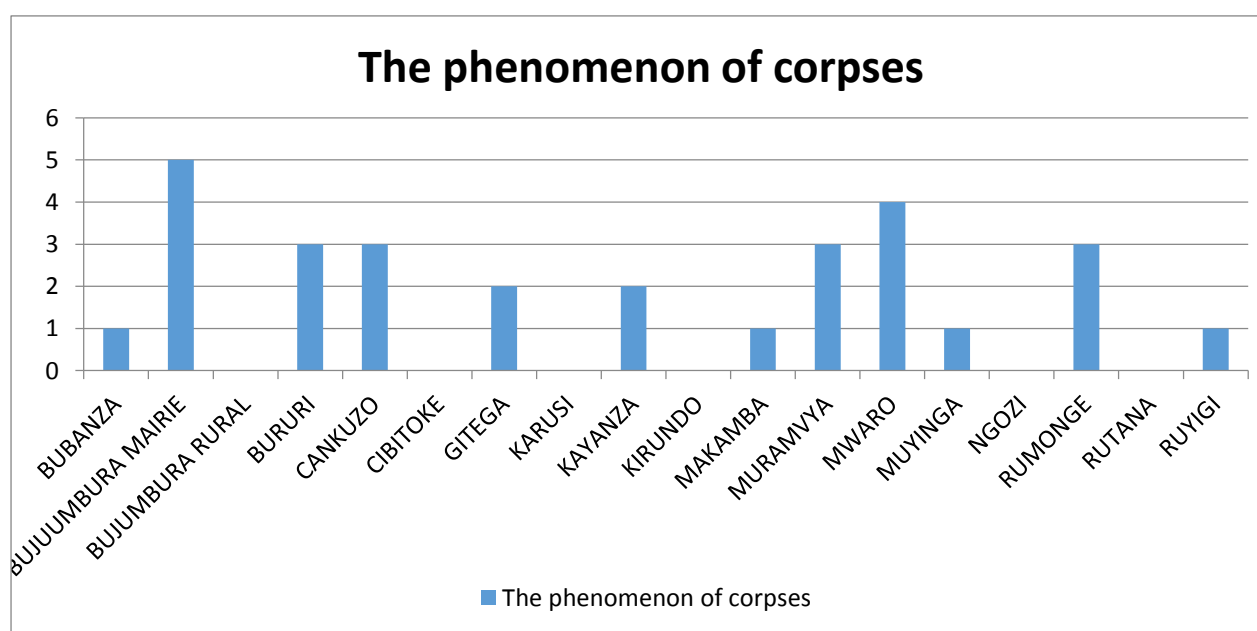


High figures of people killed are in Bujumbura city with 20 cases. The table and the graph show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura city with 264 cases, in Kirundo province with 126

cases and 103 cases in Gitega province. Bujumbura quarters known as protesters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of searches and household notebooks.

Figure II: TABLE AND CHART ILLUSTRATING THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2017

PROVINCE	The phenomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	1
BUJUUMBURA MAIRIE	5
BUJUMBURA RURAL	0
BURURI	3
CANKUZO	3
CIBITOKÉ	0
GITEGA	2
KARUSI	0
KAYANZA	2
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	1
MURAMVYA	3
MWARO	4
MUYINGA	1
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	3
RUTANA	0
RUYIGI	1
Total	28



The table and chart show 28 bodies, some unidentified, found in different provinces of the country. Of these, 5 were found in Bujumbura city and 4 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

During this reporting period, the information collected by Iteka League in its various weekly bulletins shows that there have been allegations of violations and violations of the right to life.

I.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE, SNR AGENTS, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

JUNE 2017

One person killed in commune and province Karusi

On the night of June 27, 2017, Oscar Ndayizeye, alias Topima, who was in Karusi police station cell for motorcycle robbery in Karusi town was removed from the cell before being executed on Nkoronko hill. Sources on the spot indicate that his corpse was returned and then thrown into the cell to simulate natural death. In the morning his corpse was taken to the morgue without his family knowing by officer S3 of this police station accompanied by three Imbonerakure Mabosi, Eric and Buyondo.

One person killed by soldiers in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province

On June 16, 2017, Frédéric Jumapili was killed by soldiers from Cahi's position in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province. According to sources, Jumapili came to rescue a trader who was being beaten by these soldiers who accused him of selling clothes into Rwanda.

A person killed in Kamenge urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 15 June 2017, around 3:00 am, David Ndayisenga was killed by police on the 5th Avenue, Kavumu quarter, Kamenge urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, the victim would be part of a group of robbers aboard a probbox-type vehicle registered I 7681 A tracked by the police.

Police officer killed in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 9, 2017, OPP1 Philippe Minani was shot by one of his colleagues in Gasekebuye quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to police deputy spokesman Moise Nkurunziza, five people including four policemen and one civilian were arrested and detained in PJ cells in Jabe neighborhood for the murder of a police officer. Among these police officers, one said to have shot at the officer.

MAY 2107

Two people killed in Bujumbura city

As of 31 May 2017, two MSD party members, Léon Bangiricenge and Remy Ndagijimana, were killed by SNR agents in Kigobe quarter of Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, Léon Bangiricenge was arrested on 24 May 2017 at home in Kamenge quarter and Rémy Ndagijimana was

arrested on 25 May 2017 in Mutanga sud. All were arrested by Mathias Joseph Niyonzima nicknamed Kazungu, SNR officer, cited in several arrests followed by enforced disappearances. The same sources indicate that these two victims were taken to a secret cell at the bar "IWABO W'ABANTU" and then to Kajaga where they were tortured. Afterwards, they were taken to a villa in Kigobe, usually used for torture, rape and secret cell. Léon Bangiricenge and Remy Ndagijimana were savagely murdered there before being thrown into a mass grave at Ntahangwa River, according to the same sources. According to MSD party spokesman affirming the facts, their members were victims of their political affiliation and these victims are added to other MSD members who continue being subjected to Pierre Nkurunziza regime repression on the basis of their opinion.

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 are imprisoned in the 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 Mwurire 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 Mwurire 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. 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 2nd avenue, zone and commune Rugombo, Cibitoke province, Nyabenda, a palm oil trader and native of Ngozi province was whipped to death by Ezéchiel the head of the Imbonerakure on Mparambo II hill.

APRIL 2017

One person killed in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 22 April 2017, around 6:00 pm, on Nonoka sub-hill, Kanyunya hill, Rukina zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Jean-Claude Bashirahishize, a protester against President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term was removed from the vehicle and shot dead by sergeant major Gaspard Nimbona alias Gatoki, a soldier of Mujejuru camp, at the same time head of a position at Nonoka Hotel. According to our source, sergeant major Gaspard Nimbona executed the order of Mujejuru camp commander Major Marius Gahomera alias Gakoryo.

One person killed in Marangara commune, Ngozi province

As on April 14, 2017, a young man named Ndacayisaba, aged 17 residing on Musama hill, Marangara commune, Ngozi province was killed by Imbonerakure youth headed by Musama hill head, Abraham Ndayisenga. According to a source on the spot, Ndacayisaba and his friend were arrested by young Imbonerakure accusing them of stealing bananas. Instead of taking them to the police, they were severely beaten. According to the same source, the victims' relatives demanded that the alleged thieves be presented to the hill head. Once they arrived at the latter's home, the two victims had no respite. The young person who had been arrested with Ndacayisaba was released in a serious condition. A few hours later, Ndacayisaba died as a result of torture and Abraham Ndayisenga, the hill head, hid his body before telling the relatives of the deceased that their son was released and exiled to Rwanda. After deepened investigations, the dead body of Ndacayisaba was found on April 17, 2017 by the police.

Two persons killed in Bujumbura city

On 12 April 2017, two persons were shot dead by policemen on patrol in Kibenga and Buterere quarters of Bujumbura mayorship. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, the killed were accused by the police of belonging to a group of bandits who strip people of their possessions using machetes.

One person killed in Rugazi commune, Bubanza province

On 14 April 2017, around 2:00 pm in Ruce zone, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province, a police officer Antoine Ndayisenga, registration number APN 082212, shot dead his wife. According to our sources, the woman brought him his 2 children and wanted to marry a soldier from peacekeeping mission in Somalia. After murdering his wife, Antoine Ndayisenga hid and killed himself.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED FOLLOWING ARMED ATTACKS AND/OR AMBUSHES

MAY 2017

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 pick 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.

APRIL 2017

Two people killed in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

On 26 April 2017, a 70-year-old lady 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.

One person killed in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

On April 26, 2017, Salvator Harindavyi was killed with a machete in an attack by armed men against his home on Mugendo hill, Magara zone, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on the spot, these armed men wore long coats. The victim was beheaded while dining with his family. The latter shouted for help and the people intervened after the criminals had already run away.

One person killed and three wounded in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 28 April 2017, around 8:00 pm, in Rushubi zone, Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province, unidentified gunmen attacked the home of Senator Pascal Ntahonzigamiye alias 'Homme fort'. According to our sources, these men threw grenades at the senator's house. One policeman was killed and three others were injured, according to the same sources.

One person killed and four others wounded in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

On 25 April 2017, in Heha quarter, Kamenge zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship, around 7:00 pm, unidentified persons aboard a motorcycle threw a grenade into a vehicle belonging to Mr. Marc Ndagijimana. According to sources, five people were seriously injured. Mr. Marc Ndagijimana succumbed to his wounds.

One person killed and one wounded in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On the night of 6 April 2017, on Buhandagaza hill, Rugunga hill, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, a shepherd named Kadogo was killed and another named Emile was wounded in an attack by unidentified armed men. According to our sources, these criminals stole cows.

1.1.3. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

JUNE 2017

One person killed in Musigati commune, Bubanza province

On the night of June 26, 2017, a police officer named Cyprien Ngendakuriyo was killed beheaded with a machete by unidentified men in Musigati commune, Bubanza province. On-site sources indicate that this policeman was guarding Musigati post office. The perpetrators stole his weapon before fleeing.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 21 June 2017, 60-year-old Juma Ntakobakingira was killed, hit in the head by unidentified persons. According to our sources, the crime was committed at his home on Muyange hill, Mugina Commune, Cibitoke Province.

Two people killed in Musaga zone, Bujumbura City

As of June 14, 2017, Fiston Nduwimana of the second avenue of Musaga urban zone and Lambert Nkurunziza from Bubanza province, all public transport bus drivers in Musaga urban zone were killed. Source on site indicates that an unknown man threw a grenade into a bar located near the parking of Musaga urban zone, Muha commune in Bujumbura city, on RN7. This attack caused 9 people injured among which is a couple owning the bar. They were rushed to various hospitals in Bujumbura City (Chez Mbaririmanyi and CMCK) for treatment.

One person killed in Kinindo urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of 15 June 2017, around 11:00 am, Aimable Hakizimana, a BRB retiree, was killed at the entrance of his home in Kinindo urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, the victim was killed by gangsters who reportedly pursued him to his home. The perpetrators stole from him an amount of money before taking off, the same source added.

One person killed in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On 16 June 2017, around 8:00 pm, armed people attacked Jean Claude Niyomwungere's bar on Kiganza sub hill, hill and Maramvya zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on the spot, Candide Singirankabo, wife of the bar's owner, was killed and three people were injured.

A person killed in Kayanza province

On 3 June 2017 at about 10:00 pm, on Gatabo hill in Butaganzwa commune of Kayanza province, Salvator Ndayisaba, a trader and member of FRODEBU Nyakuri party was killed by unidentified men.

One person killed in Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province

On 6 June 2017, around 10:00 pm on Kibanda hill in Mpinga-Kayove commune of Rutana province, a 48-year-old Ngenzirabona was killed by a grenade in his home by unidentified persons.

MAY 2017

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 Rabiho hill, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The victim was the wife of Pierre Mukorukarabe, brother of Oscar Ntashano, 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.

APRIL 2017

One person killed in Murwi commune, Cibitoke province

On April 25, 2017, Paul Ntizakumwe, aged 60, was shot and killed at home on Mahande hill, Murwi Commune, Cibitoke Province. According to our sources, the murder was committed by a group of unidentified persons. According to the same sources, the victim would be accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Cankuzo province

On the evening of April 22, 2017, Mamerthe Nifasha was killed stabbed by unknown people at home on Musenyi hill in Cankuzo commune, according to our sources. She was reportedly abandoned by her husband Leonard Ndagijimana, a mason living in Cankuzo urban center and who would have concubines. Nifasha Mamerthe had 5 children, she was killed around 4:00 am, and no children were at

home. One had been taken by his father the day before while 4 others were praying at Murore. Her husband was arrested and detained at the police station for investigation.

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

JUNE 2017

A dead body found in Muyinga commune and province

In the afternoon of June 27, 2017, at about 3:00 pm, a dead body of 16-year-old Emelyne Tuyisenge was found in a bush on Ruhiga sub-hill, Cibari hill, commune and Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, the victim was sexually abused and then strangled by her aggressor.

A dead body found in Cankuzo province

As of June 27, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified person was found on Mwiruzi hill, Mishiha Commune, Cankuzo Province. According to sources on the spot, this corpse showed traces of wounds and was buried after police report.

A dead body found in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 19, 2017, a dead body of 21-year-old Pascal Yamuremye, native from Kayanza was found at the 7th Avenue number 30 in Buyenzi urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, this person was killed by unidentified people.

A corpse found in Muramvya province

As of June 10, 2017, Salvator Girukwishaka was found dead hanged on an avocado tree at his boss's, a teacher named Sylvere Ruterakagayo, in Kigwati suburb, commune and Muramvya province.

Two dead bodies found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Rumonge province

As of June 8, 2017, two dead bodies tied up together were found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Magara, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. Sources on the spot indicate that the two people were brothers. One is Ntunzwenimana, aged 20 and his little brother whose name is unknown would be 18 years old. All are from Magara zone, Bugarama commune of Rumonge province. The same sources indicate that the two boys had disappeared as of June 2, 2017.

A corpse found in Gitega province

On the evening of June 6, 2017, a dead body of Pierre Gahungu, aged 53, from Jenda hill, Bugendana commune was discovered in Ruvyironza River near Bugendana commune, Gitega province. The local source says the victim was working at "OLYMPIA" bar located in Gitega province city. He was allegedly killed on the evening of 5 June 2017 when he returned from Gitega province city.

A corpse found in Kayanza province

On June 5, 2017, on Gishunzi hill in Gahombo commune, Kayanza province, a dead body of a woman named Niyonyishu was found at her home. She was killed by unidentified people.

MAY 2017

A dead body found in Bururi commune and province

On May 29, 2017, in the morning, a decaying dead body of Virginie Akimana, a farmer of at least 20 years old was discovered on Munini hill in Bururi commune on the border of Makamba commune. According to his family, the victim was reported missing three days ago. The body had wounds on the neck and throat. The reason and perpetrators of this incident remain unknown. No investigation was carried out.

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 Muhuta, province Rumonge

As of 22 May 2017, around 6:00 pm, a dead body of Jean Claude Sayumwe, demobilized, ex-PMPA from FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing was found on Kazayanga hill, Rutongo zone, Muha commune, Rumonge province. According to police sources, the victim was killed with machetes. The authors as well as the reason of this murder remain unknown.

A corpse found in commune and province Bubanza

On 21 May 2017, at about 3:00 pm 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 offices 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

On 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 is a second unidentified person dead on this hill within less than 2 months.

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A dead body found in Bisoro commune, Mwaro province

On April 28, 2017, a dead body of 63-year-old Antoine Kabondo, a shepherd of cows at ISABU Gisozi in daytime was found in the forest around 9:00 am on Maramvya sub hill, Kiriba hill, Rorero zone, Bisoro commune in Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, his body was tied with ropes on a cut tree in this forest. According to the same sources, the body was found by cow guards in this forest. According to police sources, Kabondo was may have been killed around 5:00 on 27 April 2017 from work. Land conflicts may be the cause of the incident, the same police sources said. Two people from Kabondo's family were arrested for investigation reasons.

A dead body found in Songa commune, Bururi province

On 24 April 2017, a dead body of François Hatangimana from Musagara hill, Songa commune, Bururi province was found in Jiji River, Songa commune near Gikokoma Primary School, Ndago hill. On-site sources indicate that this person was slaughtered. The same sources indicate that this person was Sahwanya FRODEBU party member. The authors of this despicable act remain unknown.

A corpse found in Muramvya province

On 24 April 2017, a corpse was found in Nyarucamo, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. It was a newborn buried by his mother Jeanine Niyonkuru, 18 years old. According to a source, she slaughtered him after the child's father refused to acknowledge him.

A dead body found in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura City

A dead body of Asmani Nduwimana, residing in Buterere urban zone , Bujumbura City was found on April 23, 2017.

According to police source, the victim was a driver of a probbox vehicle and the latter was stolen by those who killed him. His body showed signs that the victim had been strangled.

A corpse found in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

As of April 18, 2017, a decapitated corpse of an unidentified person was discovered near a shop in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. Cell phones, radio sets and solar panels were stolen. According to sources on the spot, the victim is a watchman of this shop.

A dead body of a new-born found in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

As of April 19, 2017, a corpse of a newborn was found on the hill, zone and Ndava commune Rusengo sub hill. According to sources on the spot, the child was killed by her mother after childbirth. According to police sources, the mother of this child is a 7th form student aged 17. The girl said it was an abortion due to a health problem. The OPJ investigating on the case recommended that the girl be taken to the health center for confirmation of the facts by the doctors.

A corpse found in Gitega province and commune

A dead body was found on 17 April 2017 between the 3rd and 4th avenues of Nyamugari quarter of Gitega town. The person was not identified. Some sources say of a thief killed by the inhabitants of the quarter but others think that it would be a corpse dropped in this quarter.

A corpse found in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

On April 19, 2017, Marin Nzisabira, a resident of Mungwa-Ruramba, Camazi zone, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province, was killed in his house at night by unidentified people. According to our sources, he was killed with clubs and knives. His body was found on April 20, 2017 and buried on April 21, 2017.

A corpse found in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

Information received by Iteka League on 22 April 2017 indicates that a woman was found dead on Kibimba hill in Mishiha commune, according to information confirmed by Mugande Nicaise from SNR in Cankuzo. The corpse was in the decomposition phase.

A dead body found in Kinanira III quarter, Bujumbura mayorship

On 11 April 2017, the corpse of Stany Niyonizigiye, alias Yorogo, an accountant to Giriyuja project of “Terre des hommes” NGO in Bujumbura was discovered about 10 meters from his home by KK Security company agents, under his vehicle, in Kinanira III quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship. The victim had injuries to the head.

1.1.5. PERSONS KILLED FOLLOWING MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

JUNE 2017

One person killed and one wounded in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On 27 June 2017, around 6:00 pm, Marie Ntimpirangeza, aged 62 and her 22-year-old son, Mertus, were beaten up by Gervais Ndimurwanko, aged 41, Marie’s son and Merthus’ brother on Nkingu subhill, Butazi hill, commune Ndava, province Mwaro. On-site sources indicate that Marie Ntimpirangeza died on the spot while Merthus was rushed to the hospital in critical condition. According to police sources, Ndimurwanko used a truncheon and family conflicts were in the heart of this incident. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and found guilty and was sentenced to 25 years.

One person killed in commune and province Gitega

On the night of 18 to 19 June 2017, Philbert Ntimpirangeza was savagely killed with clubs. The crime was committed in the locality of Ngobeke, Mubuga zone, commune and Gitega province. According to the administration, this person was reportedly killed by family members following land disputes. Three people, including her mother-in-law were arrested by the police. They are detained at Gitega police station.

One person killed in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

On 22 June 2017, in the evening, Ninteretse was killed in Kibezi zone, Mugamba commune, Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, his brother is the alleged perpetrator of the assassination. The reason remains unknown and the author is still at large.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On June 24, 2017, Damascene Hakizimana, a resident of Rugendo hill, Mugina Commune, Cibitoke Province was stabbed to death at home. According to sources, the victim was killed by the population. The inhabitants of this area were vexed that Damascene Hakizimana was a thief and was always released by the police every time he was arrested.

One person killed in Gitobe commune, Kirundo province

On 22 June 2017, Théoneste Buyoya was killed with machetes on Bugwana hill, Gitobe commune in Kirundo province by unidentified people. A victim’s neighbor says Buyoya narrowly escaped arrow shooting two years ago. He was accused of sorcery by his neighbors.

A person killed in Ruyigi province

On the evening of June 17, 2017, around 9:00 pm, on Kobero sub hill, Senga hill, Madi was killed by his two brothers including Bugo and another unidentified person, according to sources on the spot. He was killed with a rope and his funeral took place on June 18, 2017. These alleged perpetrators are in Ruyigi central prison, add the same sources.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

Emelyne Nduwarugira was killed by her brother-in-law Eric Ndayikengurukiye in complicity with Charles Bimenyimana on the night of June 12-13, 2017, on Muyange hill in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim was strangled with a rope and then hanged to simulate suicide. Emelyne Nduwarugira would be in conflict with her husband, a soldier on a peacekeeping mission in Somalia. Her mother-in-law was in the household when the victim died, according to the same sources.

A person killed in Cankuzo commune and province

As of June 15, 2017, Rugandiye of Karago hill, Minyare zone, commune and province Cankuzo, was killed by his neighbors with spears. According to sources, the victim was accused of rape and attempted assassination of his neighbors. The same sources indicate that Rugandiye was part of the group of prisoners who had been granted pardon by the President.

One person killed in Giharo commune, Rutana province

On June 6, 2017, around 2:00 pm, on Nkurye hill, commune Giharo, Rutana province, a person named Ruzobavako, 69 years old was killed by his son Lambert Ngezumugongo aged 31, with a knife accusing him of poisoning his grandson, Lambert Ngezumugongo's child. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and taken to Giharo police station cell.

MAY 2017

One person killed in commune and province Muramvya

On 30 May 2017, on Burambana hill, commune and province Muramvya, Nzobambona was killed by his brother named Alphonse. According to sources on the spot, land conflicts are linked to this crime. According to law analyst, impunity in the country is a direct consequence of the fact that people are handling justice instead of recouring to competent jurisdictions.

One person killed in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

On 21 May 2017, on Mudahara hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza province, a 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, 1st 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, a Twa, 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 9th 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

On 14 May 2017, 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

On 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 Barakamfitiye 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.

One person killed in Muhuta commune, Rumonge province

On 7 May 2017, around 7:00 pm, Daniel Ciza, a member of Imbonerakure youth league from Rubura hill, Busenge zone, Muhuta commune, Rumonge province, was killed by the population of Gabaniro

hill, Gitaza zone, Muhuta commune. He would be accused of being a thief. He died to Gitaza hospital due to beatings. According to an analyst, this is a consequence of speeches made by some authorities calling on the people to take justice.

A child killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

As of 14 May 2017, around 12:00 on Kabogi hill, Buziracanda zone, Ndava commune, Mwaro province, Rose Irakoze killed a 7-day-old child whose husband Jean Marie Ntahokagiye had with her concubine named Capitoline Hatungimana.

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One person killed in Songa commune, Bururi province

On April 23, 2017, Rose Nizigiyimana was savagely murdered by her husband, Etienne Nyabenda in collaboration with unidentified people on Musumba sub hill, Taba hill, Songa commune in Bururi province, according to sources. The alleged perpetrators of the crime have run away.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On April 30, 2017, a 40-year-old James, known as Mpongo was killed on the night of April 30 to May 1, 2017 in Bwayi zone, Mugina Commune, Cibitoke Province. According to sources on the spot, the victim would be accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

On April 29, 2017, on Murago hill, zone and commune Gihogazi, province Karusi, Nsabuwanka was killed by his son Ndereyimana with a pestle at the head. According to sources on the spot, the reason for this crime is that his son wanted to avenge his mother who had just been beaten by his father. He was taken to Gihogazi police cell.

One person killed in Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of 18-19 April 2017, on Mwico hill in Ruyaga zone, Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province, a person named Minyoro from Kabumba hill, Ruyaga zone, Kanyosha commune was killed by the population, accused of being a thief.

A house worker killed in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On April 22, 2017, Thierry was killed by the son of his boss, Marius Butoyi. Sources on the spot indicate that the victim was killed while preventing the boss's son who wanted to smash his mother's bedroom door to steal money.

A person killed in the province of Ruyigi

On 8 April 2017, Gérard Hakizimana, a trader, killed his wife Emmanuella Niyimbeshejeho on Nyamigina hill, Kabanga zone, Kinyinya commune, Province Ruyigi, according to our sources.

According to the same sources, the couple had spent the evening of 8 April 2017 quarrelling. The woman was found dead in her house. The victim had prevented him from marrying a second woman.

One person killed in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

On April 11, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Saswe hill, Kayokwe commune, a man named Damien was killed by his brother Bucumi. According to sources on the spot, the police surprisingly entered Bucumi's house around 6:00 am to search for "Umudiringi" (a prohibited drink) frequently consumed by the population of Mwaro. At least 100 liters were found, according to the population of the area. As Bucumi and Damien were not in good terms following land problems, Bucumi directly thought that it was Damien who might have informed the police that he had this drink in his house. It was around 4:00 pm that Bucumi took a big stone and threw it on Damien in the head. The latter fell to the ground and his brother took a club to finish him and he took off with his family.

One person killed and two others abducted in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 9 April 2017, around 8:00 pm on Bujumbura-Gatumba road, in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, a coaster bus was ambushed by armed men who opened the fire on the bus. According to a source, one person was shot dead during the ambush and two others were abducted, Father Adolphe Ntahondereye of Gatumba parish and Mathias, a traditional musician.

The information received by our office indicates that as of April 26, 2017, four persons, including Father Adolphe Ntahondereye¹, Mathias Mijuriro, Pierre Butoyi and Ramadhan Barakamfitiye, abducted on April 9, 2017, in an ambush on a coaster public transport bus on Bujumbura-Gatumba road in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, have returned to their families. They had been taken by men in military and police uniforms to the DRC.

The information we received indicates that Father Adolphe Ntahondereye died on May 11, 2017. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, his death was caused by fatigue due to a long journey he made during his abduction.

A person killed in commune and province Rutana

On April 8, 2017, around 2:00 pm, on Jobe sub-hill, Mika hill, commune and Rutana province, François Sindayigaya, was caught in the act of stealing potatoes in a field. It was executed by the population using machetes.

One person killed in commune and province Gitega

On the night of 4-5 April 2017, a 35-year old unidentified person was killed on Munyinya sub-hill, Mugoboka hill, Mungwa zone, commune and Gitega province. She was accused of theft and was victim of mob justice. The inhabitants of this hill say that the number of robberies is worrying and that when thieves are taken to the police or administration, they are released without spending a night in prison. Chrysostome Dushime, the head of the Mungwa zone deplores the fact that the population is seeking justice by killing thieves.

¹ Father Adolphe Ntahondereye, Mathias Mijuriro, Pierre Butoyi and Ramadhan Barakamfitiye were found

A person killed in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province

As of April 9, 2017, a person named Thérance Ndayikengurukiye from Ngayane hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province was killed by the population, accused of stealing a goat from Ntakarutimana. The same sources indicate that his family refused to bury him requiring investigations but the administrator ordered the head of the hill to bury him.

One person killed in commune, Ndava, Mwaro province

On 7 April 2017, a man named Jeremie Bukuru killed his wife named Noémie Bizumukama. According to sources, it was around 5:00 am on 7 April 2017 that Jeremie Bukuru asked his wife to go together to the CDS in Buziracanda with her child. Arriving near Kaniga River, separating Ndava commune and Rutegama commune from Muramvya province, he bound his wife's face and mouth with a scarf so that she cannot call for help. He then stabbed her in the heart and neck in the presence of the child with whom they were together before taking off. On the evening of the same day, the alleged author was arrested by the provincial commissioner. He was taken to the PJ Mwaro cell.

1.1.6. PERSONS DIED DUE TO NEGLECT OF PRISON AUTHORITIES, POLICEMEN AND/OR SUICIDE

MAY 2017

The death of a detainee in Musinga Central Prison

On May 25, 2017, Jef Niyongabo, detained in Musinga Central Prison died on the way to hospital where he was being treated. According to his friends at Musinga 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 intense diarrhea and vomiting. The victim was prosecuted for a rape case.

A person suicide in Musinga commune and province

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

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.

APRIL 2017

A person dead in the prosecutor's cell in Makamba province

On 16 April 2017, a detainee named Jean Niyongabo, native of Gicungwe ill, Burambi commune, Rumonge province, died in Makamba prosecutor's cell for lack of health care. According to sources on the spot, the latter asked for permission to seek treatment without success. Jean Niyongabo was accused by Makamba prosecutor's office of fraud.

A person suicide in Kayanza province

On the night of April 2 to 3, 2017, Melchior Minani, from Ruharo hill, Muruta commune, Kayanza province, wanted to kill his wife named Violette Hakizimana with an axe. After failing, he committed suicide. It seems that land conflicts are the reason. The woman is being treated in a hospital.

1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

JUNE 2017

Two persons abducted and then reported missing in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 18 June 2017 indicates that the population of Ntega commune in Kirundo province is accusing Imbonerakure of abducting, killing and throwing political opponents into a mass grave.

Illustrative cases:

On May 23, 2017, Gérard Ntindhuka, chair of CNDD-FDD party on Kigaga hill, Ntega commune in Kirundo province, has convinced Pastor Twagirayezu, an influential member of the FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing that he was looking for work for him to sell coffee in Rwanda. Pastor Twagirayezu left his home with the CNDD-FDD party leader and did not return.

Another case is that of Munezero, aged 24, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing who was arrested by young Imbonerakure in late February 2017 when he returned from Rwanda. Munezero also remains untraceable.

According to sources on the spot, the two are allegedly thrown into a mass grave on the bank of Kanyaru River in Kidomyo area. The riverside population of Kanyaru claim that there are other unidentified persons thrown into the same mass grave. Among the Imbonerakure who are blamed for these despicable acts are Gérard Ntindhuka, leader of CNDD-FDD party on Kigaga hill in Ntega commune, the nicknamed Hamdun, head of Imbonerakure in Ntega commune, Kirundo province and Alphonse Ntereke nicknamed l'homme, who would be the author of the song "*Tera inda abakeba bavyare imbonerakure*" (impregnate opponents to give birth to Imbonerakure).

Two people abducted in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On 14 June 2017, at about 7:00 pm Pacifique Nzoyisaba, a 9th form student at ECOFO Buziracanda II and Fiacre Kubwimana, finalist at Buziracanda communal school, were abducted by Rénovat, SNR responsible head in Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, these two pupils were taken from their classes by this SNR officer before being taken to an unknown location.

One person abducted in Buterere urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 13 June 2017, around 10:00 am, a man known as Nyangoma from Buterere zone who was in Buterere zone cell was removed from the cell by the municipal police officer known as Montfort, and then embarked in a police vehicle registered A310APN. They took the road towards the airport to an unknown destination. The victim is accused of being among those who manufacture and sell prohibited beverages in Buterere I.

One person abducted in Kamenge quarter, Bujumbura City

On June 5, 2017, Dieudonné Nsabimana, nicknamed Banga, a member of MSD was abducted in Kamenge zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City by SNR agents. He was in charge of mobilization in Bujumbura city. Sources on the spot indicate that he was phoned by a friend while he was at home in Mirango quarter of Kamenge zone. Arriving outside, these sources say that he was boarded in non-registered T.I-mark vehicle with tinted windows that waited for him. The same sources add that he went shouting for help because he suffered blows of slaps and feet. Dieudonné Nsabimana was taken to an unknown destination. According to his family members, they searched him in all the cells in vain. His home has been under surveillance of the Imbonerakure since his abduction.

A person arrested and reported missing in Matana commune of province Bururi

As of June 5, 2017, a person named Yaya, a veteran of FNL movement from Bitezi hill, Gasibe sub hill, Matana commune, Bururi province was arrested by the position head Arakaza Moise with his AT and the Imbonerakure. He was taken to an unknown place so far. His family is panic-stricken and thinks theirs would be killed.

One person abducted in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On June 5, 2017, at around 6:00 pm, in Nasagarare area, on the 7th avenue in Cibitoke, Rugombo commune, in Cibitoke province city, Jumapili Karenzo alias ‘macon’ FNL member of Agathon Rwasa’s wing, native from Bubanza province, was abducted and taken aboard a non-registered TI-branded vehicle with tinted windows. According to our sources, young Imbonerakure were in this vehicle headed by Jesus Mary, responsible for Karurama trades center. Jumapili’s neighbors and family indicate that they sought in Cibitoke province cells without success.

One person abducted by the SNR in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On June 6, 2017, on Nyabunyegeri hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province, Alexis Buhungu mobilizer of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa in Kirekura was abducted by a group of Imbonerakure accompanied by police officers at his home in Nyabunyegeri. He was taken to an unknown destination, according to our sources.

MAY 2017

Two persons abducted in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 31 May 2017, around 6:00 pm on Gakungwe hill, Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Alexis Nshimirimana and Simeon Nkurunziza, all demobilized from FNL movement of Agathon Rwasa (now FNL political party of Agathon Rwasa's wing) were abducted by an SNR agent in Bujumbura rural province known as Salvator, accompanied by Adolphe Banyikwa former FNL party secretary, today suspended. According Aimé Magera, spokesman of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, the victims refused to cooperate with Adolphe Banyikwa in Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing members hunting. Alexis Nshimirimana and Simeon Nkurunziza are held in secret places and are at risk of being killed, as other FNL members have been abducted and reported missing, the source said.

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 demanded 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 is.

Two people abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura city

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 living in Kinama zone of Muha commune, an ex-FAB Tutsi soldier 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 would have been abducted by SNR agents under the order of Mababa. Chanel Ndikuryayo is a witness to various crimes committed by his boss.

APRIL 2017

A student arrested in and reported missing in buyenzi urban zone, Bujumbura city

As of April 20, 2017, Egide Nimenya students' delegate of second year in Psychology at the University of Burundi was abducted by unknown people. On-site sources say that a group of people in a vehicle arrested the student Egide Nimenya² as he arrived close to Prince Regent Charles Hospital in Buyenzi zone. The same sources add that the plate number of this vehicle was not identified. Egide Nimenya was taken to an unknown destination

Three persons abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura mayorship

As of the 20 April 2017, Oscar Ntasano, NONARA Beach Hotel owner was reported missing. His family said Oscar Ntasano responded to a phone call when he was at home. Our sources add that the one who called him told him that he wanted to rent part of his Hotel NONARA Beach. Gone to his office to meet this person, he did not returned, said the same sources. His family members sought in all the cells without success. Neighbors, family and friends are worried about his disappearance because, they add, some time ago there was a climate of disagreement between Oscar Ntasano and some authorities in Bujumbura. This disagreement might reside in the fact that his hotel was rented by United Nations observers, which angered Bujumbura authorities. His family and neighbors ask the police to help him find theirs.

One person and reported missing abducted in Ngozi commune and province

The information received indicates that Pacifique Birikunama on 17 April 2017, driver at Ngozi diocese was abducted by SNR agents in Ngozi on 8 April 2017. His family members are afraid that he is already dead because there is no trace of him in all the prisons and cells of the province. Information from his family told that Pacifique Birikumana was abducted by SNR in a pub near Ngozi central prison in Kinyami quarter. After he replied a call, he left and did not come back. His family had received information that he would have escaped from SNR agents. But two weeks later, his phone rang and was picked by an SNR agent. The latter told them that they should not ask anything related to Pacific Birikumana. The SNR officials in Ngozi have indicated that they are not aware of this disappearance.

Two persons abducted and then reported missing in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

Information received by Iteka League on 10 April 2017 indicates that Ferdinand Vyimana, alias Setu, aged 33, living in Gihosha-rural quarter, Bujumbura mayorship, MSD party member and his friend Ernest, FNL party member were abducted on 23 March 2017 by SNR agents in Rutana province.

² Egide Nimenya was found and is imprisoned at Mpimba central prison

According to sources on the spot, these two people went to SOSUMO in Bukemba commune for an appointment that Ferdinand Vyimana had with the SOSUMO DAF concerning supplies on 23 March 2017. The same sources add that Ferdinand Vyimana had already received extremely serious death threats.

One person abducted in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On 6 April 2017, Ngabirano Bosco from Gatozo hill, Muhango commune, Kayanza province was removed by SNR agents from the commune cell where he had just spent three days, accused of having demonstrated against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. He had fled the area and had just returned.

A person abducted and reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

Information received by Iteka League on 7 April 2017 indicates that on 30 March 2017 in the village of peace in Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, a pastor named Javye of the "Holy temple" church located at the 16th Avenue in the village of peace and at the same time customs attendant at the port of Bujumbura was abducted by SNR agents. According to our sources, the family has sought everywhere in vain.

One person arrested and then reported missing in commune and Bubanza province

As of 4 April 2017, around 12:00 am, on the hill and in Mitakataka zone, commune and Bubanza province, Juvent Ntarugera³, native from Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province was arrested by police and taken to the police station cell in Bubanza province. According to our sources, the reason of his arrest would be the participation in armed groups that would be in the DRC. Towards the evening of the same day, SNR agents from Bujumbura took him to an unknown location, according to the same sources.

Two people abducted in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On the night of 7 April 2017, armed men attacked village VI, in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province. According to our sources, four people were abducted by these men and taken to Rukoko forest. According to the same sources, 2 of those abducted escaped these armed men on 8 April 2017.

Two persons tortured and then reported missing in Kayanza province

The information reached to our office indicates that as of March 31, 2017, Claude, from Karinzi hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province was beaten up by an Imbonerakure named Juma who accused him of being a thief.

On 6 April 2017, Nkore from Rukago hill, Gahombo commune, Kayanza province was beaten up by an Imbonerakure who accused him of being a thief.

The same source indicates that the police refused to receive the two victims to the cell due to their critical condition. The Imbonerakure then took them to an unknown destination.

³ Jubvent Ntarugera was found and released

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

JUNE 2017

One person arrested and tortured in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On 24 June 2017, Nduwimana from Rukere hill, Kabarore Commune, Kayanza Province was arrested and beaten up by Imbonerakure while working in his field. After a search carried out at his house by Imbonerakure, they found coffee he had peeled himself. They took him to the commune cell accusing him of wanting to sell the coffee into Rwanda.

One person arrested and tortured in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On June 22, 2017, Fiacre Mweranda was beaten up by soldiers from Rukina position, Mukike commune, Bujumbura Rural province. These soldiers had arrested him on the same day in Rukina. According to our sources, Fiacre Mweranda, native from Rutozi hill, was hospitalized and then removed by these soldiers. He was taken to the military position in Sehe. According to the same sources, Fiacre Mweranda had been beaten up two months ago by soldiers who accused him of having insulted them.

One person tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

As of June 24, 2017, Eric Nkurunziza, a house worker from Karusi province, was seriously injured by Imbonerakure youths on Bikobe hill in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. He was beaten by three young Imbonerakure Claude, Michel and Anaclet who accused him of not cooperating with them. The victim was taken to Gahama CDS in the same commune.

One person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On 18 June 2017, on Ruhuma hill in Rugwiza zone of Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Antoine Nzoza was arrested and beaten up by the Imbonerakure of this hill accusing him of beating his wife and fined him of a can of local beer equivalent to 15,000 Bif.

A person tortured in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 16 June 2017, around 6:00 pm on 14th Avenue, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa Commune, Bujumbura City, a policeman named Niyonkuru, AT of the deputy police station head in Cibitoke urban zone has seriously beaten Jackson Mulumba with kicks and rifle butts. According to sources on the spot, the victim of Congolese nationality and choir member at the evangelization mission church in Burundi was accused of carrying his guitar like a gun. According to the same sources, this policeman is pointed out by the population of this area as the author of several burrs.

A person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

As of June 12, 2017, Aaron Gendugaba was tied up and beaten up until he lost consciousness by Imbonerakure from Butamenwa hill, Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, Aaron was accused by these Imbonerakure of beating his wife in a bar.

A person arrested and tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On June 6, 2017, on Ruhuma hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Ndiwokubwayo, son of Jordin and Angeline, was arrested by Imbonerakure of this area who tied and beat him. Sources on the spot say he is accused by these Imbonerakure of intending to kill his parents.

One person arrested and tortured in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of June 4, 2017, Sylvère Ndayishimiye, a student at Matara communal school, originating from Kizunga hill, Matara zone, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province, was beaten up by the head of the Imbonerakure of Kizunga hill named Salome Tuyisenge. According to sources on the spot, the victim refused to contribute an amount of 1000 Bif meant for the Imbonerakure of this hill. Sylvère Ndayishimiye was detained in Nyabiraba police cell before being released on 9 June 2017.

One person tortured in Nyabihanga commune, Mwaro province

On the night of 8 June 2017, 22-year-old Edouard Habarugira from Mbuye commune in Muramvya province was beaten up by young Imbonerakure from Kibogoye hill in Munago area, Nyabihanga commune, Mwaro province and was stolen everything he had. According to sources on the spot, these young Imbonerakure intended to throw him into Ruvyironza River but his neighbors prevented it. Edouard was rushed to Kibumbu Hospital. The nurses had initially refused to receive him for he was in critical condition. The same sources indicate that 3 hill advisors Pascal Ndakoraniwe alias Dururu, Ntakaburimvo and Venerand Ntahizaniye were arrested for investigation reasons.

One person tortured in Gitobe commune, Kirundo province

On June 12, 2017 indicates that as of June 10, 2017, Egide Bigorabagabo, member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, resident on Rungazi hill, Gitobe commune, Kirundo province was beaten up by Sébastien Butoyi, member of Imbonerakure Youth League and director of ECOFO Butihinda according to sources on the spot. Bigorabagabo was admitted to Gitobe CDS before being transferred on 11 June 2017 to Mukenge hospital. The victim was assaulted in the presence of the communal representative of CNDD-FDD party and the outgoing communal administrator named Nicodème Barutwanayo. The same sources indicate that Sébastien Butoyi was arrested on 11 June 2017 and taken to PJ Kirundo cell for investigation reasons.

Two people arrested and tortured in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 7 June 2017, around 8:00 am, Vénérand Habonimana, a teacher at ECOFO Gisurwe and Méthode Banama, all MSD party members residing in Rwibaga, Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province, were arrested by two Imbonerakure Franck Bigirimana and Parfait Nzeyimana of Rwibaga. According to our sources, they are accused of insulting police officers Masabo and Sakubu. The latter tortured, beaten and imprisoned them at Rwibaga police station in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province. Vénérand was released the evening of the same day and Methodode Banama remained imprisoned.

Two people arrested, tortured in Kirundo province

As of June 6, 2017, Issa Ndagijimana, CNDD-FDD party member, at the same time an Imbonerakure disciplinary trainer in Kirundo province and Abdoul, an Imbonerakure working for Issa in his studio, were arrested in Kirundo urban center by Gérard Ndayisenga, SNR responsible in Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, the two men were raped by Gérard Ndayisenga's guard. The two persons were taken to Muyinga Central Prison.

Two persons tortured, Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

On 4 June 2017, Célestin Mvuyekure, an ex-FAB demobilized and Thierry all from Kiryama were tortured by Bukirasazi zone head Pascal Hakizimana, accompanied by the police head of the area and one Imbonerakure named Faustin. According to our source, these two people were beaten up until they lost consciousness. The same sources add that on June 5, 2017, the victims' families sought the OPJ of Bukirasazi commune but the latter interrogated the perpetrators and let them go.

A person tortured in commune and province Rumonge

As of June 8, 2017, Buregeya was tortured and his home destroyed by people including youth Imbonerakure on Karagara hill, Buruhukiro zone, Rumonge commune and province. The victim was accused of being a sorcerer and poisoned a young hairdresser on the hill, according to administration sources. Other sources indicate that Buregeya, a returnee, is the victim of a land dispute with a residents' family. Buregeya agonized following the injuries by his torturers.

One person tortured in Muramvya province

On June 3, 2017, Richard, a teacher at ECOFO Camamandu in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, including Rémy Bimenyimana. He had gone to pay the rental of the house he lived in. This house belonged to Rémy. The latter asked him for his CNI and he replied he did not have it.

One person tortured in commune and province Muramvya

On the night of May 31 to June 1, 2017, Eric, a PRODEFI staff in Muramvya province was beaten up by the SNR head in Muramvya province, named Remy, and then taken to the police station cell where he spent one night. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred in Kavyinabuhiye's bar in Muramvya province city. He was released the next day in critical situation and the SNR officer told him "*genda uhindure*" which means go and change. Nobody understood what he intended to tell him.

One person tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On June 3, 2017, Elvis Nsabimana, a native of Nyarusange commune, Gitega province was seriously injured by young Imbonerakure in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. Back from Tanzania for field work, he was stolen an amount of 250,000 Bif by these CNDD-FDD party young members. Thinking he died, they threw him into Nyabusunzu River near the commune city. Three Imbonerakure suspected in this crime were arrested shortly before being released on order of Mabanda administrator Leatitie Niyonkuru. The tortured person was treated at CDS Mabanda.

A person tortured in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

As of 2 June 2017, around 1:00 pm, Jonathan Habarugira, a biker from Gasenyi hill, Buganda commune, Cibitoke Province was tortured while imprisoned in Gihanga commune police brigade, Bubanza

province. Stick traces were visible on his back. He was accused of transporting hemp, according to our sources.

MAY 2017

A person tortured by Imbonerakure in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On 31 May 2017, at Musenyi hill, Mpanda Commune, Bubanza Province, Ndagijimana was tortured the Imbonerakure. The victim had serious body harm using a machete on the head. The alleged perpetrators Floribert Ndikumana and Ferdinand Nduwimana who were guarding the office of Musenyi sector head. According to our sources, the perpetrators were taken to Bubanza province police station cell on 31 May 2017.

A person tortured in Kayanza province

As of 29 May 2017, on Manga hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Oswald was beaten by soldiers of Manga hill position. He was accused of transporting food and coffee into Rwanda.

One person tortured in Muramvya province

As of 30 May 2017 an SNR officer in Rutegama commune in Muramvya province, known as Anicet, beat up Gilbert in Rutegama commune police cell. According to sources on the spot, this SNR head has the habit of beating detainees at night.

One person tortured and one arrested in commune and province Kayanza

Information received by Iteka League on 29 May 2017 indicates that Paul Nyandwi was arrested by the hill head on 26 May 2017 on Ryirengeye hill, commune and province of Kayanza. He was accused of buying green coffee on this hill. He had only one kg with him when he was arrested and was taken to the commune police cell where he was tortured. Then, he was taken to Kayanza hospital in critical condition.

As of May 29, 2017, Paul Nyandwi's son Elie Niyonkuru was on his way to hospital to visit his father. He was arrested at Kayanza market by Imbonerakure. The latter forced him to acknowledge and pay a debt his father had contracted from a trader named Mama Sumaya. The population intervened for his release after paying a bribe of 10,000 Bif.

Two detainees tortured in Mpimba Central Prison

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 with 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

Information received by our office on 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 is currently hospitalized at CDS Burara. The alleged perpetrators are 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

Information received by Iteka League on May 18, 2017 indicates that Dr Zacharie Iryumugabe alias Juma, a FDN soldier, was beaten up by the Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD party on 14 May 2017 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 3rd 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

On 20 may 2017, in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province, 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, Ndereyahaga 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. Pacific 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. 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. The victim is living underground ever since.

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. This Imbonerakure would be about to be released according to sources from the victim's family.

Four detainees tortured in Mpimba Central Prison

Aimable Manirakiza, a University of Burundi student, Fulgence Bizozza, Placide Muganga and an unnamed 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, 6th 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, 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. Method 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 Nzoyihiki, 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.

APRIL 2017

Former ex-FAB soldier arrested and tortured, Muyinga province

On 18 April 2017 Dieudonné Kwizera, former CECAD employee and ex-FAB was arrested by the SNR official in Muyinga Gérard Ndayisenga at his home in Mukoni quarter in Muyinga city. According to our source, police and Imbonerakure carried out a search at his home that came to nothing compromising. The family fears for his security given the dead bodies found here and there in this province. Our sources say that Dieudonné Kwizera was tortured by the SNR official in Muyinga Gérard Ndayisenga. He is accused of having transported those who attacked Mukoni camp late January 2017. The same sources add that the SNR official in Muyinga also seized his vehicle and motorcycle which

were at his home. His friends and family request he is not killed as it is often the case for people arrested by Gerard Ndayisenga.

Two people arrested and tortured in Makamba province

On April 19, 2017, Serges Nyandwi, a member of FNL, Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested and tortured by Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD party on Kibimba hill, Mabanda commune, Makamba province. On his way to Nyakazi, in Kibago commune, they stole everything he had, his phone and cash. Among the Imbonerakure of this hill, Ezekiel was identified.

On 20 April 2017 Charles Niyomukiza, another FNL member, Agathon Rwasa's wing and native of Nyakazi hill, was arrested and tortured by Imbonerakure under the orders of the chair of Kibago commune council named Jeledi. Charles Niyomukiza had come from Tanzania for a work trip. He was accused of having spent a long period of absence in this locality. All were released after being beaten.

Street vendors tortured in Makamba province

On April 20, 2017, Gad Niyukuri beat up young street vendors and stripped them of goods on Kanzege hill, Makamba commune and Province.

In the same commune, on April 22, 2017, Gad Niyukuri and young Imbonerakure beat traders of Makamba province to compel them participate in community work organized at the private stadium of Senate chair, Reverien Ndikuriyo. Anyone on their way was arrested and beaten.

One person beaten in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On April 17, 2017, in Rugeregere sector, zone and Rugombo commune, Jado, a dump truck driver was beaten up by a CNDD-FDD party influential member named Elias Bizimana in complicity with young Imbonerakure. The driver was accused of whipping Elias' child who was swinging on a truck in high speed.

A person tortured in Gatara commune in Kayanza province

As of 16 April 2017, Julien Manirakiza the head of Imbonerakure in Gatara commune, Kayanza province, was beaten in Mbirizi zone of the same commune by Imbonerakure who accused him of having hidden a person who had disputed with his wife. This leader of Imbonerakure had imprisoned him in the zone cell to keep him safe from these Imbonerakure. They were unhappy with that because they wanted to beat him to get money from him.

Arrested and tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On April 16, 2017, in Kibago commune, Juvénal Ndayishimiye, a 60-year old ex-FAB pensioner was beaten up by a police officer who wanted to impose a curfew. He defended himself with a bottle before being arrested by the police station head of the area. He was handcuffed in Kibago police station cell and the police station head left with the key of the handcuff.

One person arrested and tortured in Kayanza province

The information received by Iteka League on 10 April 2017 indicates that 6:00 pm on 9 April 2017, on Rukere hill in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Kibaya of Karama hill, Kabarore commune was beaten up and then tied up by Imbonerakure in a pub before being taken to the police cell at the commune. They accused him of contempt of the head of state for the mere fact of having said that those who voted for CNDD-FDD had voted badly.

Two persons tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On April 10, 2017, Butoyi and Rukara of the hill and Rurwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province were tortured and tied up by Imbonerakure from this area. According to sources on the spot, Butoyi and Rukara were charged with 20,000 Bif before being released. They were accused of destruction of environment.

A person arrested and tortured in Karusi commune and province

As of April 4, 2017, a trader named Bigirimana, Mugende hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka Commune, Karusi Province was arrested by an Imbonerakure known as Sidoru. He was later handed over to the provincial police commissioner in Karusi, named Jerome. According to sources, he was accused of selling agricultural inputs and was taken to the police station with his hands tied on his back to such an extent that blood could not circulate. He was released on 5 April 2017 after paying 500 000 Bif.

A person arrested and tortured in commune and Muyinga province

On April 4, 2017, Alexis Nibaruta, a former soldier and driver at Gisanze High School in Muyinga province was arrested and tortured to death by Gérard Ndayisenga, the SNR officer in Muyinga province. The family said he was taken the provincial police station cell. Our source indicates that he was arrested on the evening of 4 April 2017 on Muzingi hill, Gashoho commune, near his workplace as he was going to take his cell phone charging. Our source indicates that the SNR official in Muyinga accused Alexis Nibaruta of giving information on Burundi to his niece Odette Murekerisoni who used to be a student at Gisanze High School, currently in exile in Rwanda. The family said that Alexis Nibaruta was urinating blood in the police station cell where he was detained before being transferred to Ngozi hospital after the intervention of HRDs.

A person tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On April 30, 2017, on Ruhuna hill, in Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, Ndereyimana was tortured and then tied up by young Imbonerakure, Audace Nkurunziza, Innocent Ntirandekura and Barakamfitiye in complicity with the head of the Ruhuna hill named Sylvain Ndimurukundo. The reason is that Ndereyimana had denounced torture these Imbonerakure inflicted on a person they had arrested accusing him of robbery.

A person arrested and tortured in Kayanza province

On April 2, 2017, at about 7:00 pm, a farmer named Albert Nduwayo of Nyabibuye hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province was beaten up by police officers who then took him to the cell. He is accused of having insulted the CNDD-FDD party representative of this hill, Epitace Nduwimana.

Five people tortured by the head of Imbonerakure in Makamba commune and province

During a security meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 on Buheka hill, Kazirabagena zone, Nyanza Lac commune, Makamba province, the Makamba province governor, Gad Niyukuri and CNDD-FDD party chairman in that province delivered a speech encouraging physical removal of anyone who is suspected of being a rebel in these terms: "Mufashe uwitwa umuroberi, muri babiri canke batatu, ntimuze musubire kuzana ngo muriko mubaha abajejwe umutekano, camubagirwako ntagusubira kubanza guturira Igitiro mubaha umunyenga. "(If you catch a suspect, being two or three, do not think of handing over him to the security corps, kill him directly without wasting fuel). It was after this speech that Shumbusha was arrested on April 3, 2017.

On 3 and 5 April 2017, Mr. Bigirimana, head of Imbonerakure in commune and Makamba province, tortured five people from the provinces of Rutana and Muramvya who accused them of not being native to the province. The scene took place in the presence of Makamba II quarter head without being worried.

According to an on-site source, a speech inciting hatred was also made in Nyanza-Lac commune of Makamba province on 7 April 2017 by Reverien Ndikuriyo, President of the Senate, in the following terms: "... *any person wandering in Nyanza Lac palm trees must be arrested and have his fate discreetly*".

A person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On April 7, 2017, a young man named Gédéon was beaten up by the head of the police station in Buhiga, named Gilbert. According to sources on the spot, he found him in possession of 14 liters of gasoline and accused him of fraudulent sale of gasoline. This young man, who had just left the mental hospital to "Le Gentil", is currently in crisis because of the blows he received. His family complained that they had no means of getting him back to the hospital.

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

JUNE 2017

A person arrested in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

On June 23, 2017, Claver Kobako, a teacher at ECOFO Camamandu was arrested by SNR head in Rutegama commune, accompanied by the head of the police station of the area named Léonidas Nzoyihiki and the representative of the Imbonerakure in Muramvya province named Loti. He would be accused of insulting the Hutu.

Eight people arrested in Nyarusange commune, Gitega province

On June 24, 2017, Sylvere Simbagije, the FNL chair of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Bukoro zone, Nyarusange commune, Gitega province was arrested by police officers at his home on Bikinga hill. On the same day, in the same commune, other FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested. They are Jean Mperabansi and his daughter Jeanne Nibogora, Damas Hakizimana, Gérard Hakizimana, J. Paul Sabiyumva, J. Claude Bigirimana and Didace. They were arrested by police officers accompanied by SNR agents, according to local sources. They were taken to Gitega central prison.

Two people arrested in Bujumbura City

On June 23, 2017, two MSD party members, J. Claude Ndikuriyo, living in Ngagara zone and Elie Ntirampeba, living on the 6th Avenue of Mutakura quarter, were arrested in Bujumbura City. According to sources on the spot, J. Claude Ndikuriyo was arrested at his home in the evening by the police station head in Ngagara zone without a warrant and without valid reason. As for Elie Ntirampeba, sources on the spot indicate that he was taken aboard a police pick-up and then taken to an unknown destination.

As of June 24, 2017, Epitace Nshimirimana, MSD party spokesman, said that he had information that these two people were held in SNR cell close to Regina Mundi Cathedral and that they had been tortured in the SNR cell.

One person arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of June 23, 2017, Anaclet Ndiwenumuryango, Cashi hill head and FNL member, Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by police officers and then taken to Magara police cell in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. He is accused of collaborating with armed groups.

Three people arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of June 25, 2017, Augustin Habonimana, Eric Vyizigiro and Jean Claude Ciza, all demobilized persons and FNL members, Agathon Rwasa's wing, were arrested on Cashi hill, Magara zone, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. Accused of making night patrols with weapons including machetes, they are imprisoned in Bugarama police cell. ODHs denounce Agathon Rwasa's wing FNL members' manhunt.

Two people arrested in commune and Gitega province

On June 13, 2017, Alain Nduwayezu, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by SNR agents on Bwoga hill in Gitega province. On-site source indicates that he was accused of being part of a group of people accustomed to ambushing on different roads in Gitega city. The same sources indicate that Onesime Nishimwe, SNR officer, took him aboard a vehicle to Gitega police cell. He would be victim of not wanting to join CNDD-FDD party.

In the same commune and province, on June 15, 2017, on Bwoga hill, Maurice, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa was arrested by SNR agents and police officers. The reason of his arrest is unknown and he is imprisoned in Gitega province cell, according to Ferdinand Misigaro, FNL chair of Agathon Rwasa in Gitega province.

Three people arrested in Muramvya province

On June 13, 2017, Aimé Gatore, a representative of PARCEM in Mbuye commune and Marius, a resident of Buhangura zone, Mbuye commune, Muramvya province, were arrested by the SNR officer in Bukeye-Mbuye communes. According to sources, he accused them of recruiting rebels while they were preparing a workshop on the assessment of detention conditions in Muramvya province. The same sources indicate that Emmanuel Nshimirimana, the provincial representative of PARCEM in Muramvya

was also arrested on 17 June 2017 by the SNR official in that province. Information received indicates that Emmanuel Nshimirimana, Aimé Gatore and Marius were taken to the SNR cell located near Regina Mundi Cathedral.

An ex-FAB arrested in Makamba commune and province

On June 14, 2017, Padon Ndikumana, an ex-FAB retiree was arrested by police officers during a search in Kigwati I quarter and Makamba province. He was released afterwards and the reason for his arrest was not known.

Fifteen people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone of Bujumbura City

As of June 17, 2017, fifteen persons were arrested by police and soldiers during a search and control of the household notebooks on avenues 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from number 90 to 124 of Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. They were released after paying an amount from 2000 to 5000 Bif, according to sources on the spot.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

Serges Nshimirimana, a teacher and member of UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing was arrested by police on the night of 11 June 2017 at about 10:00 pm at his home in Jimbi. He is accused by the head of Kibago zone of having uttered defamatory remarks against him. An on-site source said he is imprisoned in Kibago police station cell since 12 June 2017. Political reasons may be behind the arrest, according to his family.

Ten people arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

As of June 17, 2017, four women accused of polyandry were expelled and six men accused of polygamy were arrested by Paul Rwajekera, Gatwe zone head and Pablo Ndayiragije, a demobilized representative in the area. For all these women, none were allowed to take their property including children who were at school. Among these women, one is from Cankuzo, two from Karusi and one from Gitega. The men were released the evening of the same day after paying a fine of 50,000 Bif each.

Twenty-five people arrested in Cibitoke urban, Bujumbura City

On June 14, 2017, twenty-five people were arrested by police and soldiers during a search and control of household notebooks on the 14th-16th avenues at the top of Iryakanyoni road. According to the information from an administrative official, these arrested persons were accused of irregularities in household notebooks such as non-possession or lack of stamps for those who had them. They were released after severe warnings asking them to respect the keeping of these notebooks.

Eighteen people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City

As of June 6, 2017, eighteen people were arrested by police and soldiers during a search in Cibitoke urban zone from 6th to 8th Avenue. Accused of not appearing in household notebooks, they were taken to Cibitoke urban zone office. They were later released.

An ex FAB arrested in commune and province Bubanza

The information received by the Iteka League on 5 June 2017 indicates that at about 10:00 pm on 4 June 2017, on Gisovu sub-hill, commune and Bubanza province, Major Christian Nkurikiye, a Tutsi ex-FAB, soldier of Muzinda camp on mission in Somalia but on leave, was arrested by young Imbonerakure and police officers accompanied by the executive secretary of CNDD-FDD party in this commune named Marcel. According to our sources, Major Christian Nkurikiye returned home from a bar in civilian dress. The victim had a pistol and would be accused of wanting to assassinate this party executive secretary. The victim said it was a setup because he did not make any attempt to kill, according to the same sources.

Forty people imprisoned at Reconciliation Center, Kirundo Province

On June 8, 2017, ninety-one Burundians were expelled by Rwanda and were received at Gasenyi-Nemba border, Busoni commune. According to sources on the spot, forty or so were imprisoned at the reconciliation center in Kirundo province. Among them, 3 were released after a request for their release by their families by signing a commitment act on what may happen further. These returnees go to Rwanda for work to survive because of the famine threatening the country and Kirundo province in particular.

One person arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province

As of June 9, 2017, Bernard Gatore, FNL president, wing of Agathon Rwasa in Matana commune and treasurer at the provincial level was arrested at the EP located in zone and commune Matana. According to sources on the spot, he was arrested by the SNR head in Bururi province. Bernard Gatore was arrested in a case of weapons seized for a month in Gasibe zone of the same commune, the same sources said. He was taken directly to the SNR cell located close to Regina Mundi Cathedral. According to sources from his family, this case has been politicized, Bernard Gatore has a land dispute with Gabin Ndiwokubwayo, a close-to-regime UPRONA member who lost the trial for Bernard Gatore be absent on the day of execution of the judgment.

Two people arrested in Gitega province

Two members of the coalition "AMIZERO Y'ABARUNDI", loyal to Agathon Rwasa, were arrested on 8 June 2017, by the SNR in Gitega province city. It is Jean Paul arrested in Bwoga quarter and Edouard known as Koka. The latter was in a hairdressing salon when he was arrested. Both were arrested without a warrant.

Six people arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 9 June 2017, around 11:00 pm, six young people, including two brothers were arrested by API agents accompanied by Kinanira II quarter head Eric Uwitonze. They were in a household on Kavumu Avenue in Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. They were accused of breaching internal security of the state. They were released on the afternoon of 10 June 2017.

A person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On June 7, 2017, Joséphine Nyandwi⁴, a registrar in Kibago commune, Makamba province was arrested by the police. She is detained in Kibago commune police station. Josephine went to the province for medical check of her adopted child who had been raped. According to sources on the spot, her arrest would be linked to this rape.

Nine pupils of Gatete CPF arrested in commune and province Rumonge

As of June 8, 2017, nine students, including eight boys and one girl were arrested while participating in a demonstration against the CPF opaque financial mismanagement. After each student's contribution of 21,000 Bif, these students denounced the purchase of a generator that could not remedy the power shortage during practical work, while each pupil had paid 21,000 Bif. They are also claiming for internship fees which the direction did not give to finalists at the end of their internships at the rate of 35,000 Bif each. They ask the Rumonge DPE to handle all these questions. They are detained in a school uniform at Rumonge police station. They were released on 9 June 2017.

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One person arrested in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

As of 31 May 2017, Gilbert Ntunzwenimana, a resident of Ruhehe hill, Bugabira commune, Kirundo province was arrested by the police in possession of an amount of one million eight hundred thousand Burundian francs (1,800,000 Bif) composed of 100 Bif notes and a sum of five hundred and forty thousand Burundian francs (540.000 fbu) made of 10 000 Bif banknotes. Gilbert Ntunzwenimana was from Rwanda and said he exchanged the money in an exchange bureau at Nyabugogo car park in Rwanda. According to sources, he was taken to Kirundo provincial police station. According to the same sources, he appeared before the public prosecutor on 1 May 2017. After interrogation, he was taken back to Kirundo province police station.

Two persons arrested in Rutana province

On May 30, 2017, Jonas Nduwayo and Alexandre Ndayishimiye were arrested around 6:00pm by the police at Jonas' home on Butezi hill in Giharo commune of Rutana province. They were praying and were taken to Giharo police station cell, accused of breaching the internal security of the state, according to sources on the spot. Jonas Nduwayo and Alexandre Ndayishimiye are adepts of the Church "ABASUHUKE B'IMANA".

One person arrested in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship

On 30 May 2017, Janvier Ncamatwi was arbitrarily arrested by the police and taken to the SNR office located in quarter 10 of Ngagara urban zone via PSR office for declaration. According to sources on the spot, Janver Ncamatwi's vehicle had banged that of the secretary-general of CNDD-FDD party, Evariste Ndayishimiye.

⁴ Josephine Nyandwi was released on the afternoon of 12 June 2017

A person arrested in Mwaro province

On May 25, 2017, 18-year-old Olivier Havyarimana was arrested by SNR officer in Mwaro province, named Rénovat, and then taken to Muramvya police station where he spent 9 days. According to sources on the spot, he was transferred to the SNR cell in Bujumbura on June 3, 2017 where he spent 10 days. On June 13, 2017, he appeared at Kinindo prosecutor's office and later transferred to Mpimba central prison. According to the same sources, the reason for his arrest is that the SNR head in Mwaro found in Olivier Havyarimana's telephone a message sent to a friend alerting him that the SNR head was heading to Ndava commune.

An Ex-FAB arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

As of May 30, 2017, Sylvestre Singirankabo, a demobilized of former ex-FAB army was arrested on Musenyi hill, Mabanda commune of Makamba province by an SNR agent in Rumonge known as Never. Sources on the spot say he was accused of making defamatory statements. The population of Mabanda commune asks the administration to respect freedom of expression. An amount of 400,000 Bif would have been requested for his release.

Six people arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On May 31, 2017, 6 people were arrested by SNR agents and police during a search to Pascal Ntirampeba's home, former CNDD-FDD member today in exile, on Kumurinzi Avenue, Gihosha quarter, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. They are Dévote Niragira, manager of the bar "OPEN SKY" located in the same quarter, Elie Niyongabo, Eric Nshimirimana and Egide Nahimana all employees of the same bar. The police said they found two weapons, which Pascal Ntirampeba's neighbors consider as setup and add that the same police who would have brought them for the purpose of arresting these people. During the search, SNR agents headed by Joseph Niyonzima nicknamed Kazungu arrested two other people, Agathon Nimpaye, a teacher at St Esprit Lycee at the same time responsible for MSD party and a Déo, a REGIDESO staff. He was arrested because he had a passport showing that he often traveled to Rwanda. Sources on the spot say that he goes to Rwanda to visit his child studying there. According to the same sources, eight smartphones and four computers were seized at the home of this MSD party leader Agathon Nimpaye. Their family members are worried because they were denied any visit.

A household of a doctor named Gahongano was also searched. His container was smashed by the police who said he found military uniforms there. Gahongano's family is currently living in Canada. All those arrested were taken to SNR cell, close to Regina Mundi Cathedral in Bujumbura City.

Eighteen people arrested in Buterere urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of 31 May 2017, 18 young muslims were arrested by the police in Buterere urban zone and then taken to the zone police cell. Sources on the spot indicate that these young people are accused of wanting to disrupt the worship which took place in the mosque of Buterere I. The same sources indicate that they are also accused of having their hair done in a way not permitted by the Islamic religion. The 18 young people all spent the night in Buterere zone police cell. Our sources indicate that an SNR vehicle came to take them one by one to an unknown destination. Ramadhan Hakizimana who chaired this cult and who had them arrested would have been embarked, according to the same sources. Ramadhan Hakizimana is also COMIBU chair in Buyenzi zone. Other sources say that the 18 young muslims intend to dismiss him, which they reject totally.

A person arrested in Mukaza Commune, Bujumbura City

As of May 2, 2017, Privat Ndiokubwayo, a PNLS staff was arrested by SNR agents at home in Jabe quarter of Bujumbura City. On-site sources indicate that he would be accused of traveling to Rwanda from time to time. Neighbors and his family say they do not understand the reason of his arrest arguing that he is not a member of any political party. One of his neighbors said that SNR agents entered his office to take some of his documents and his laptop. He was later released.

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, Ntahangwa 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 , Ntahangwa 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 is 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, Ntahangwa 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 3rd Avenue, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa 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 Ndoricimpa, 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, Ntahangwa 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. She 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 2nd to 4th 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 persons 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, Edouard Nzambimana and Ladislav Sabukwigura were sentenced to 20 years by TGI Gitega.

This judgment was described by Amizero y'Abarundi coalition as a political trial aimed at intimidating the opposition political actors.

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 called on SOSUMO officials to intervene for his release. The information reached to our office indicates that Boniface Nibigira was transferred to Rutana central prison on May 23, 2017 after appearing before the prosecutor of the republic in Rutana province.

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 Ntinzira 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 arrested 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 Nyakabiga urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

As of May 11, 2017, 30 people were arrested by the police during a search at the 4th 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. According to sources, the reason for their arrest is that they had spent some time in Bujumbura. According to our source, nothing compromising was found with them.

One person arrested in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

Reverien Hakizimana, Agathon's Rwsa FNL party wing representative on Burenda hill, Biyorwa zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province was arrested on 6 May 2017. According to Severin Nitunga, Agathon Rwsa'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-Rwsa 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 arrested in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 7 May 2017 indicates that Emmanuel Coyitungiye, aged 30, Agathon Rwsa'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.

APRIL 2017

One person arrested in Ngozi commune and province

On 30 April 2017, around 9:00 am, a young man named Bonfils, aged 25, from Kirundo was arrested and handcuffed by Ngozi SNR agents. According to our sources on the spot, he was abducted from “Bon berger” church of Ngozi while in church service by SNR agents. They informed him that he was needed urgently. He was suddenly arrested and embarked in a double cabin vehicle from Ngozi SNR.

The Christians of Ngozi “Bon Berger” church who witnessed the scene find it incomprehensible that a person is arrested without a warrant from the prosecutor of the republic. Bonfils was a laureate of Alexandre Ross Technical High School of Ngozi. The same source indicates that Bonfils was released in the afternoon of April 30, 2017.

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.

A soldier arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On April 29, 2017 at around 5:00am, a soldier to the 122nd battalion named Prosper Rwazindutse was arrested at home on the hill, zone and commune of Buhiga, Karusi province. He woke up finding his house encircled by the police. According to a source on the spot, Prosper Rwazindutse was accused of desertion and then taken to Karusi police station.

One person arrested in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On April 27, 2017, on Songore hill, Kabarore Commune, Kayanza Province, Pancrace was arrested by the police. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of buying cherry coffee.

One person arrested in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On 23 April 2017, a young man named Ndayishimiye was arrested by Imbonerakure on Ryamukona hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, but his father who was with him managed to escape. According to sources on the spot, they were accused of transporting coffee into Rwanda.

A person arrested in commune and province Muyinga

On 7 April 2017, Jean Paul Yamuremye, a teacher at ECOFO Kayenzi, was arrested by the PJ in Muyinga commune and province. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of having crossed

RN6 when the police secured the passage of the 2nd vice-president of the Republic. The same source said Jean Paul Yamuremye was released for a ransom of 10,000 Bif he gave to Brigadier Charles Ndayavurwa.

A person arrested in Buraza commune, province Gitega

On 26 April 2017, one person named Vianney Ndayiragije was arrested by police on Mugano hill, Buraza commune, Gitega province. He was accused of illegal possession of weapons and belonging to a gunmen group plundering in the communes of Buraza, Ryansoro and Rutovu. According to the administrator of Buraza commune Didace Rutotsi, a Kalashnikov rifle was seized at his home. Sources on the spot indicate that Vianney Ndayiragije would be a victim of his political affiliation of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing.

Two people arrested in Bururi province

From 17 to 25 April 2017, Emmanuel Nimenya and Arstide Munezero, all from Vyanda commune were arbitrarily detained in Bururi police cell. The reason for their arrest remains unknown because no charge is mentioned in the prison register. The police authorities questioned on this case say that they would have disrupted the order and security in Vyanda commune.

A person arrested in commune and province Kirundo

As of April 28, 2017, a person named Timothée working for Caritas NGO in Kanyinya Parish, Muyinga Diocese in the Hearing and Healing of memories Program, was arrested by SNR agents in Kirundo province. According to sources on the spot, the SNR accused him of having taken photos and audios of the expelled from Rwanda who are arrested by the SNR. The same sources indicate that Timothée used to be a member of FNL political party of Agathon Rwasa's wing but that he no longer militated for this party 5 years ago.

Eighty-one people arrested in Kirundo province

From 26 to 29 April 2017, eighty-one returnees from Rwanda were already arrested by SNR agents at the Rwando-Burundian border of Gasenyi-Nemba and were detained at the reconciliation center of the commune and Kirundo province. According to sources on the spot, these people were expelled because they were without administrative documents. The Burundian police suspected them of being rebels, arguing that this is a way that Rwanda has found to enter them into the country.

One person arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

At about 4:00 pm on 28 April 2017 on Kanyunya hill, Rukina zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Rusigamigazo, father of Jean Claude Bashirahishize, killed on 22 April 2017 at around 6:00 pm by the soldiers of Nonoka position commanded by Major Marius Gahomera alias Gakoryo of Mujejuru camp was arrested by policemen from Rukina position. According to our sources, the reason of his arrest remains unknown.

Six people arrested in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On April 28, 2017, five people, Richard, Fanuel, Noel, Tamali and Ndayisenga were arrested by the police and then imprisoned in Muhanga commune police cell, Kayanza province. According to one source, the reason for their arrest is that they are among 28 people from the displaced people site of Gashibuka in Muhanga commune who have wrote a letter to the communal administrator asking him to prepare the elections of those who will represent the CVR on Gashibuka hill because those who represented it had been appointed by the head of the hill. The same source indicates that others have run away. The same source indicates that Jeanne Munezero who is among the signatories also was arrested on 30 April 2017 and Ezechiel run away after he was informed that he was wanted by the police.

A person arrested in Makamba province

On 26 April 2017, Nestor Nduwamungu, nurse at Makamba hospital was arrested by the police. According to sources on the spot, he was victim of a setup by his colleague named Nahigombeye, young Imbonerakure from CNDD-FDD after a drugs robbery perpetrated in Makamba hospital by Nahigombeye. According to sources on the spot, investigations proved his guilt but this Imbonerakure was not worried.

Twenty-seven people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

As of April 24, 2017, 27 people were arrested in a search by policemen and soldiers to check household records and CNIs in Cibitoke quarter on avenues 11, 12 and 13 from N ° 60 to 120, in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. They were taken to Cibitoke zone office and then released after paying a ransom ranging between 2000 and 5000 Bif.

Four people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship

On April 25, 2017, four people were arrested during a search in Cibitoke from 16th to 18th Avenue, from number 60 to 90 by policemen and soldiers. The latter controlled household records and CNIs. These persons were accused of being in household records without the signature of the quarter head and were taken to Cibitoke urban zone cell where they were kept for 2 hours before one of the victims collapsed. Afterwards, two of them were released while two others paid 5,000 Bif each to leave the cell.

Six persons arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

The information received by Iteka League on 20 April 2017 indicates that on 11 April 2017, at about 10:00 am, pillar 14 in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, the SNR head in Mutimbuzi and Mubimbi communes, Jérémie, arrested 6 persons including Destin, Mabwa and Mahuba. According to our sources, Mabwa and Mahuba were imprisoned in Maramvya zone cell, Destin and another unidentified person in Rubirizi zone cell and the two others in Gatumba zone cell of Mutimbuzi commune. All were accused of collaborating with rebels.

A student arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On April 18, 2017, in Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province Alexis Ndiwokubwayo, a student to Mukike Communal High School in 3rd Modern Arts from exile was called by an unidentified man at around 4:00 pm when he was at home. According to our sources, the man said the school prefect needed him at school. Alexis returned to school and then boarded forcibly a vehicle of Mujejuru military camp. He was taken to Nyabiraba commune cell.

Two persons arrested in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 19 April 2017, around 3:00 pm, in Burima zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura Rural province, Thaddee Ngomirakiza and Dieudonné Nitunze FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by an Imbonerakure named Eddy Bukeyenzeza. They are accused of holding an illegal meeting. They were taken to Mutambu commune police cell.

Two persons arrested in Rutana province

The head of Rutana Central Prison, Jonas Nimbona and Brigadier Egide Nzeyimana, who was guarding the prison were arrested and detained on 17 April 2017 in Bururi Central Prison under the warrant of the prosecution to the Court of Appeal of Bururi following the escape of two prisoners Kenny Stone Bayishingize of Rwandan origin accused of involvement in armed gangs and Charles Nzeyimana, accused of rebellion, escorted by two policemen, one of whom was J.Pierre and a nicknamed Buyengero from Rutana police station to Rutana Hospital on April 13, 2017, according to our sources.

Sixteen persons arrested in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

On 18 April 2017, on Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, accused of "breaching internal State security ", the police arrested a group of 16 persons, consisting of 8 men and 8 women praying and from different provinces. They are: Isaac Nduwayezu 24 years old from Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province, Nshimirimana Rose 40 years old from Bukemba commune, Rutana province, Elie Niyibitanga 29 years old from Butaganzwa commune Ruyigi, Marthe Nzirubusa, aged 59 from Giharo commune, Rutana province, Cornalie Ndayongeje, 41 years old, from Mbuye commune, Muramvya province, Lea Nibaruta, aged 37, from Mpinga-Kayove commune, province Rutana, Alice Niyonzima 21 years old from Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province, Ildephonse Tuyisenge 27 years old from Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Emmanuela Ndayishimiye 32 years old from Ndava commune, Muramvya province, Tharcisse Niyungeko aged 54 from Musongati commune, Rutana province, Gerard Singirankabo aged 42 from Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province, Audace Ndayishimiye 22 years old from Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province, Joël Miharugwa aged 59 from Matana commune, Bururi province, Alice Ndizeye 30 years old from Bukemba commune, Rutana province, Elysa Niyoyibuka, aged 30, from Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province and Serges Minani 25 years old from Kayanza commune, Kayanza province. They were taken to the public prosecutor's office.

A person arrested in Rumonge province

On 23 April 2017, Oscar Bipfako, representative of UPD Zigamibanga party in Rumonge commune was arrested by the SNR official in Rumonge province. This representative does not support the new organs of the party. He is accused of a girl rape and his family speaks that his arrest is linked to political reasons. He is detained in Rumonge police cell.

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

On 15 April 2017, in Nyanza-Lac commune, a group of young Imbonerakure arrested a police brigadier named Cyriaque Ntakirutimana, assigned to Kayogoro police station. The events occurred in the night of 15 April 2017 at the bus stop in Muyange. The latter was taken to Nyanza-Lac police cell and spent the whole night there before being released.

A person arrested in Kayanza province

On 12 April 2015, an ex-FAB soldier named Cyprien Runyange was arrested by policemen at his workplace in Kayanza province city. He had spent a few days in Rwanda. Once in Burundi, the police searched his home and workplace but nothing compromising was found. Information received indicates that Cyprien Runyange has been released.

A person arrested in Gitega province

As of April 14, 2017, Gaston Gahungu, head of Songa hill, commune and Gitega province was arrested on the order of the anti-corruption police commissioner in Gitega province. According to sources on the spot, Gaston Gahungu was accused of embezzlement of communal taxes of 180,000 Bif, a charge rejected by the latter. According to the same sources, this commissioner would have received orders from the communal administrator of Gitega, Valentin Nahimana for political reasons. This head of hill arrested is a member from FRODEBU political party of Léonce Ngendakumana and would be among local authorities who constantly denounced the cases of burr in Gitega province. In 2012, he was awarded the "Good Citizen" award by FOCODE for his commitment to respect human rights.

A person arrested in Ruyigi province

On April 12, 2017, Adrien Nsengiyumva, a member of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa was arrested and imprisoned in Bweru commune police cell, Ruyigi province. Adrien Nsengiyumva is a teacher of ECOFO Mubavu of the same commune. According to police sources, he is accused of planning the assassination of a person.

The chair of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa in Ruyigi province, Honorable Pascal Bizumuremyi talks about man hunting of their members. This happens when, as of 6 April 2017, Anaclet Magemanya, chair of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa in Bweru commune was arrested and imprisoned in Rusengo police cell, accused of illegally holding clandestine meetings.

In addition, during his arrest, reasons were sought to arrest him. According to our sources, Magemanya was accused of fraud and as of April 3, 2017, Mubavu zone head came to see the governor of Ruyigi province to inform him that Magemanya had collected more than 530,000 Bif from the population promising to give them goats and that they waited in vain. The warrant came out upon request of the governor and Bweru zone head.

A person arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

As of April 14, 2017, Jean-Claude Hatungimana alias Kabizi, a student at the UB, Faculty of Economics Bac II was arrested by API policemen in a vehicle registered D 4930 A on Muyinga Avenue close to IPA, Bujumbura mayorship. He was taken to one of SNR cells. According to police sources, he is accused of sowing disorder at Mutanga campus.

Twenty-one persons arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

As of April 14, 2017, 21 persons were arrested by police and soldiers during a search and control of household records from the 13th to 16th Avenue of Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. Twenty were released while one of them remains imprisoned in Cibitoke zone cell because they are accused of selling hemp.

Three people arrested in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

As of April 10, 2017, three persons, P. Claver Nduwayo, Francois Sinzumusi, and Karagira, all from Mwumba zone were arrested by police and the reason for their arrest remains unknown, sources said. They were taken to Mugamba commune cell, our source says.

One person arrested in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province

On April 11, 2017, Alexandre Ngendakumana was arrested by police in Kigwati quarter of Rubuga hill, Gitaramuka zone and commune of Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, the police organized a search to Alexandre Ngendakumana's home, no weapons were seized although the police took him to Gitaramuka police cell.

One person arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 8 April 2017, around 4:00 pm, in Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, a hill-elected official named Alexis Ndiwokubwayo was arrested by the police and then taken to Mayuyu police cell. According to our source, he was accused of collaborating with "the Mujeri"(wandering dogs), a term given to CNDD-FDD regime opponents

Two people arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 7 April 2017, in the evening in Gihanga commune Bubanza province, two people Ndereyimana and David accused of PBA were arrested by the police in collaboration with Gihanga administration and taken to Gihanga police cell.

A person arrested in Muramvya province

As of 3 April 2017, an Imbonerakure named Herman Niyonkuru, nicknamed "Assassin" was imprisoned in Rutegama commune cell, Muramvya province, on 2 April 2017. His imprisonment reason is that he would have leaked a secret held by the Imbonerakure that the SNR official and the governor of Muramvya province have plotted to kill Vivine Ndayambaje, Rutegama communal administrator.

A person arrested and tortured in Karusi commune and province

As of April 4, 2017, a trader named Bigirimana, Mugende hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka Commune, Karusi Province was arrested by an Imbonerakure known as Sidoru. He was later handed over to the provincial police commissioner in Karusi, named Jerome. According to sources, he was accused of selling agricultural inputs and was taken to the police station with his hands tied on his back. He was released on 5 April 2017 after paying 500 000 Bif.

Eighty-seven people arrested in Gitega province

As of April 6, 2017, Gitega police raided the market and 87 people were arrested. The Governor of Gitega said that these people rape women and steal passers-by. Twenty-nine of them who had CNIs were released but 58 people largely house workers were kept at Gitega police station.

The governor of Gitega added that these people will be returned to their provinces of origin. According to the same authority, the next target will be street children and prostitutes.

A person arrested in Nyakabiga urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship

On April 9, 2017, Jean Bosco Bakanibona, a delegate and student at the UB, Faculty of Law was arrested by SNR agents when he came from the church at the Pentecost Church in Nyakabiga. He was taken aboard a vehicle registered B2756A in Nyakabiga III, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship. He was taken to the SNR cell, close to Regina Mundi Cathedral.

One person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On April 3, 2017, Esta Niyukuri's husband, accused of PBA was arrested by Kabonga zone head named Rénovat in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. According to our source, Esta Niyukuri had been arrested with her child under two years as of March 30, 2017.

A person arrested by the governor in Makamba province

On April 3, 2017, a person named Shumbusha was arrested by the Governor of Makamba, Gad Niyukuri when he was attending a security meeting on Buheka hill, Kazirabageni Zone, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. He was detained at Nyanza-Lac police station.

A person arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 6 April 2017, around 7:00 am, on the hill and Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Claude Nshimirimana, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested by policemen in complicity with a trader named John of Buringa market. According to our sources, he was accused of collaborating with rebel groups and was taken to a secret cell by Ndomboro, a former SNR agent in Buringa who was cited in several abuses. Then he was transferred to Gihanga Brigade. Finally and was released on 7 April 2017 around 5:00 pm, according to the same sources.

Three people arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On the morning of 8 April 2017 on the hill and Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Manyenye, youth leader of FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa in Buringa, Emery Badogo and Felix, UPRONA party members of Charles Nditije's wing were arrested by the police. According to our sources, they have been accused of collaborating with rebel movements. They were taken to a secret cell to Ndomboro's in Buringa before being transferred to Gihanga Brigade. The information received by our office indicates that the three persons were released on April 9, 2017.

A person arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On April 5, 2017, Dr. Gaspard Marerwa, a doctor at King Khaled Hospital was arrested by the police at his workplace. Our sources say that this doctor was taken to the PJ cell located in Jabe in Bwiza urban zone. According to the same sources, he is accused of not having produced autopsy results of the late Charles Ndiwokubwayo, a policeman whose body was found on 20 March 2017 in quarter III of Ngagara urban zone. King Khaled hospital staff qualifies these charges as unfounded because the hospital does not have appropriate equipment for this medical expertise.

Two people arrested in Ngozi province

On April 28, 2017, Salusi and Sadake, PAM Ugandan drivers were arrested by police officers after they hit the vehicle of Burundian Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana. Accused of wanting to kill the Ombudsman, they were detained in Ngozi province city.

Six people arrested in Kayanza province

As of April 14, 2017, a girl named Ngabire and a boy named Nijebariko were arrested by police and Imbonerakure on Rukere hill Kabarore commune, Kayanza province and were imprisoned in Kayanza. They were tied up together.

The same day, four other people from Manga hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, were arrested and imprisoned in Ngozi and others in Kayanza.

In the same province, there were mass arrests of people by Imbonerakure and police officers. These people were going to sell coffee into Rwanda, police sources said. People are arrested without evidence.

People illegally detained in Makamba province

As of 10 April 2017, Judith Ndiwokubwayo, Dominique Nyandwi, Lévis Nkurunziza, Germain Toyi, Venant Nyandwi, Noël Ndamuhawenimana, Richard Nkurunziza and Gordien Nkuzimana, arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, accused of rebellion by the prosecution have appeared to TGI Makamba. Only one in seven of the victims had legal assistance. On April 12, 2017, the TGI Makamba chambers decided the provisional release of five of the alleged rebels. Despite the decision of the chambers, the public prosecutor's office refused to release them after appealing to Bururi Court of Appeal. What human rights defenders call a serious violation of the law. He should have first released them and then appealed. It is a violation of the law in its article 127 of the Burundian CPP which stipulates that:

"During the appeal period and, in the case of an appeal, up to the decision, the accused shall be kept in the state in which the judge's order placed him, as long as the period of validity of this order has not

expired. If the judge has detained him, the accused shall be released provisionally from the expiry of the time limit for appeal. "

These alleged individuals were all transferred to Rumonge Central Prison on 14 April 2017.

II. CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

JUNE 2017

A girl raped in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On June 19, 2017, at about 10:00 am, on Rugajo hill in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, a one-year-and-eleven-month-old girl KI was raped by a man named Claude Bukuru, aged 21, native from Musenyi hill, Rubirizi zone, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the act occurred in the household of the victim's mother.

A person raped in Cankuzo commune and province

As of June 12, 2017, I.A.G, a 9-year-old girl from Nyabisindu hill, zone and commune Cankuzo was raped by a man from the Twa social component who had come to this hill to repair bowls and cans. According to Leonard Sindayigaya, prosecutor of the republic in Cankuzo province, this man was detained in Cankuzo police station cell. A doctor at Cankuzo Hospital refused to give the results of the medical assessment requiring from the victim's family an amount of 10,000 Bif. According to on-site sources, at a meeting held on 14 June 2017 for the heads of services, the medical director of Cankuzo health district was informed on the case and promised to intervene. In the specific case, the absence of these results halted the evidence, add the same sources.

A schoolgirl raped by her tutor in Ruyigi province

The information received by Iteka League on 10 June 2017 indicates that a 13-year-old F.N, a 3rd form schoolgirl at EP Kigamba in Ruyigi province, was impregnated by her tutor named Desiré alias Papa Muco. According to sources on-site, the schoolgirl had discomfort in class. She was expelled from school on May 3, 2017 after a positive pregnancy test. The alleged perpetrator was arrested on June 9, 2017 and was imprisoned in the police station cell in Ruyigi, according to the same sources.

Attempted rape in Rutana province

On June 6, 2017, at around 11:00 am, on Nyagahara hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a nurse named Gérard Ndayitwayeko of the CDS of that hill was caught attempting to rape a pregnant woman named Sylvana Ngeriminwe who came for a prenatal consultation. The alleged perpetrator was imprisoned in Giharo police station cell.

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

Information received by Iteka League on 5 June 2017 indicates that at about 3:00 pm on 31 May 2017, on Gisovu sub-hill, on downtown hill, commune and province Bubanza, Jean Marie Kwizera raped a

six-year-old girl. According to our sources, the child went to visit him with her comrades. The author was arrested on 4 June 2017 at about 10:00 am and held in Bubanza province police station cell.

A person raped in Cankuzo province

Information received by Iteka League on May 30, 2017 indicates that Anselme Barandya, director of ETS Cankuzo and former director of ITABU Kigamba in Kigamba commune, had impregnated a student named AK, according to our sources. On the evening of May 28, 2017, Desire Njiji, governor of Cankuzo province, went to the residence of this student's tutor to take her but this 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, Cankuzo DPE and the Public Prosecutor. As the student's family arrived at the governor's office, the student was then taken to the public prosecutor 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.

The information received by our office on 3 June 2017 indicates that the case of Anselme Barandya is becoming increasingly political. The leaders of CNDD-FDD ruling party are divided into two blocks on this issue for political reasons. According to sources from the party's officials, a meeting took place on June 2, 2017 at the party office in Cankuzo including Anselme Barandya but no consensus was reached. Some sources said that Anselm Barandya had fled but as of June 2, 2017, he returned with a team of other officials who support him and was not worried.

A person raped Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 31, 2017, Wilson Ndikumana, known as Songa, an influential member of the Imbonerakure youth league, a nurse at Kinyinya hospital was arrested accused of sexually abusing a mentally ill girl. He is responsible for CNDD-FDD party in Kinyinya zone, member of elders council of the same party and also representing the demobilized of Ruyigi province. Sources in Kinyinya say he was caught in act by the population as of May 31, 2017, sexually abusing a mentally ill girl. The same sources indicate that the perpetrator had left his workplace arguing that he was going to a restaurant of the area. The population claims to have surprised him with clothes still in the hands. According to Kinyinya residents, this ruling party member Wilson Ndikumana in complicity with the Imbonerakure of Ruyigi province are often blamed by the population for raping women and girls during night patrols. The same source indicates that the victim of the rape was imprisoned despite his state of mental disease before being released on the evening of June 1, 2017.

A child raped in commune and province Bubanza

On 2 June 2017, around 2:00 pm, in Bubanza city, a 29-year-old Jackson Mateganiro was arrested by Bubanza police and taken to Bubanza police station cell. He is accused of raping a 6-year-old girl as of May 28, 2017.

MAY 2017

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

As of 31 May 2017, around 3:00 pm, on Gisovu sub hill, on town center hill, commune and province Bubanza, Jean Marie Kwizera raped a 6-year-old girl. According to our sources, the child went to visit him with his comrades. The perpetrator was arrested on 4 June 2017 at around 10:00 am and imprisoned in Bubanza province police station cell.

A person raped in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

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

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 pupil 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 7th 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.

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.

A young girl raped in commune and province Kirundo

On 22 April 2017, J. Dieu Habimana, a motorcyclist in Kirundo province was caught raping A., a 5th form pupil of EP Bushaza. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and detained at PJ Kirundo after being tortured by the Imbonerakure of this area.

A girl raped in Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship

On 28 April 2017, around midnight, a girl named A. of the 3rd Avenue, Kinanira I was raped by Major Clowen, a military position head at ECOSAT near Musaga urban zone, in Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, the FDN soldier was arrested by local residents and released after his AT shot in the air to disperse the crowd. After rape, the victim was arrested and imprisoned in Musaga zone cell, Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship since 28 April 2017 instead of being taken to hospital for health care.

A girl raped in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On April 10, 2017, a four-year-old girl named E. was raped on Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, the author of the rape is Dunia, 40 years old.

A person raped in Muramvya province

On the night of 2 to 3 April 2017, EN, aged 14, originally from Cumba Hill, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, was raped by Georges Nzeyimana, a 40-year-old nurse at EP Munanira, a native of The commune Nyarunazi, commune Rutegama.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS JUNE 2017

Forced contributions in Kirundo province

Information received by our office on June 20, 2017 indicates that roadblocks are erected in all communes of Kirundo province, controlled by Imbonerakure. The latter require each person to contribute 500 Bif for the construction of CNDD-FDD party office and 2 kg of bean which would constitute their salary, but explain to the population that it is for the strategic stock requested by the province while the population was not sensitized.

In Busoni commune, each household must give an amount of 2 000 Bif of which 1000 Bif to build Nyarunazi stadium and 1000 Bif to build the markets of Gatare and Kabanga. The population should also give 2 kg of beans.

It was also forbidden to export beans from Kirundo province other provinces but after the MP Jean Baptiste Nzigamasabo alias Gihaha had filled his stock at low prices, he authorized the sale. The population laments these contributions because the inhabitants of Marembo, Gatete and Kubaniro contribute to build Gatare market located at 10 km. Those of Nyarunazi, Rusarasi and Murore contribute to build Kabanga market located at 13 km from Nyarunazi.

Clash between Imbonerakure and the population in Kirundo province

As of June 19, 2017, Imbonerakure from Yaranda hill in Kirundo commune headed by their chief named Mvuyekure were beaten up by the population of the area. According to sources on the spot, these Imbonerakure imposed the population to contribute 2000 Bif. The population totally refused to give this contribution arguing that none of the authorities rescued them during scarcity and that the population received no seed from the state. The province authorities did not react after this incident because those who have beaten up these Imbonerakure are CNDD-FDD party members.

Paramilitary training in Rumonge and Bururi provinces

Information received by our office dated June 14, 2017 indicates that every Saturday, Imbonerakure make paramilitary training in the provinces of Rumonge and Bururi. These trainings are reported in the areas of Mutambara peasants' fields near Murembwe central prison, in Rumonge nature reserve, in Cabwoba area, near Nkayamba quarter, north of Rumonge town, on Mibanda hill, Kizuka zone and Kigwena nature reserve in Rumonge province and Vyanda in Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, they jog and chant slogans denigrating opponents and glorifying the ruling party. This youth has just set up their structure up to the hill level. Recently, there is a great mobilization of young

Imbonerakure where they replace the defense and security bodies. People are arrested, tortured, robbed of their possessions without the alleged perpetrators being harassed.

Paramilitary training in Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province

Two Imbonerakure youth training sites appeared on Rukana hill, bordering Rwanda and the DRC, between the 11th and 12th avenues of Cibitoke, on Rusizi River in Rugombo commune. According to our sources, Enock S3 at the provincial police station in Cibitoke is cited as the supervisor of these young Imbonerakure on training.

Threats to an ECOFO director in Muramvya province

As of June 15, 2017, the Director of ECOFO Camamandu, Michel Nitunga, received threats from Janvier Muzomwita, DCE in Rutegama, Anicet, SNR representative in Rutegama-Kiganda communes and the provincial representative of the Imbonerakure known as Loti. According to sources on the spot, the reason for these threats is that Michel Nitunga had sent a letter requesting explanation to a teacher named Floribert on his unjustified absences at workplace. The latter was absent from work while painting CNDD-FDD party office. The director was obliged to tear these letters.

A local elected threatened in Makamba province

On 17 June 2017, Patricw Ndayishimiye alias Bucumi, a Musanga hill-head who was also a member of FRODEBU party, received threatening untimely calls from hierarchical authorities before he dismissed on 24 June 2017 accused of attending disrupting acts of the hill and not cooperating with the Imbonerakure on night patrols. The latter accused him of always opposing night patrols of young Imbonerakure.

Clash of two of Imbonerakure teams in province Karusi

On June 14, 2017, two teams of Imbonerakure clashed on Mugende hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, a team led by Mudeyi was sent by the commune administrator to arrest a trader named Evariste who bought fresh coffee without authorization. The other patrolling crew clashed with this team of the commune administrator causing injury to one person. The latter was rushed to CDS Nyakabugu on Mudeyi's own expenses. The next day, the administrator went to the scene to reconcile the two teams.

Forced contributions to opponents in Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 18 June 2017 indicates that in Biyorwa zone of Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi Province, Imbonerakure with the administration are forcibly collecting 10,000 Bif for each household of CNDD-FDD opponents, according to sources on the spot. The most affected hills are: Burenza and Mihama. The same sources add that these Imbonerakure say they have made the contribution less burdensome than expected. Members of the AMIZERO Y'BARUNDI coalition have informed the administration on this issue.

Forced contribution in Karusi province

In Karusi province, the population was forced to pay a contribution to build a modern stadium. According to local sources, the province administration has set an amount of 500 Bif for each individual over the age of 15, even house workers are affected by this measure. Traders must pay 3,000 Bif or more depending on their income. The same sources indicate that this task of collecting these funds was entrusted to hill heads and Imbonerakure and whoever opposing this measure will be called the enemy of peace and will be accused of disrupting public order.

Confrontation of young Imbonerakure with other young people in Rutana province

As of June 6, 2017 around 9:00 pm, young Imbonerakure from Gicaca hill, Bukemba commune Rutana province clashed with other non-party youths in Swahili quarter of Gihofi hill. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred when these young Imbonerakure from Gicaca on patrol arrested traders and consumers of prohibited drinks in Swahili quarter. Two young Imbonerakure were injured during the clashes. After this incident, some of these young people from Swahili quarter are threatened. These night patrols by young Imbonerakure in Bukemba commune scare the population who does not understand why this task that was intended for defense and security corps was ceded to these young Imbonerakure.

Forced membership to the Imbonerakure youth league in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 3 and 9 June 2017, the Director of ECOFO Gatabo II, Célestin Ndikuriyo, held two meetings for the students of this institution in order to force them to join the Imbonerakure youth league of the CNDD-FDD party. Students who try to oppose it are threatened with disciplinary sanctions.

Search in Kibago commune, Makamba province

As of June 8, 2017, fifteen households of UPRONA party members, Charles Nditije's wing and ex-FAB retirees were the target of a search in Kibago commune in Jimbi. According to sources on the spot, this police search was considered as a kind of intimidation to opposition members and ex-FAB retirees.

A teacher confined by Imbonerakure in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

On May 30, 2017, Immaculée Nkurunziza, teacher at EP Rugoti, Butezi zone, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province was retained in her class by Imbonerakure of this area. According to sources on the spot, the reason for this confinement is that her class was dirty. The police head and the administrator intervened to have the teacher released.

Forced contribution in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

Information received by Iteka League on 2 June 2017 indicates that as of May 31, 2017, the Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD are blamed by the population of Musaga urban zone for collecting money pretexting to build party offices. The recent case is the one observed in Gitaramuka quarter. Sources on the spot say that these collections are directed to CNDD-FDD members and non-members. The Imbonerakure named Jackson and Paul top the list in the collection of this money, specify the same sources. These residents indicate that this money is requested from traders, shopkeepers and restaurant

owners. The residents of Musaga zone reveal that they are facing poverty and do not understand this phenomenon. They protest against this act of extracting money which they describe as a theft organized by the regime.

Forced contribution in commune and province Rumonge

Information received by our office on June 2, 2017 indicates the population of Gatete zone, commune and province Rumonge protests against the measure of the authorities to contribute to the building of an administrative office. According to sources on the spot, this collection is done by Imbonerakure and part of this contribution is destined to the building of a CNDD-FDD office. Local administration officials also collect amounts of money between 5000 and 15 000 Bif.

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Forced contributions by Imbonerakure in Makamba province

The inhabitants of Makamba province are exhausted of forced unpredicted contributions from the administration. Roadblocks 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.

Commune and province authorities say that this project concerns every inhabitant of the province. These contributions are in the 5th 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 Kiremba 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 3rd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 city, 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 2nd 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, 14th avenue. They were subdivided into two groups. The 1st group leader is a nicknamed Mapfyeri who allegedly participated in the assassination of Mathus Nshimirimana, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing member. The 2nd group leader is Gaston Singora, also leader of Imbonerakure on Maramvya hill at the 15th 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 15th 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 1st Modern Arts, Cyriaque of 1st Science, Jovial-Freddy, Jean Nsabimana of 2nd Modern Arts, Anicet of 1st Pedagogy, Fabrice, Cedric-Gyslain of Economics II and Kwizera Régis of 1st Modern Arts. The Disciplinary Board decided that these 8 pupils should be external until the end of the year.

APRIL 2017

The Imbonerakure demonstrate in Rutana province

As of April 22, 2017, in Rutana province city, CNDD-FDD party young members, the Imbonerakure, organized a demonstration to support the President of the Republic and his Government. During the demonstration, they chanted slogans insulting the Rwandan President Paul Kagame and the United Nations accusing them of interfering in Burundi's affairs relying on false reports on human rights situation in Burundi.

Crimes committed by Imbonerakure in Marangara commune, Ngozi province

According to information received by Iteka League on 25 April 2017, two youth Imbonerakure Isaac Nakintije and Jean Bosco Nduwayezu from CNDD-FDD party are imprisoned in Mugina commune cell, Cibitoke province since 20 April 2017. According to our sources, they run away to Mugina commune after killing one person at home in Marangara commune, Ngozi province.

Firearms in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On April 24, 2017, Gaston Singora, head of Imbonerakure in Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was arrested by soldiers of AVICOM position. According to our sources, Singora had a gun during the day. He was taken to Gakumbu military camp.

Paramilitary training organized in Karusi province

In Karusi province, the Imbonerakure organize paramilitary training in all communes in complicity with local authorities from CNDD-FDD. According to on-site source, every Saturday, Imbonerakure armed with clubs training on all the hills chanting hate songs against opponents to the ruling party.

Some top organizers have been identified per commune.

In Bugenyuzi commune, it is Jacques Mucowera, Salvator alias Mucopa, J. Nepomscene and Faustin Manirakiza.

In Buhiga commune, Nestor Bashingwanubusa alias Irambire, Jimmy Niyonkuru, Faida (taximan), Landry (Principal of ECOFO Bugwana), Jean Marie (motocyclist), Saidi (motocyclist), Mabosi alias Muganwa (demobilized) Eric, Buyondo and Nzobera.

In Gitaramuka commune, Manassé Bazishaka, Innocent (Principal of ECOFO Rubuga), Angélique (Principal of ECOFO Ruhata), Sidoru Cimana Issa and Muvoma

A judge humiliated and intimidated in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province

On 24 April 2017, in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province, the judge of Gitaramuka residence court was insulted by a woman named Kamanzi, a CNDD-FDD Women's League member residing on Ngayane hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province. According to sources on the spot, this woman came to file claims before this Tribunal and the Presiding Judge, after assessing the case, referred her to an OPJ. Not satisfied with the judge's decision, Kamanzi insulted the Presiding Judge in public and intimidated him that she will show him that the "Bakenyerarugamba" from CNDD-FDD Women's League are to be as respected as Imbonerakure. On April 25, 2017, the prosecutor of the Republic in Karusi province came to arrest personally the Presiding Judge. But his colleagues resisted. As Karusi prosecutor did not have jurisdiction, only the prosecutor's office of Gitega Court of Appeal could issue a warrant.

Night patrols in Makamba province

Information received by our office on April 28, 2017 indicates that the Imbonerakure youth are creating fear in Makamba province city. A strategy to bring Imbonerakure from other areas scares the population.

They conduct night patrols with clubs. This is obvious since the preparations to welcome the head of state in Makamba province for the International Labor Day celebration.

Construction of CNDD-FDD party monuments in Bujumbura

On Bujumbura capital streets, monuments are built by the ruling party members. On several avenues, there is at least 1 monument. Locals regret that these monuments are built in front of houses without consulting the owners.

"I saw young people in CNDD-FDD party uniform around 6:00 pm with hoes and machetes in front of my house and started digging as if they wanted to make a foundation for a house, I was afraid and I approached them to ask them what was going on. " They answered me in Kirundi: "Wa mutama ushaka kugwanya umugambi wa leta?" (You old man, do you want to oppose the government's plan?), indignant one owner of a house in Buyenzi.

The CNDD-FDD party says that the purpose of these constructions is to find an assembly point for the party members on each street. The Home Affairs Ministry indicates that it is normal to build these monuments. Each party is free to choose the place where its members meet. This ministry adds that these monuments are sometimes found in public squares, sometimes on properties belonging to the ruling party members.

A young Imbonerakure wounded in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

As of 14 April 2017, Hermès, a young Imbonerakure from Murambi in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province was injured by machete on the head by other young Imbonerakure of this same area drunk in night patrol. According to our sources, these Imbonerakure had met him in a pub and had obliged him to buy banana wine for them.

CNDD-FDD party members demonstration in Ruyigi province

On Saturday 22 April 2017, community works were organized throughout the country. The watchword was to denounce and refute the "pardon for putschists" requested by the co-facilitator Banjamin Mkapu.

As illustration, in Ruyigi province, community work were carried out at stadium was closed by a demonstration enhanced by the Governor of the province and songs glorifying the ruling party were heard. In a loudspeaker we could hear *"no pardon for putschists, they should be condemned..."* They were all CNDD-FDD party members. One of the inhabitants was worried about how community development activities have become activities of the party.

In Kayanza, the same activities were organized and enhanced by the general secretary of CNDD-FDD party. Terrifying songs were chanted.

In Cankuzo, after community work to build the fence of Cankuzo stadium, the residents of the area were all mobilized to demonstrate where chants of hatred and violence were sung. They said: *"We support the government of Burundi that refused to negotiate with putschists, enemies of democracy. We denounce Belgium and any foreign force, anyone who will invade our country will be captured"*. After the demonstration, the governor of Cankuzo province Desiree Njiji had speech repeating the same words.

Forced contribution in Gihogazi Commune, Karusi Province

As of April 22, 2017, the Imbonerakure of Gihogazi commune rushed in the households of the hills of this commune by imposing an amount of 500 Bif per household. According to an on-site source, they explained that they provide security and that every population must contribute. The same source indicates that although the population is angry, it does not dare to denounce this forced contribution fear for being killed by these Imbonerakure.

Forced contribution in Cibitoke province

The population of Cibitoke province is obliged to contribute an amount from 2 000 Bif and more for the constructions of CNDD-FDD party hill offices in Cibitoke province. According to our sources, a trader has to pay more than 100 000 Bif. Anyone who does not pay this contribution is threatened by Imbonerakure who considers him as a political opponent. Many people give this contribution unwillingly to save their lives. Some contributors receive receipts and others do not, according to the same sources.

IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

JUNE 2017

An ambush in Ruyigi province

On the evening of 20 June 2017, around 8:00 pm, along the RN 13 road, near the Save bridge between Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces, two vehicles, including an ambulance and a Probox vehicle, were ambushed by an armed group. Big trees were cut in Ruhororo in Bweru commune to block the road. An amount of 60,000 Bif was stolen from the people who were in the ambulance and 400,000 Bif was stolen from passengers in the Probox vehicle. The passengers alerted the police in Cankuzo. According to Cankuzo PSI sub-commissioner who intervened after alert, indicated that they were bandits. This armed group was not identified.

One person abducted then found in Rugazi commune, Bubanza province

Ntahomvukiye Fidèle, a CNDD-FDD party representative and the 2nd among the local elected representatives on Butavuka hill in Rugazi commune in Bubanza province, was abducted by unidentified persons on 22 June 2017. He was found tied up in the bush on the evening of June 23, 2017 in a state of unconsciousness.

MSF Switzerland closes in Rumonge province

Information received by our office on June 25, 2017 indicates that as of June 15, 2017, MSF Switzerland has suspended its activities. It should support Rumonge hospital and six CDS of Rumonge health province. This NGO did not reach agreement with the Ministry of Health on the recruitment of staff and the management of medicines stores. The Ministry wanted to be associated at all costs, which MSF Switzerland did not accept. This is a big loss for the population who demand that this contract of collaboration be renegotiated for the benefit of the population.

Two people injured in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On June 13, 2017, a teacher at Musaga communal school and his house worker were injured by unidentified gunmen in Kamesa quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. The victims were rushed to a hospital of the area.

Thirteen people prevented from returning to Tanzania

As of June 13, 2017, thirteen people from Nyanza-Lac commune were arrested by Mabanda zone head and CNDD-FDD chair in that commune. They were accused by the latter of fleeing the country while peace is total. All were forced to return. They were composed of 2 men, 3 women and 8 children.

One person stabbed in Mutaho displaced people site, Gitega province

As of June 13, 2017, Spes Caritas Barandereka, aged 40, living at Mutaho site was attacked near Mutaho market by a group of unidentified persons. Sources on the spot say she was stabbed and beaten with metal bars in the chest and throat. The victim, in critical condition, was evacuated to Mutoyi hospital in Bugendana neighboring commune. Local administration officials deplore this crime and state that investigations will be initiated to track down the perpetrators. The inhabitants of the site of the displaced people of Mutaho ask the authorized bodies to reinforce their security.

Closing of shops and bars in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 7 and 8 June 2017, the commander of Muha camp Pascal, known as Mababa, closed the shops and bars at Musaga gas station for non-compliance with the sale of beverages. The owners of these shops and bars denounce the injustice because the bar belonging to the MP Lewis Niyongabo was not closed while it remains open all the time. They were fined up to 50,000 Bif.

Attempted assassination in Rutana province.

On 5 June 2017 around 8:00 pm, on Cunda hill, Gitanga commune, Rutana province, a group of four people, including Fanuel, Gilbert, Marc and Bankuwunguka had prepared a crime to Nibigira's family for land conflicts. The prosecution has taken on the case and arrested the alleged perpetrators before taking them to Rutana police station cell.

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.

Forced collection in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

A campaign of forced collection of funds has started in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province for the construction of a building in Makamba province. Since early May 2017, meetings have been held by the governor, provincial advisors, accompanied by advisors in DPE Makamba for teachers. Principals are relaying the instruction of the provincial administration to pay a monthly amount of 5000 Bif per teacher. According to these directors, roadblocks will soon be erected on the roads to workplaces as part of this collection. The last meeting was held at ECOFO Dunga on 8 June 2017. Administrative documents will not be given to teachers who will not pay this contribution.

Grenade attack in Kinama urban zone , Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City

On May 29, 2017, a grenade was launched by thieves in Carama I quarter, Kinama urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on the spot, a trader who was returning home was robbed two million Burundian francs and after this crime, these bandits launched a grenade to take off.

Fuel shortage in Cankuzo province

As of June 2, 2017, at Cankuzo fuel station owned by Kirosho, vehicles and motorcycles were waiting to be served with fuel. To get some, some policemen requested money from vehicle owners to be served. They also brought drums to buy fuel at pump price to resell it at the black market at 4000 Bif per liter. The example is that of Melchior Miburo, S4 at Cankuzo police station, who was responsible for the order of fuel distribution and who put in drums more than 400 liters to resell them irregularly.

MAY 2017

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.

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.

Census of ex-FAB soldiers in Rumonge province

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 , Ntakangwa 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 8th Avenue, Gikizi quarter, Kamenge urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources, six people were wounded during the attack.

One person injured in Bweru commune, Ruyigi province

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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. 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, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

As of 9 May 2017, unidentified armed men shot and wounded a person in Buterere urban zone, Ntakangwa 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, different gas stations have not been supplied with fuel in different provinces of the country.

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 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.

One person wounded 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.

APRIL 2017

A person injured in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

As of 20 April 2017, around 10:00 pm, on Nyabibuye hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Cyriaque Mpawenayo was attacked by men armed with machetes. He was treated at Musema hospital in the same commune. These armed men were arrested and imprisoned in Butaganzwa commune cell. Among them are Niyibizi Ferdinand and Ntirampeba Paul.

Two persons wounded in Gitega province

Gunshots were heard around 10:00 pm at Gikobe hill, Gitega commune and Gitega province in the night of 22 April 2016. According to sources on the spot, a group of 10 armed persons in police uniform attacked shops and pubs of the area. In all, 10 shops were vandalized and looted as well as two pubs. Mobile phones and an amount of money were stolen during this armed attack. While leaving the place, two people were wounded by these armed men.

Two people injured in Kayanza province

On 12 April 2017, in Nyabihogo zone, Kayanza commune and province, Melchior Nyabenda's family was attacked by unknown men and seriously injured him and his wife Jeanne Nizigiyimana. They were taken to Kayanza hospital and immediately transferred to Bujumbura because of the severity of their condition

Four people injured in Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

On April 10, 2017, an unidentified armed group opened fire on charcoal sellers near the ECOFO of St. Joseph parish in quarter III, Ngagara urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. Four people were injured during the attack.

Expulsion of three students' representatives of the Ecole Normale Supérieure.

On April 24, 2017, three students, Syldie Nduwimana, Vice-President of the ENS Student Association "ASEFED IMBONEZA", Aaron Nduwayezu, Delegate and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the same association, and Gustave Ndenzako, chairman of the Committee of Social and Disciplinary Council of that association were excluded. The same day, the director general of this institution suspended the students' association "ASEFED Imboneza". ENS students are asking the Government and competent authorities handle this issue and the Director General of this school to stop these intimidation acts.

Expel of eight representatives of UB students, Bujumbura mayorship

As of April 12, 2017, Ndayishimiye Pacifique, Evrard Gashirahamwe, Epimede Kwizera, Emery Ncutinamagara, Jean Bosco Bakanibona, Désiré Havyarimana, Patience Mbonabuca and Aloys Bigirimana, all student representatives were expelled from UB following the decision of the Rector of the UB, Gaspard Banyankimbona. These students are accused of having falsified signatures on the correspondence to President Pierre Nkurunziza announcing him a notice of activities cessation.

According to sources on the spot, this decision is a violation of the academic regulation because it falls under the competence of the Minister of Higher Education to expel a student.

Health of inmate at risk in Ngozi province

The life of a young girl named Emilienne Vyukusenge, from Kabezi commune Bujumbura rural province detained in Ngozi prison is in danger. She was arrested in October 2015 in Gitega while studying at Gishubi Communal School. Emilienne was shot and wounded by policemen who accused her of belonging to a rebellion. She was first imprisoned in Gitega police station cell before being transferred to Ngozi Central Prison. Her health deteriorates increasingly. She has no right to go for care. Her relatives say Emilienne also does not have right to visit and food is not enough while she has a stomach problem, according to sources on the spot. They demand that her rights be protected.

Shortage of reagents for malaria testing in Cibitoke province health centers

Information received by our office on 17 April 2017 indicate that some nurses in complicity with Cibitoke province health centers managers no longer do malaria tests due to lack of reagents, only administering antimalarial drugs.

As illustration, at Murambi health center in Buganda commune, nurses take blood from patients while they are aware that there are no reagents for thick smear. After instruction, the blood is taken to the laboratory indicating to patients to wait for 30 minutes. Then the laboratory clerk locks in doing nothing. Afterwards, he goes out with the imagined results he gives to the patients then the amodiaquine is distributed. According to our sources, the code in this Murambi health center for this despicable act is "system". None of the nurses working there can denounce this abuse for fear of being transferred or dismissed.

A prisoner removed from hospital and handed over to police in Bujumbura mayorship

Bertrand Niyongabire arrested 11 December 2015 and tortured in SNR cell, was afterwards transferred to Mpimba central prison. He was then hospitalized at NNPK following depression linked to torture he suffered namely his two fingers cut off. After 8 months of hospitalization at CNPK, he was handed over to police and Mpimba Central Prison authorities on 21 April 2017 whereas he was not recovered. Unable to speak following torture inflicted by SNR agents, Bertrand had been hospitalized for more than 8 months to the CNPK. Bertrand still needed health care.

Deteriorating health of inmate in Makamba province

In Kibago commune, Makamba province, Juvénal Ndayishimiye, over 60 years old ex-FAB retiree tortured by a policeman on 16 April 2017 and was denied the right to health care by the head of the police station of the area. He spent two days handcuffed in the police station in a critical health. According to sources on the spot, this prisoner suffers from injuries by his torturer. He was authorized on April 18, 2017, and all CDS in the province were unable to treat him and he was transferred to the military hospital in Kamenge in Bujumbura on April 20, 2017. He was denied treatment while another inmate had died in Makamba prosecutor's cell after asking for authorization to seek treatment in vain.

Expropriation and demolition of houses in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 11 April 2017, 23 houses of Gasenyi inhabitants in commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura province were destroyed. These houses were built close to the presidency of the Republic under construction. The

owners of these houses in total desolation indicated that they do not know where to go since they have not even been compensated, according to our source.

The Governor of Bujumbura Rural Province, Nadine Gacuti, brought a machine to demolish the houses. Governor Nadine Gacuti told these residents that she is implementing the measure of the Ministry of urbanism. After discussing, the police on Gasenyi hill scattered the crowd to begin the demolition. This machine then proceeded to the demolition of these 23 houses, many of which were built after contracting bank loans. The owners of these houses say they do not what to do. A mother crying in front of her dwindling house indicates that she does not see where she will accommodate her children.

The governor of Bujumbura rural province told those victims to go to Mutimbuzi commune. On the Government side, they indicate that the allowances for 40 hectares where this presidency is being built were given a long time ago, which have not reached the recipients.

Expropriation of a property in Muramvya province

On April 10 and 11, 2017 in Kigwati, zone, commune and Muramvya province, Imbonerakure Anicet, Gaca, Etienne, Omer and Jonas have cut trees on the plot of a person known as Madagasha, a retiree of DPAE Muramvya and have grabbed the plots.

Two people wounded in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On the night of 4-5 April 2017, a group of unidentified men that the police described as bandits entered the house of a soldier on leave named Evariste Nzobonimpa, on Murago hill zone Buziracanda, in Ndava commune, Mwaro province. When this soldier's sister named Languide Ntirampeba came for rescue, these men cut off his finger before taking off to Kaniga hill. Evariste Nzobonimpa came out and ran behind them and the latter threw a grenade to prevent him from pursuing them.

In the same night, around 1:00 am, a group of men armed with knives and grenades invaded Sophie Nizigiyimana's home, on Nyagatovu hill, Rango hill, in Buziracanda commune of Ndava, in Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, the latter injured her in the face. According to police sources, these armed men stole a loincloth and an amount of 6,000 Bif before taking off.

Five families chased from their land in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

Five families from Buheka hill, Kazirabageni sub hill, Nyanza-I Lac commune in Makamba province were expelled from their land on 27 April 2017. The CNTB had come to enforce its decision, according to some local administrative officials in Nyanza-Lac. All the parties had agreed to share their property in disputes, under Father Astère Kana, CNTB chairman of the time. Among the families in conflict, 4 of the 5 heads of families chased are widows and say they have nowhere to go. They spend the night outside since the morning of April 28, 2017, in front of Nyanza-Lac commune office to request the intervention of the administration.

Appearance of 5 students of the UB, Bujumbura mayorship

On 19 April 2017, five UB students appeared before the TGI chambers of Mukaza, Bujumbura mayorship. All were interrogated on the preparation of the insurrectional movement against the decree on the loan-grant. One of the students was accused of rebellion and spent two weeks in the SNR cell before being transferred to Mpimba central prison.

Weapons discovered in Bisoro commune, province Mwaro

On 19 April 2017, 197 bullets, 8 chargers and 2 bayonets were discovered on Kariba hill, Kanka zone, Bisoro commune, Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, these weapons were discovered in a field belonging to Fabien Nziguheba.

WFP convoy blocked at Gasenyi border, Kirundo province

As of 21 April 2017, since the morning, more than 20 WFP trucks from Rwanda were blocked at Gasenyi border between Burundi and Rwanda. According to sources, trucks had parked at the border since 9:00 am. They contained food for Congolese refugees and Burundians experiencing a food crisis and the latter carried about 300 tons of food, says our source. According to the same source, these trucks were refused cross into Burundi because "Made in Rwanda" was written on the bags containing the food.

A child burnt in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

As of April 21, 2017, a 4-year-old child named Irishura, living on Nyabisindu hill was burned by her stepmother. According to sources on the spot, she would have plunged his hands into fire. The little boy was punished after eating without his permission. The child received care and his stepmother was arrested.

One person burned in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On 20 April 2017, on Gatabo hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, around 7:00 pm, Samson Ndayikengurukiye was burnt by his father accused him of robbery. He wanted to do justice.

Irregularities in the implementation of CVR members in Cibitoke and Kayanza provinces

In Kayanza province, on April 10, 2017, elections were held to select CVR leaders, those who were invited were only from CNDD-FDD and those who are close to the government. Officially, those who had to be invited were representatives of associations, churches and parties. But the administration had only invited the ruling party members as well as those close to the regime. At the entrance of the room, a small paper was given to each person with names of the persons who were to be chosen.

In Cibitoke province, the lists of CVR members in Bukinanyana and Mabayi communes are delaying to come out because these lists must pass through CNDD-FDD party to be amended according to our sources. In Rugombo commune, the list followed the standards following the tough intervention of the civil society members. In Mugina commune, there is no one representing civil society.

Fuel shortage in the south of the country

Information received in our office on 16 April 2017 indicates that there was fuel shortage in the south of the country, particularly in Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, field trips to implement judgments and findings made by tribunals are temporarily suspended. The most notable cases are the transfers of defendants arrested in different cells in the province who remain detained there. Our source says that it is not only police, courts and tribunals that are blocked, but also health sector where supervision activities are suspended. The consequences are not limited only in these aforementioned

sectors, we also observe the bus tickets rise to 100%, the prices of essentials are also revised upwards. Fuel shortage was generalized in all the provinces in April 2017.

A search in Cankuzo province

On 7 April 2017, a search of police and local administrative officers took place in Ndava quarter of Cankuzo urban center in search of prohibited beverages commonly known as "Umuraha". They found people who did not have CNIs and took them to the cell, but were all released half way upon a ransom of 5,000 to 7,000 Bif each.

One person injured by grenade in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

As of April 8, 2017, a 60-year old widow was injured by grenade thrown by unidentified persons in Mabanda commune, Makamba province. According to sources on the spot, land conflicts were in the heart of this attack. A watchman from Econet-leo telecommunication company was arrested for investigation reasons.

Gunfire heard in commune and province Bubanza

On 4 April 2017 at 11:00 pm in Bubanza province city, much gunfire was heard in that area on 2 April 2017 at around 11:00 pm. According to our sources, a policeman on leave named Elissa Ndabarushimana alias Baryimpere, on his way from pub, met patrolling policemen led by the deputy provincial commissioner known as Tharcisse. They began threatening him and beat him. Seeing that he was in danger, the policeman Elissa Ndabarushimana disarmed one of the team on patrol and started shooting in the air to create a passage. He was stripped of 550,000 Bif, his shoes, his pants and his mobile phone by these policemen on patrol, according to the same sources. After handing over the weapon, Elissa Ndabarushimana was arrested and taken to Bubanza provincial police station cell.

Prisoners mistreated in Rumonge central prison

A kiosk of Nathal Ndayongeje, a prisoner in Murembwe Prison and MSD member party was destroyed and his properties looted by security officers in the prison. Sources from Murembwe say that Nathal Ndayongeje is accused of being behind incitement to uprising. This MSD activist was arrested on 8 March 2014 during clashes between the police and this party members at the national office. Information leaking from Murembwe prison says there would be other prisoners who would be targeted in this plan to mistreat opponents. These are some soldiers arrested after December 11, 2015. This includes major Vital Ndiokubwayo alias Ruhiza, Colonel Kadende and Nzisabira. All are accused of intending to rise up prisoners. The information from this prison indicates that this would be a pretext for SNR agents to enter this prison in order to murder some of them. The same sources add that there would be a plan to transfer some prisoners to kill them along the way.

Some prisoners of Murembwe prison in Rumonge province alert that they are threatened by the management of this prison. Those targeted are President Pierre Nkurunziza third term protesters especially MSD party members. Others are soldiers accused of participating in the attacks on different military camps as of December 11, 2015.

Two ENS students suspended in Bujumbura city.

As of April 6, 2017, Epipode Niyongabo and Eric Nirera, all representing students at ENS, were suspended for the 2016-2017 academic year while they were defending the interests of students on strike ten days ago.

RECURRING PHENOMENA

In this report, the following recurring phenomena are observed:

1) Identity of victims:

Four categories of victims are often mentioned: the young allegedly opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term, ex-FAB soldiers, members of the opposition parties and associations.

2) The means used:

Allegations and violations of human rights reported were committed with firearms and knives. The phenomenon of corpses found in streets, bush and rivers and generally tied up is worrying. Some corpses are buried without any investigation to identify them. Signs on their bodies show they were tortured before they were killed.

3) Locations:

Most allegations and violations of human rights particularly affect all the country and especially quarters and communes protesting President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term mainly the urban quarters of Bujumbura Mayorship.

4) The alleged perpetrators:

In most cases, they are CNDD-FDD ruling party youth the Imbonerakure, SNR agents, policemen, soldiers and unidentified armed men in police and military uniforms.

V. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Burundi has several commitments on the protection of human rights and the country being monistic, all ratified texts are part of the Burundian constitution under Article 19. Burundi has ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which protects the right to life in Article 6 and the liberty and security of person by prohibiting arbitrary arrest and detention, in Article 9.

It also ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights also protecting the right to life in Article 4. Finally, the Burundian Constitution also protects the right to life in article 24 that protects the right to liberty of person, the right to physical and psychological integrity, freedom of movement and prohibits cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in article 25.

It should be emphasized that abductions followed by enforced disappearances are increasing while the country is delaying to ratify the Convention on enforced disappearances.

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The evolution of the security situation and human rights in Burundi is still marked by cases of killings, abductions followed by enforced disappearances, cases of torture, arbitrary and illegal arrests, armed attacks, gender-based violence, violations of the right to freedom of opinion and association, worrying impunity and a very precarious socio-political situation following various authoritarian laws imposed on the population.

The phenomenon of corpses buried without any investigation shows the intention of the public administration to hide truth on many crimes committed in the country, which testifies their involvement or complicity.

The impunity enjoyed by young Imbonerakure and some CNDD-FDD party officials pointed in various allegations of human rights violations, as well as hate speech and incitement to violence by some senior officials of the country are therefore indicative of the still worrying situation in Burundi and calls on the various protagonists to tackle the search for long lasting solutions in order to restore serenity in the country.

The phenomenon of rape and remarkable mob justice in the country shows the extent of violence in Burundi.

Given the evolution of the situation, Iteka League recommends the following:

A) To the Government of Burundi :

- To enforce the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed by persons who are not competent to do so;
- To put immediately an end to state violence and human rights violations by ensuring the security and protection of the population and the protection of human rights in accordance with national, regional and international documents on human right protection it has ratified;
- To dismantle the Imbonerakure militia which spread terror on hills and communes of the country and which has replaced the administration and security corps,
- To punish policemen, soldiers, Imbonerakure League youth and administrative agents involved in human rights violations;
- Protect GBV victims and punish the perpetrators in compliance with the law ;
- Halt contributions set by the administration and collected by the Imbonerakure youth;
- Stop hate speeches and incitement to violence

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.
- Adopt new individual sanctions against Burundian officials and any individual contributing to violence and/or hindering the resumption of political dialogue process.

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 start as soon as possible inquiries to carry out necessary indictments.