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In memory of Madame Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to March 2017, Iteka has documented at least 410 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS

AMISOM: *African Union Mission In Somalia*

APC: *Police Chief Agent*

API: *Support to Protection of Institutions*

APN : *National Police Agent*

APRODH: *Association for the Protection Human Rights and Prisoners*

BAE : *Anti Riot Brigade*

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

BRB: *Bank of the Republic of Burundi*

BSR: *Traffic Special Bureau*

CDS: *Health Center*

CNARED: *National Council for the Respect of Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreements and Rule of Law*

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

CNDI : *Inter-Burundian Dialogue National Commission*

CNI : *National Identity Card*

CNIDH: *National Independent Human Rights Commission*

CPI/ICC: *International Criminal Court*

CPP: *Code of Criminal Procedure*

CVR: *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*

DCA: *Air Defence*

DDH: *Human Rights Defenders*

DPE: *Provincial Direction of Education*

EAC : *East African Community*

EALA: *East African Legislative Assembly*

ECOFO: *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

EP: *Primary School*

ETG: *Management Technical School*

ETS: *Secondary Technical School*

ETSO: *NCO Technical School*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FDN: *National Defence Force*

FNL: *National Liberation Forces*

FPR: *Rwandan Patriotic Front*

FRODEBU: *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

INSS : *Social Security National Institute*

IPA : *Applied Pedagogy Institute*

IRC : *International Rescue Committee*

ISCAM: *High Institute for Military Officials*

IST: *Sexually Transmitted Infections*

LCO: *Communal Lycée*

LCVG: *Intentional serious bodily injury*

LM: *Modern Arts*

MINUSCA: *United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic*

MP : *Prosecution*

MSD: *Movement for Solidarity and Democracy*

NIF : *Tax Identification Number*

ODH : *Human Rights Observers*

ONG : *Non-Gouvernemental Organisation*

ONU : *United Nations Organisation*

OPC: *Chief Police Officer*

OPJ: *Judicial Police Officer*

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

PAIVA: *Support to Intensification and Agricultural Recovery Project*

PAM : *Programme Alimentaire Mondial*

PARCEM: *Action for Awareness and Evolution of Mind*

PBA: *Participation to Armed Gangs*

PJ : Judicial Police

PM: Military Police

PNB: Burundi National Police

PSI : Internal Security Police

PSR : Special Traffic Police

PV : Minutes

RDC: Democratic Republic of Congo

RMP: Prosecution Responsibility

RN : National Road

SNR : National Intelligence Service

SOSUMO: Moso Sugar Factory

TGI: High Court

UA: African **Union**

UB: University of Burundi

UE: European Union

UGL: Great Lakes University

UMLK: Martin Luther King University

UPD: Union for Peace and Development

UPRONA: Union for National Progress

V.Q : Robbery

VBG: Gender Based Violence

0. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report on the human rights situation is the first produced by Iteka League in 2017. It is henceforth a summary of the information published in the monthly reports of January, February and March 2017.

This pace allows the Iteka League to identify major trends in relation to human rights violations, highlight major violations, alert in time on serious human rights violations and degradation of the security situation in the country. Recommendations are addressed to the various actors likely to change the problematic situation of human rights plaguing the country.

In terms of the human rights situation, major trends are as follows: at least 74 persons were killed, 87 were tortured, 41 were reported missing, 34 were wounded and 697 were the victims of arbitrary arrests and detentions.

In this report, at least 30 cases of gender-based violence were recorded and reported by Iteka League.

Ex FAB soldiers in duty or retired continue being subjected to sequestration, arbitrary arrests, torture and assassination. At least 5 soldiers were killed, three reported missing, 15 tortured and 27 arrested.

The report addresses the worrying phenomenon of corpses in rivers or thrown into different places and buried hurriedly by the public administration without any light being shed either to identify the victims or to know the authors and the reasons behind these crimes. During this period, at least 65 corpses were recorded by Iteka League, including a mass grave found with at least 6 bodies in Ruziba, Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship.

It also mentions the phenomenon of armed attacks on households that take lives in places where the police and the army are very active. The silence of the administration and the police on the outcome of the investigations cast doubt on the authors.

The report also denounces the violation of the right to fair justice and blames the deterioration of food and health security as direct consequences of the politico-security crisis linked to President Pierre Nkurunziza's third term.

The right to health was threatened during this reporting period where the government waited for hundreds of deaths and millions of sick persons before officially accepting that the country is experiencing a malaria epidemic.

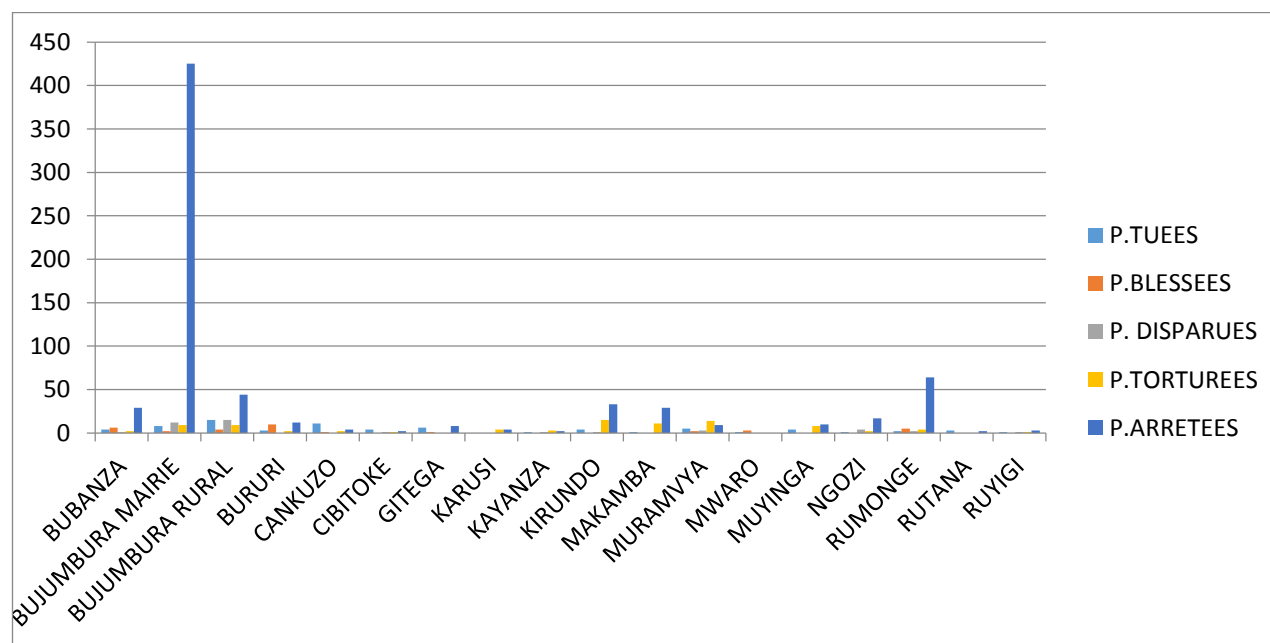
The economic situation in the country is precarious and food insecurity is the consequence. Famine is being evident sporadically in the country and thousands of Burundians continue fleeing the country following the economic crisis caused by President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

It also addresses the situation of the right to education which is threatened in particular by the strike of public universities and institutes on the basis of loan grant. Worrying dropout rates are also mentioned in this report.

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

PROVINCE	P. killed	P wounded	P. disappeared	P. tortured	P. arrested
BUBANZA	4	6	1	2	29
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	8	2	12	9	425
BUJUMBURA RURAL	15	4	15	9	44
BURURI	3	10	0	2	12
CANKUZO	11	1	0	2	4
CIBITOE	4	0	1	1	2
GITEGA	6	1	0	0	8
KARUSI	0	0	0	4	4
KAYANZA	1	0	1	3	2
KIRUNDO	4	0	1	15	33
MAKAMBA	1	0	0	11	29

MURAMVYA	5	2	3	14	9
MWARO	1	3	0	0	0
MUYINGA	4	0	0	8	10
NGOZI	1	0	4	2	17
RUMONGE	2	5	2	4	64
RUTANA	3	0	0	0	2
RUYIGI	1	0	1	1	3
TOTAUX	74	34	41	87	697



High figures of people killed are in the provinces of Bujumbura Rural, Cankuzo and Bujumbura mayorship. Bujumbura rural province tops the list with 15, Cankuzo with 11 and Bujumbura mayorship with 8.

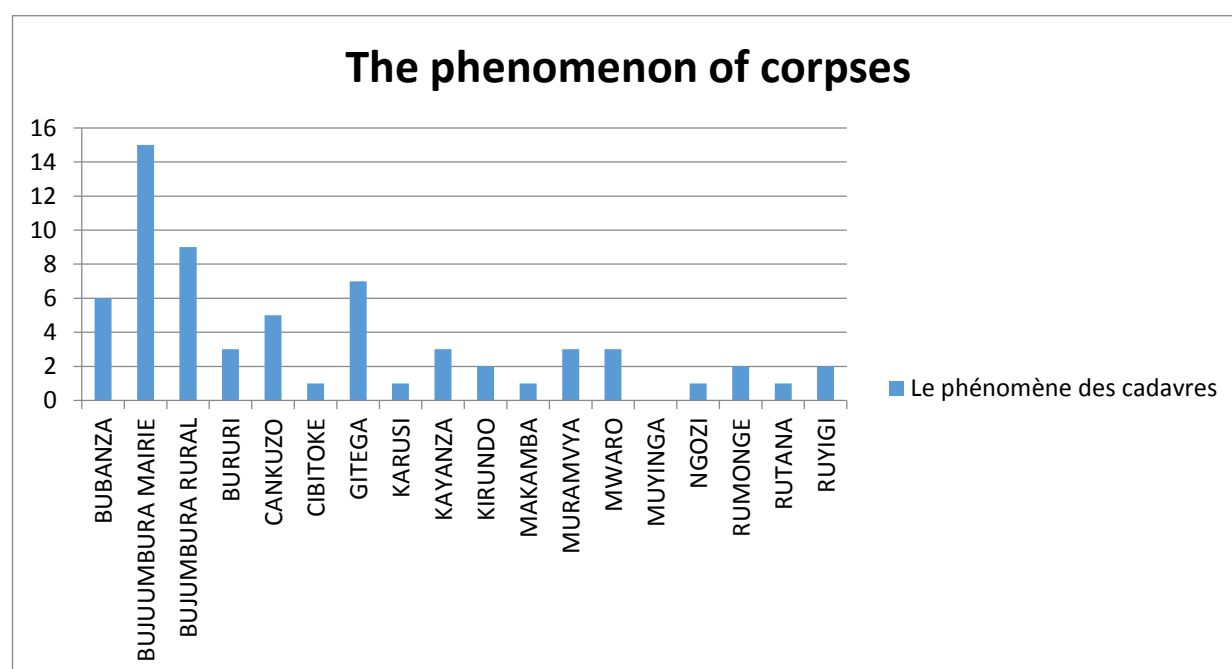
So-called protesting quarters of Bujumbura mayorship are the privileged target of the repression of CNDD-FDD regime on the basis of household record checks. Targeted assassinations, enforced disappearances, torture and arbitrary arrests are daily fates in these quarters.

The table and the chart show worrying figures of abductions and arrests in the provinces of Bujumbura mayorship, Bujumbura rural, Ngozi and Rumonge. The province of Bujumbura rural tops the list with at least 15 cases of abducted and reported missing persons, Bujumbura mayorship with 12 and the province of Ngozi with 4.

The number of arbitrary arrests was raised in Bujumbura mayorship with 425 cases, in Rumonge province with 64 cases and in rural Bujumbura province with 44 cases. Citizens, victims of raids in the President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term protesting quarters were released after paying ransoms, others were imprisoned and others were taken to police cells.

Figure II : TABLE AND CHART ILLUSTRATING THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES FROM JANAUARY TO MARCH 2017

PROVINCE	The phenomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	6
BUJUUMBURA MAIRIE	15
BUJUMBURA RURAL	9
BURURI	3
CANKUZO	5
CIBITOKÉ	1
GITEGA	7
KARUSI	1
KAYANZA	3
KIRUNDO	2
MAKAMBA	1
MURAMVYA	3
MWARO	3
MUYINGA	0
NGOZI	1
RUMONGE	2
RUTANA	1
RUYIGI	2
Total	65



The table and chart show corpses including some unidentified ones that were found in different parts of the country. Bujumbura mayorship tops the list with 15 corpses, Bujumbura rural with 9 and Gitega province with 7. Some of these corpses showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

During the reporting period, information collected by Iteka League shows that there were allegations and violations of the right to life.

MARCH 2017

One person died due to torture in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

An SNR agent in Bukemba and Rutana communes, a 34-year-old teacher at ECOFO Bukemba named Zachée Niyomwungere died in Gitega hospital on 14 March 2017 due to torture from his boss, the SNR head in Rutana province named Jovin Cishahayo.

Information collected from the population of Rutana province city indicates that Zachée Niyomwungere was summoned on 10 March 2017 by Jovin Cishahayo, a summons which Zachée Niyomwungere did not respond to. According to the same sources, this angered the SNR head in Rutana who went to arrest him himself. After arresting him and beating him seriously, he locked him in his office for a few days. Realizing that Zachée Niyomwungere is in a critical situation, this officer tried to transfer the victim to the police but they refused to receive him because he was in critical condition. He was taken to the hospital in Rutana for a few days before being transferred to Gitega hospital where he finally died due to torture he suffered. Zachée Niyomwungere died 5 days after he was beaten up by the SNR official in Rutana in complicity with his two bodyguards Gordien Nzeyimana, aged 40 and Bosco Kwizera, aged 39.

One person killed in Muramvya province

On March 9, 2017, on Mubuga hill, Buhangura zone, Mbuye commune, Muramvya province, Evariste was beaten to death by Imbonerakure including Dismas, an Imbonerakure from the area. He died on the spot.

FEBRUARY 2017

A woman found dead in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

A dead body of a tied woman was found on 18 February 2017 in Kizingwe quarter, Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, the corpse is that of a woman known as Lydia Nibogora, REGIDESO employee. The same source said that the woman found tied had been abducted on February 17, 2017 by persons identified as SNR agents. Her husband known as Charles Twaraziwe, chief of the Burundi Senate was hospitalized following a crash he had just had. The victim leaves behind two orphans, one of 5 years and another of 3 years.

One person killed in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 18 February 2017, a woman named Anita Kwirikiye was beaten by a policeman nicknamed Muhonyi and his colleagues of the area. According to sources on the spot, they had received a commission from her husband. The victim succumbed to these blows on 19 February 2017 in Kibuye zone, Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to the same sources, her husband had married another woman and no longer wanted the first one. The alleged perpetrators were not worried.

Two persons killed and one wounded in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 14 February 2017, around 9:00 p.m., two persons were killed during an armed attack to Jean Baptiste Sibomana's home, located on Muyange hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to witnesses, the attack killed Aline Irankunda, the wife of the household head and their visitor. The same witnesses assert that the woman killed was one of the elected members of this hill from FNL party of Agathon Rwasa's wing who was deputy head of Muyange hill. The head of the hill named Clovis, a member of CNDD-FDD ruling party accompanied by the Imbonerakure youth of this area are pointed out as the perpetrators of this attack, according to the same sources. Jean Baptiste Sibomana, wounded, was taken to one of the capital's hospitals. CNDD-FDD party members on this hill had warned this household by threatening it to join the party at the risk of suffering the consequences in case of refusal.

The administrator of Mutimbuzi commune, Damien Barindambi confirmed this insecurity situation and political intolerance in his commune without specifying the perpetrators though pointed out by the inhabitants as being Imbonerakure youth.

Information received by the Iteka League on 19 February 2017 indicates that Nepomscène Dusengumuremyi, head of the imbonerakure in Mutimbuzi commune and Clovis, a hill head who were arrested and detained in SNR cell in Bujumbura for this case were finally released.

JANUARY 2017

A soldier killed at Mutukura military camp in Cankuzo province

On January 26, 2017, Major Dieudonné Karashira S3 of Mutukura military camp in charge of operations and instructions was killed by corporal Ntahomvukiye. It was an accident according to the FDN spokesman, Colonel Gaspard Baratuza. According to the same source, Major Dieudonné Karashira was for a walk in the camp and soldiers on patrol were mistaken and shot at him by mistake.

According to other sources on the spot, the corporal shot Major Dieudonné Karashira when the latter attempted to arrest him in the case related to attack of 24 January 2017 on Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province. The major was known as being very active in the repression of ex-FAB soldiers, he had just arrested warrant officer Nimubona the day before. He was walking around 6 p.m at Cankuzo market on January 26, 2017 with a lot of handcuffs in his hands.

One person killed in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of January 25, 2017, Paul Nkundwanabake was killed on Gomvyi hill and zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province by a soldier named Bigirimana of Kinonko military position. According to sources on the spot, this soldier accused him of having lit a torch on him.

Three persons including one soldier killed in Muyinga commune and province

On the night of 23-24 January 2017, around 2 a.m, heavy gunfire was heard around Mukoni military camp in Muyinga commune and province.

According to the FDN spokesman, Colonel Gaspard Baratuza, it was a group of robbers who attempted to steal in the households of the area.

Other sources on the spot said that it is a sprawling plot affecting many military camps in order to arrest ex-FAB soldiers from Mukoni military camp and other camps suspected of being against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The next day, three dead bodies were found 2 km from Mukoni military camp on Rusengo hill, commune and Muyinga province. Among these corpses was that of Warrant Officer François Nkurunziza, administrator of Mukoni military camp who had been arrested on 24 January 2017 in the afternoon and handed over to the police. His body was riddled with bullets and was with two other unidentified corpses that would also be of soldiers, according to the same sources. The administration ordered their burial in haste without any investigations.

One person killed beheaded in Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province

On 18 January 2017, at about 6:00 pm, Joseph Maniragaba alias Kajisho, 49 years old was murdered at his home on Rumvya hill, Buhoro zone, Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province.

According to our sources, the victim was tied up before being decapitated. Widower and father of 6 children, this old man was from Ruseseka hill, Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province was decapitated by two men dressed in long coats identified as Imbonerakure of the area who had constantly threatened him accusing him of sorcery. Within two weeks, three persons were killed in similar circumstances accused of sorcery. Pascal Basabuguzuye, the administrator of Mabayi commune seems to be not concerned by these two incidents whose authors are of his CNDD-FDD political party. He merely states that investigations are under way without showing any results, according to information gathered from his relatives. This recurrence of criminality in this commune has a political character, reveals a local resident.

A person killed in Ruyigi commune and province

On January 16, 2017, a man named Ernest, aged between 35 and 40, from Matongo commune, Kaysanza province was killed in Ruyigi province. His body was found by cows' shepherds on Ngarama hill in a bush located 3 km from Ruyigi province city. The day before, witnesses testified that they saw this person in the hands of the police who said they wanted to bring him in a probox vehicle to the police station in Ruyigi province. Injuries showed that the victim had been stabbed before being strangled. Believing to hide the identity of the victim and the circumstances of the young man's death, the local administration rushed to bury the body before investigations were carried out. The attitude of the Burundian public administration to bury hurriedly the dead has been widespread in the last two years of crisis related to Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. Perpetrators of crimes of blood attempt to hide the truth.

A case of abduction followed by assassination in Cankuzo province

On 17 January 2017, a burndian in Nyabibuye village, Muganza zone in the United Republic of Tanzania, a Burundian from Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province was found dead, sources said. The same sources indicate that this person was abducted from Burundi side by Imbonerakure who took him to Tanzania to be killed there. The population heard him crying for help but no one could rescue him, according to the same sources.

As of January 18, 2017, Cankuzo PAFE Commissioner Jothan Nikora confirmed the facts. He went to Rusagamba in Tanzania side to ask for assistance in the search for the body of the victim.

Two persons killed in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

As of January 14, 2017, two unidentified men were killed near the Adventist church in Musenyi zone, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province. According to sources on the spot, the two men had been brought

overnight by the vehicle of the provincial police commissioner in Bubanza province to be executed there. The same sources say they heard the two people screaming at the stabs they had just suffered. It was this same vehicle of the provincial commissioner which evacuated their corpses the next day.

Two persons killed in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

Two persons, one nicknamed Wakera, from Kaniha hill and another nicknamed Mandela from Mukaza hill, were arrested, savagely executed and buried on Makangara hill, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo Province on January 11, 2017. According to sources on the spot, this double crime was ordered by the communal administrator of Mishiha, Anaclet Bizimana and the OPJ Bucumi. The victims were respectively one at home and the other at the pub. They were taken to Makangara hill by Imbonerakure Privat alias Kaboko, Ndongeye and the Head of zone Lambert Karenzo where their arms, legs and heads were amputated and then buried directly in Mugishungu cemetery by those executioners, without the presence of their families. The latter were forbidden to cry their dead and not to sue at the risk of experiencing the same fate.

On January 12, 2017, the head of the Imbonerakure in Mishiha commune, Rénovat, went out in the field to congratulate the Imbonerakure who did this work. The administrator, the OPJ and the head of the zone are all from the Hutu social component and CNDD-FDD members, the victims are also of the same component. The governor of Cankuzo province, Désiré Njiji and the provincial head of SNR, Nicaise spent the night of January 14, 2017 in Mishiha commune to distort all information on this case, according to the same sources.

Two persons killed Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province

As of January 10, 2017, two persons Felix Ntukamazina and Onesphore Marondereye were killed on Mageyo hill in Butahana zone of Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province. According to sources on the spot, the victims were accused of sorcery, they were lynched under the command of Imbonerakure youth who have security control of this area.

According to these sources, this incident followed the death of a woman, Jeannette Nihorimbere from the area that the Imbonerakure youth attributed to the victims. Two other persons who had to suffer the same fate were saved in extremis by the police who had to fire in the air to disperse the angry crowd. While the facts occurred in public, the administrator of Mabayi commune, Basabarwuzuye did not hesitate to declare that the perpetrators of the double crime were not known.

One person killed and one wounded in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

As of January 4, 2017, a young pupil Valentin Aboyitungiye was killed and another, Ndayihimbaze was wounded by a policeman in Mahwa zone, Ryansoro commune, Gitega province. According to information collected on the spot, the director of ISABU Mahwa, accompanied by two of his employees, seized three cows grazing on ISABU pastures. The same sources add that they met with two boys who had just transported a patient to the health center close to the area. These young pupils wanted to know the reason for the seizure of their cows. The director of ISABU Mahwa went to search policemen and ordered them to shoot the two boys. Valentin Aboyitungiye died on the spot. He was hit by 6 bullets in the heart, on the legs and on the head. His comrade, Ndayihimbaze, was wounded on the hand. They are all from Gahanda hill, Kiryama zone, Songa commune, Bururi province. The population of the area call for justice but the two policemen were not worried for they continue their job.

A minister murdered in Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 1 January 2017, around 1:00 a.m., Emmanuel Niyonkuru, aged 54, Burundi minister of water, environment, land use plan and urbanism, from the government of President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term, was murdered in Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to police sources, this high authority from CNND-FDD was assassinated with a pistol. Senator of the electoral district of Muramvya for the 2015-2020 term, he was also current chairman of NELCOM ministerial conference and current chairman of COMIFAC ministerial conference. This assassination follows that of Honorable Hafsa Mossi of the EALA as well as the attempt to assassinate the president's adviser in charge of communication Willy Nyamitwe.

1.2. CASES OF ABDUCTION AND ARREST FOLLOWED BY ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

In the first quarter of 2017, several abductions followed by enforced disappearances were reported. Some were reported missing after being in the hands of the security forces while others were abducted by armed groups in uniform.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

One person abducted and then reported missing in Muramvya province

As of 30 March 2017, around 5:00 pm, Adrien Nkurikiye, a native of Karusi Province and working as an agronomist at PAIVA in Rutegama was arrested by the SNR in Rutegama, Muramvya province. He was imprisoned in Rutegama cell before being taken on 31 March 2017 to an unknown destination.

A soldier reported missing in Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 27, 2017, Corporal Vianney Manirambona was abducted by unidentified persons in Bujumbura mayorship. A member of his family reported that he was heading to Bujumbura from Kirundo for the withdrawal of his AMISOM salary. Information from the area indicates that Vianney Manirambona, registration number 49101 was of 420th brigade in Busoni, Kirundo province. The same sources indicate that he lives in Bukeye commune of Muramvya province and that he had been granted special leave. His family, not knowing his place of detention, said it was worried about his security.

One person abducted and three others arrested in Bubanza Province

On 14 March 2017, on Ninga hill, village IV, 2nd avenue, between the 10th and 11th transverse in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province two persons, Félix Ndayizigiye and Célestin Barekensabe, nicknamed Kigongo were arrested by unknown armed men who opened fire on them. According to our sources, these armed men first shot on the tires of the vehicle of probox mark in which were Félix Ndayizigiye and Célestin Barekensabe and Felix Ndayizigiye who managed to escape. Felix Ndayizigiye was abducted¹. These armed men headed to Rukoko forest. Félix Ndayizigiye was the commissioner of plots, according to the same sources.

¹Felix Ndayizigiye was found on 20 March 2017

This abduction was followed by arrests and imprisonments on 15 March 2017 of Célestin Barekensabe and Emelyne Nibigira and Chantal Kwizera, two cousins of Félix Ndayizigiye residing in Buringa commune Gihanga in Bubanza province. The latter were taken to Gihanga commune police station cell. The information that reached our office indicates that Emelyne Nibigira and Chantal Kwizera were released while Celestin Barekensabe was transferred to Mpimba central prison.

Four students arrested and then reported missing in Busiga commune, Ngozi province

As of March 5, 2017, four pupils² Mutabazi, Karibu and Arthémon at Mihigo High School and Mugisha pupil at Mihigo Free Methodist High School were arrested by the police at Mihigo market in Busiga commune, Ngozi province and then taken to an unknown destination.

According to our source, these students were accused of going to Rwanda, a neighboring country hosting putschist rebels. The same source indicates that these students were arrested after leaving Rwanda where they went to play a football match and were taken to Mihigo police cell. These young people had just been recruited by a football team. As of March 7, 2017 around 8:00a.m., the police transferred them to Ngozi provincial police station.

A person reported missing in Bujumbura mayorship

Information reaching Iteka League in March 2107 indicates that Pacifique Ndayizeye was reported missing since January 2017. Pacifique Ndayizeye from Bururi province, a student at Lycée du Sauveur in Cibitoke province disappeared two months ago. He was from Gikungu Zion Mount in Bujumbura mayorship where he had spent the night asking school fees from Father Rodriguo of Zion Mount who paid for him the tuition fees. His family sought in all the prisons in vain. The family said they had lost hope of finding him while disappearances and corpses had become numerous.

A young man arrested and then reported missing in Nyakabiga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

A young man named Laurent was arrested by police in Nyakabiga quarter, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura mayorship, on 4 March 2017, around 12:00 pm. According to sources, two policemen searched his room, handcuffed him and took him to an unknown destination.

One person abducted in Muramvya province

Augustin Kabayabaya³, detainee at Muramvya prison was abducted by the police on 2 March 2017. According to sources on the spot, Augustin Kabayabaya was called to the prison administration and then he did not return to his cell. He was a student of the University of Mwaro in 2015 at his arrest, accused of being against Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

Six persons abducted in Bujumbura Mayorship downtown

On March 3, 2017, around 5:30 p.m., six unidentified persons, including three women and three young men were abducted by the Rohero police station head, named Guillaume. According to sources on the

²The four students were found and released

³ He was found and is for now at Mpimba central prison

spot, these people were abducted on Mission Avenue, Bujumbura Mayorship downtown and then boarded a pick-up vehicle and then taken to an unknown destination.

FNL activist of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested and then reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune Bujumbura province

As of 21 March 2017, Amatus Nshimirimana, a resident of Maramvya zone, a representative of FNL party of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province and a member of the communal council was abducted by an SNR official nicknamed Mafyeri accompanied by a group of Imbonerakure headed by Olivier and Sébastien, all inhabitants of Maramvya zone and known as perpetrators of several violations against CNDD-FDD regime opponents.

According to sources from his party, Amatus Nshimirimana was abducted in Carama quarter and no news of him ever since. Amatus Nshimirimana's friends say they searched him on 22 March 2017 in all prisons and cells including those of SNR in vain. Another source said that Amatus Nshimirimana was directly taken to a secret cell in the pub of "Iwabo w'abantu" of the late Lieutenant General Adolphe Nshimirimana. According to SNR agents contacted on 27 March 2017, Amatus Nshimirimana might have been killed and buried.

One person reported missing in Ruyigi province

Information received by Iteka League on 25 March 2017 indicates that a retired ex-FAB named Janvier Gisoma alias Kaguruka, from Rukaragata hill, zone Ruyigi, commune and Ruyigi province is unnoticeable since early March 2017. His family questioned on this issue reserves to answer for security reasons.

One person arrested and then reported missing in Kayanza province

On March 25, 2017, around 3:00 a.m., a man named Elias nicknamed General, living on Kirema hill, Kayanza commune and province, near the place called "Ku rubaho" was arrested by SNR agents who accused him of possessing arms. No one knows where he was taken.

One person reported missing in Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 21, 2017, a man known as Habonimana Jean Marie has disappeared and his family no longer had any news of him. He went out at night for sport and never came back. Jean Marie Habonimana lived in Kinindo commune in Bujumbura mayorship.

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

According to information received by our office on 25 February 2017, Vianney Minani, a native of Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province at the same time head of FNL party youth league Agathon Rwasa's wing was abducted and reported missing since 17 February 2017. Our source states that the Imbonerakure are the perpetrators of this crime. The victim was imprisoned in Mutimbuzi commune police station cell before being taken by SNR agents named Nono and Mafyeri to a destination hitherto unknown to relatives and friends.

"At his arrest, one of the Imbonerakure who was chasing him pointed a pistol on his forehead and extracted from him 40 thousand Bif before taking him to Mutimbuzi commune cell. He was then taken to the SNR cell and since then, there is no more news," says a witness and close relative of the victim.

Members of his family and friends fear for the victim's security in a context where summary executions have become a sad reality in Burundi. "If someone is arrested, his corpse is often found the next day in the rivers or elsewhere. We fear for his security and we expect the discovery of the dead body as it has been the case for many other citizens," a family member worries.

According to his relatives, the victim was on a list of persons wanted by SNR agents. "In Rubirizi zone, residents were forced to join CNDD-FDD and Minani Vianney was part of this group. He did not spend the night at home, his movements were observed. Among the Imbonerakure who arrested him, some were identified.

The population of Rubirizi demands that their security be guaranteed regardless of their political affiliation. They also demand that Vianney Minani be returned to his family or that his relatives be informed of his place of detention.

Two persons arrested and reported missing in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On February 22, 2017, Athanase Ndayahundwa, an ex-FAB retired soldier and another unidentified person were arrested by police on Gishiha hill, Maramvya zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. They were handed over to the SNR agents who took them to an unknown destination hitherto, according to family members who ignore the reasons for their arrest. Ndayahundwa had survived an assassination in May 2016 during an armed attack that took the lives of three persons including two members of his family.

A young man abducted in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

On 12 February 2017 evening, Elvis Mbogoye was abducted in Kinanira quarter in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship. The on-site sources indicate that he was embarked in a vehicle with tinted windows. The members of his family sought in different cells of Bujumbura Mayorship in vain, still specify our sources.

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A soldier arrested and reported missing at Bujumbura International Airport, Bujumbura Mayorship.

On January 21, 2017, an ex-FAB soldier ranked Major, Elysée Nduwumukama was arrested at Bujumbura International Airport and taken to an unknown destination.

According to witnesses, SNR agents arrested him when he returned from his peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic. Sources from MINUSCA colleagues indicate that the soldier had been imprisoned in the Central African Republic following a setup by Captain Ndayisaba who accused him of leaking papers containing the amounts that the Government of Burundi is withdrawing from the allowances granted to each Burundian soldier in MINUSCA.

Two young students arrested and reported missing in Bujumbura rural province

Jean Claude and Félix, both high school pupils of Cibitoke province, were reported missing since January 14, 2017.

According to witnesses, they were arrested at the Burundi-Congolese border, near Gatumba zone in Bujumbura rural province. According to a witness, these young people are suspected of belonging to armed gangs operating from eastern DRC. Victims' relatives say that the two pupils attended the secondary school of health located in Rusizi plain in Uvira zone in South Kivu in DRC. Taking advantage of the leave days, they went home to greet the members of their respective families. Their families said they had no news since their arrest by SNR agents.

Two persons arrested and then reported missing in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 12 January 2017, around 5 a.m., a girl named Francine and a boy named Guy Rukundo, all finalists of the Secondary School of General Humanities were abducted by policemen from Mayuyu's position accompanied by soldiers from Mujejuru camp on Nyarumanga hill, Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province. They were embarked in a military vehicle of Mujejuru camp and then taken to an unknown destination.

According to sources on the spot, a week ago they had come from exile in Rwanda and were accused of having participated in the anti-President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term demonstrations. This is paradoxical as long as Bujumbura regime does one thing and its opposite. It makes a clear call to the return of refugees and plans for repression at the same time.

One person arrested and reported missing in Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 13 January 2017, a woman named Suzanne Ncamugwanko, Surwavuba's wife, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested on Gitwe hill, Mageyo zone, Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to witnesses on the spot, an Imbonerakure nicknamed Musumari accompanied by two policemen have arrested her while she was in a pub and took her to an unknown destination.

One person arrested and reported missing at Cibitoke province city

As of January 5, 2017, a person named Claude Nsabimana was arrested by the head of Police on Rusiga hill, Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province, less than 2 kilometers from Cibitoke Province city. From sources on the spot, he was taken to an unknown place. Claude was accused of hosting rebels, but no one was found at his home according to the same sources.

One person arrested and reported missing in Kirundo province

As of 3 January 2016, around 4 p.m., a young man named Libere Nduwayezu, aged 28 from Buhinyuza, son of the late Gabriel Mbonihankuye, was arrested by SNR agents at the Rwandan-Burundian border as he was returning to Burundi from Rwanda. According to sources on the spot, he was arrested because he did not have a national identity card. He was arrested and was taken to an unknown destination.

A prisoner abducted in Muramvya province

A prisoner at Muramvya Central Prison named Emmanuel Kimeneke was reported missing since January 2, 2017. According to witnesses on the spot, he was released from prison after a police search commissioned by the SNR head, the Provincial Police Commissioner and the Director of Muramvya

Prison. Handcuffed, he was taken by the prosecutor of the republic in Muramvya province aboard a police Hilux-type vehicle to an unknown destination. A mobile phone he used was seized. The same information reveals that this prisoner had spent several days under intimidation without knowing the reasons. The family fears for the victim's security who might be locked in one of the SNR offices, room 11.

1.3. CASES OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

Several cases of torture attributed to police and the youth militia Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD ruling party were reported during the first quarter of 2017.

Illustrative cases:

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

The information reached Iteka League indicates that Jérôme Bapfumukeko, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, a motorcyclist residing on Buzige hill, Ruyaga zone, Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province was beaten up by a policeman nicknamed Musatirizi on 25 March 2017. The victim was accused of not doing community work. He was taken to Kanyosha commune police cell. He was released on 27 March 2017 after paying a fine of 5,000 Bif.

Two people tortured in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On March 28, 2017, a former soldier named Muswi and a person named Ngabire were beaten up by Imbonerakure in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, in complicity with the head of Rugamba hill, who accused them of having stolen from a shop of a trader named Ndereyimana. They were beaten by this shopkeeper. They were evacuated to a hospital in a critical state.

One person tortured in Kayanza province

According to information reached Iteka League, as of 25 March 2017, around 5:00 pm, Siridiyo was beaten up by Jérôme Manirafashwa, a young Imbonerakure from CNDD-FDD in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, until he vomited blood because he did not want to buy him a beer.

Four CNDD party members arrested and tortured in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

As of March 30, 2017, four people were arrested by police on Kazirabageni hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. According to local sources, two of them were accused by the local administration of being rebels. It is Bede Nahayo, member of CNDD party of Léonard Nyangoma and a nicknamed Petit from Rumonge province. A woman who was supplying them with food would have informed the police to arrest them. The same source said that four Kalashnikov rifles, 5 chargers, 264 bullets and a few bottles of medicine were seized. They were taken to Makamba prosecutor's office cell.

Four persons arrested and tortured in Makamba commune and province

As of March 30, 2017, four alleged thieves were arrested by Imbonerakure on a night patrol in Makamba commune. They were taken to a CNDD-FDD office in Swahili quarter where they were tortured. According to sources on the spot, the persons tortured were not in possession of stolen objects.

A war displaced person tortured in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 23 March 2017, around 10:00 a.m. in Gomvyi zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province, Vianney Nduwayo, displaced from 1993 to Mukike commune, went to his native commune of Mutambu to see his properties. According to our sources, on the way, he was tortured by Imbonerakure youth including Elysée Sindihebura, Joseph Ndayegamiye and Jean Pierre Mugiraneza. The victim was accused of being an informer of the rebels

A person tortured in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura mayorship

On March 23, 2017, at about 5:00 am, an unidentified old man was tortured in Buyenzi quarter between 24th and 25th Avenue. The authors were Imbonerakure youth headed by Nyabenda. The old man tried to explain to them that the roof of his house where he was staying had flown away and that he had no place to stay at that time. According to the same sources, he was beaten up very seriously.

One person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On March 17, 2017, Jean Marie Bigirimana, from Buhiga hill, Karusi Province was tortured by two policemen from the position of Buhiga zone. According to sources, Jean Marie Bigirimana was taken out of his cell where he was detained by two policemen from the position in Buhiga zone who tortured him before returning him to the cell.

One person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On March 17, 2017, Mushederi, an Imbonerakure from Mayenzi hill, Rutonganikwa zone, Buhiga Commune, Karusi Province was beaten and wounded by his Imbonerakure colleagues who accused him of non-respect for their leader. The latter beat him up as a correction, according to our source.

A woman tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On March 14, 2017, a police officer ranked Brigadier named Bahati beat up a young mother named Thérèse Niyongabo. The latter was wounded and attempted to file a complaint but the PJ of Mabanda police station did not receive her.

A person tortured then detained in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 8 March 2017, at about 1:50 p.m., at 'chez Martin' pub in Gihanga Commune, Bubanza Province, Manassé Ndizeye, a law faculty graduate at the UB was beaten up by police and detained in Gihanga brigade cell.

According to our sources, Manassé Ndizeye was sharing a drink with friends. The victim was accused of uttering untruths on the logistics officer of Gihanga brigade Edouard Niyibizi.

According to the same sources, Gisesa, transmitting agent of the brigade commander has called Edouard Niyibizi to inform him of the remarks made by the young Manassé Ndizeye. He may have said that the Brigadier is a troublemaker in Gihanga commune, utterances nobody confirms except the commander's transmitting agent. Manassé Ndizeye is in critical condition in Gihanga Brigade cell. His feet swollen, he sits and sleeps with difficulty due to blows he had received.

Two children tortured by an Imbonerakure in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 10, 2017, two young children named Levis and Didier were tortured by an Imbonerakure named Jules while they were playing near CNDD-FDD monument located between 7th and 8th avenue in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. They were taken to the CDS of the area.

One person arrested and tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

Information received by Iteka League on 8 March 2017 indicates that Mandigisi, from Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province was tortured by the Karusi provincial commissioner named Jerome. According to our source, Mandigisi fought with one of the members of the hygiene committee who had just destroyed his toilet. He was then arrested by the police and then beaten by the commissioner himself until he vomited blood and then was taken to the police station cell in Karusi.

A person beaten by Imbonerakura in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

As of 1 March 2017, Jean Marie Kwizera, from Mparambo II hill, zone and commune Rugombo, Cibitoke province was beaten by 3 Imbonerakure of this area. According to sources on the spot, this young Imbonerakure was accused of stealing a bicycle. The perpetrators were arrested and taken to a container serving as a cell in Rugombo commune. As of March 3, 2017, in the morning, at least 12 people were in this container.

One person arrested and tortured in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

On March 3, 2017, Emmanuel, member of FNL of Agathon's wing was beaten by Imbonerakure of Butaganzwa commune, led by Ferdinand Banyankimbona. The victim was afterwards imprisoned in Butaganzwa commune cell.

One person tortured in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

Methode Gahungu from Ruyaga hill, Munanira zone, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province was beaten by Imbonerakure of the area on 3 March 2017. According to sources on the spot, they accused him of stealing bananas.

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Two persons arrested and tortured in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

On February 26, 2017, around 3:00 p.m, Ndiokubwayo and Nzirahisha, members of the FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa were arrested and tortured in Gomvyi zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province. Sources on the spot indicate that the Imbonerakure including Claude accompanied by policemen including the nicknamed Afani accused the victims of holding an illegal meeting. They were detained in Mutambu commune police station cell.

A detainee tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship

On 25 February 2017, a detainee named Jean Marie Haragakiza was tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to witnesses, a group of Imbonerakure working with the prison Director and SNR agents entered the victim's cell and attempted to strangle him. This group of Imbonerakure was led by Mugisha, deputy head of prisoners' security. Other prisoners rescued the victim but the despicable act was almost finished. The victim had passed out. The nurses feared to provide him for first aid fearing that their fate should the situation worsened. Prisoners of the same cell were also beaten. This group of criminals was not worried for their despicable acts and remains unpunished. Jean Marie Haragakiza had just been transferred to this prison on 23 February 2017 from Rumonge central prison, where he was a prisoners' security head officer, commonly known as the "main general".

Three detainees tortured and wounded in Murembwe central prison in Rumonge province

Three detainees were tortured and wounded in Murembwe central prison in Rumonge province on 23 February 2017. Information collected on the spot singled out the policemen who entered the prison and shot on the detainees. The prisoners were opposed to the transfer of 5 detainees, including Jean Marie Haragakiza, in charge of detainees' security, commonly known as the "main general". After this transfer, tension escalated and clashes broke out inside the prison. The activities in this prison were suspended immediately, the workers of this prison run away following the shots.

Two persons tortured and arrested in Bururi commune and province

On the morning of January 20, 2017, two men including Mabobwe from Bugarama hill, Muzenga zone, commune and Bururi province were tortured by Imbonerakure under the command of the technical adviser in charge of administration in Bururi commune, nicknamed Kadhafi. The victims in critical condition were afterwards imprisoned in Bururi police station cell. On order of this technical adviser of the administrator of Bururi, the OPJ named Ngoyi authorized this detention despite the victims' health state. The latter need quick assistance because their health is in danger.

A young activist of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing tortured and arrested and then detained in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province

On 14 February 2017, Emmanuel Niyonkuru, a pupil of 4th form at Mwumba communal college was tortured and then taken to Mwumba commune police station cell on 14 February 2017 in Ngozi province. The perpetrators of this despicable act are Imbonerakure youth who even attempted to remove him physically on Kanyaru River, had it not been the intervention of the residents of this area. After their defeat, the Imbonerakure sentenced him to 315 lashes before taking him to Mwumba commune police cell, accusing him of belonging to Agathon Rwas's FNL party. His health state is critical because he has not been allowed to seek treatment.

Two persons tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

On February 21, 2017, two persons, Jules and Protais were tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province. According to witnesses, these two farmers were accused by Imbonerakure and the head of Gashingwa hill named Déo Ntawikura for stealing beans from a neighbor.

One person tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

As of February 18, 2017, a teacher named Thérance Nshimirimana was beaten by the head of the police station and the SNR head in Rutegama. According to sources on the spot, the reason is that Thérance owed an amount of 25,000 Bif to a lady named Espérance. He was released the next day

Two detainees tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship

On February 14, 2017, an ex-FAB soldier ranked Colonel Dushimagize alias Gangi, detained in Mpimba Central prison in Bujumbura Mayorship was tortured in his cell. According to sources on the spot, the perpetrators of this crime are Imbonerakure youth who stay in this prison on mission of the Burundi security services to mistreat political prisoners. These Imbonerakure youth tortured him before taking all his valuables, money, cell phones and other goods. The next day, the Director of the prison Déo Bigirimana called him to the office supposedly to ask him what had happened the day earlier. When he was close to the office, policemen deployed on purpose forcibly took him aboard a pickup truck to Bubanza province prison, witnesses said.

On the same day another soldier named Pascal Dombori was also tortured and then abducted in the same way from Mpimba prison to Rutana central prison and later to Gitega province central prison, according to our sources. The victim walks with a crutch following scenes of torture suffered at his arrest. Accused of attacking the Chief of Staff Prime Niyongabo, he was denied the right to health care.

One person tortured in commune and province Bubanza

On 7 February 2017, around 10:00 p.m., Charles Ndacayisaba, aged 30 was tortured on Rurabo-Kanama hill, Buvyuko zone, commune and Bubanza province.

According to witnesses, the victim was accused of consumption and marketing of prohibited beverages. He was beaten up by the head of Rurabo sector Hermenegilde Nsabimana accompanied by 2 policemen from Rurabo police station in Buvyuko zone and Imbonerakure youth of the area. They looted his home. The same sources indicated that the victim was in critical condition at Bubanza hospital.

Fourteen persons tortured in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

On the night of 17 February 2017, fourteen persons, including Astérie Kabaruta, director of EP Kibonde, Célestin, Gisenyi head of the zone and 12 other Imbonerakure were tortured in Busoni commune, Kirundo province.

According to sources on the spot, all these people were accused of robbery because they were arrested by other Imbonerakure in night patrols in possession of 5 bags of rice, 12 boxes of cooking oil, 5 bags of beans and 5 bags of flour. These products had been robbed from WFP school canteen and the Agro-Action German NGO. The prosecutor in collaboration with Muvunyi, communal chairman of CNDD-FDD party and SNR agents did not digest the crime as they used to do when the crime is attributed to those close to the party. They rather arrested them, tortured them and took them to the PJ Kirundo cell.

A soldier tortured in Cibitoke urban zone , Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship

On February 8, 2017, an army officer ranked major responsible for the military positions in Cibitoke urban zone was tortured and wounded in Mutakura quarter of Cibitoke zone, Ntakangwa commune.

According to witnesses on the spot, this soldier in civilian dress was aboard a motorbike on Bujumbura-Bubanza road to downtown. The head of Mutakura police station ordered him to stop and get off the motorcycle. The soldier asked him if he was a traffic police officer and suddenly he slapped him before other policemen joined him to beat him up, indicated a passer-by who witnessed the scene.

A few minutes later, the soldier wanted to call with his cell phone but a police man confiscated it. According to witnesses, the soldier managed to use his Motorola to request reinforcement. A few minutes later, some 20 armed soldiers intervened, finding their colleague locked up in Mutakura police station.

The head of police station explained his gesture stating that he had been ordered to stop all motorcycles without any distinction. This police station head was taken to Cibitoke urban zone police cell.

One person tortured in Muramvya commune and province

On February 9, 2017, Célestin Ntiranyibagira, Muramvya hospital agent was tortured in Muramvya commune and province. According to witnesses, the victim was beaten up by young Imbonerakure who accused him of beating a thief he had just caught in his house. These young Imbonerakure consider themselves as security agents and ignore all the laws that govern the country, worries our source.

Two persons including one policeman tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On 2 February 2017, a person named Jean-Claude Ndikumasabo was tortured on Rubimba hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. According to sources on the spot, his torturers are young Imbonerakure who force the inhabitants of this commune to forcefully adhere to the ideology of CNDD-FDD ruling party at the risk of suffering deadly consequences. The same sources indicate that these young Imbonerakure terrorize any person who is not of the party and threaten to death the population of the Tutsi social component.

As of January 29, 2017, these young Imbonerakure tortured a Tutsi policeman and kept him for more than 4 hours before releasing him accusing him of collaborating with rebels.

Information collected on the spot indicates that Tanzanians crossing the border are also beaten and stripped of their money. Zenon Nishimwe, the administrator of Kibago commune denies these allegations but claimed to know the case of Jean-Claude Ndikumasabo he had invited to file complaints to the authorities. However, the inhabitants of the area lament, the OPJ and the local administration refuse to receive complaints against Imbonerakure youth arguing that the latter are an independent body, "above the law!!", worries our source.

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Five students tortured in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

As of January 30, 2017, five students of the ETMM were tortured in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. According to sources on the spot, the police accused them of promoting a students' strike against school fees rise. They returned to school in a suffering state with traces of whippings.

Five people tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

On the night of 29-30 January 2017, five people, Gustave Nshimirimana, Jean Marie Rukundo, Omar Nduwimana, Claude Niyongere and Virginie Nizigiyimana were tortured in Rutegama commune police station cell, Muramvya province.

According to information gathered on the spot, SNR agents in collaboration with Imbonerakure youth accused them of robbery in two shops in Gatabo and Masango areas. The same sources indicate that the provincial governor, Emmanuel Niyungeko and the provincial commissioner, Isidore Ryakire were present at the torture scene. This is becoming a habit in Rutegama and Bukeye where the SNR agents and the Imbonerakure to come at night to beat up detainees in cells, indicate witnesses on the spot.

12 soldiers arrested and tortured after Mukoni incident in Muyinga province

12 ex FAB soldiers, all members of the Tutsi social component from different military camps were arrested and tortured after the incident on the night of 23-24 January 2017 around Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province.

According to sources on the spot, SNR agents with Imbonerakure tortured them before handing them to the prosecution and then judged by the TGI on spot.

These soldiers are: Major José Runyange, Lieutenant Moise Nimubona arrested and tortured on 26 January 2017 at Mukoni Camp. The former was recently transferred from Nyanza-Lac camp. Both were in the camp on the night of Mukoni incident, testify other soldiers.

The Warrant Officer Nzojiyobiri, Warrant Officer Harerimana, Corporal Fulgence Ndayikengurutse, former driver of the BSPI Presidential Guard before being transferred to Mukoni camp were all arrested and tortured on January 24, 2017. Corporal had his arm broken as a result of torture, he was deprived of food for two days.

Master Corporal Eric Ndagijimana, arrested on 24 January 2017 and tortured at the 221st Gitega Commando Battalion, was transferred to Muyinga where he was horribly tortured until he could no longer stand. Master Corporal Richard Nkurunziza of the 22nd Armored Gitega Battalion was arrested on 24 January 2017 on a military position in Nyanzari and then transferred to Muyinga where he was horribly tortured with three teeth broken.

Corporal Emmanuel Bizimana was arrested and tortured on 25 January 2017 by police and Imbonerakure at his home in Rumonge province while on leave. Corporal Amedee Niyukuri of the 312th Ngozi Commando Battalion was arrested on 25 January 2017 and was tortured with a hot iron sheet.

Another ex-FAB soldier, Jean Marie Hatungimana, a former driver of Major Marius Gahomera, was arrested on 26 January 2017 at Mutukura camp and transferred to Muyinga province.

Warrant officer Ildefonse Nimubona was arrested and tortured on 25 January 2017 at the Mutukura in Cankuzo province, Corporal Ntahomvukiye was arrested and tortured on 26 January 2017 at Mutukura military camp in Cankuzo province and transferred to Muyinga. The corporal had shot to death on Major Dieudonné Karashira, who had come to arrest him before surrendering. Information received by Iteka League on 29 January 2017 indicates that these arrested soldiers are being scattered in different places.

Two persons tortured in Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of 26 January 2017, around midnight, 2 persons Kevin Kwizera, aged 25 from Buhonga-Masarara hill and Eric Mpawenimana, aged 23 from Mwico hill were tortured by Major Kamenge, head of military post located at Buhonga High School in Ruyaga zone, Kanyosha commune.

According to witnesses, the former had his right arm and ankle broken. The victims were accused of stealing money from a cassava tradesman named Samuel living on Buhonga hill. The same source said that this head of post had received money from Samuel to torture these two people until they accepted the accusation. The victims Kevin Kwizera and Eric Mpawenimana are receiving care at CDS Ruyaga, according to information collected on the spot.

Two people tortured in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

On 23 January 2017, a man named Amani was tortured by policemen on the 1st avenue in Musaga urban zone of Bujumbura Mayorship. Her sister was also beaten by the same policemen as she shouted that people help her brother.

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

On 22 January 2017, around 6 a.m. on Gitwe hill, Mageyo zone, Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Nzitunga was arrested and beaten by Imbonerakure from the area. According to our sources, the victim was accused of being an opponent to President Nkurunziza's 3rd term. Nzitunga was led to the police station of the area.

A priest tortured in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 15 January 2017, around 5 p.m., Deo Ndayishimiye, a priest at Matana parish was tortured in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province.

According to witnesses, the commander of Mujejuru camp named Marius Gahomera alias Gakoryo has beaten up the priest who was in a pub of the area accusing him of denouncing in his homily all those who harm others. The same commander has ordered his bodyguards to shoot any priest who will dare entering this pub.

One person tortured in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 13 January 2017, around 9 p.m., Anne Ngendahayo, a native of Jenda hill, Jenda zone, Mugongo-Manga commune, member of UPRONA party of Charles Nditije's wing, was tortured by the administrator of Mugongo commune -Manga named Diomede Ndabahinyuye when she was in a pub located in Jenda.

According to witnesses, the victim was accused of burning Diomede Ndabahinyuye's house during demonstrations against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The incident took place in the presence of the victim's husband named Sylvain Ngendakuriyo who watched helplessly.

One person tortured in Kirundo province city

On 10 January 2017, a driver named Miburo was tortured in Kirundo province city. According to witnesses, a policeman named Nkoroka tried to suck 5,000 Bif from him and punished him because he refused to give the money. People who were witnessed the scene intervened to dissuade the policeman. Given mob anger, the latter was forced to leave the place.

1.4. CASES OF ARBITRARY ARRESTS

In the first quarter of 2017, many people were victims of arbitrary arrest and illegal detentions. Some were arrested on the basis of their political affiliation, others because they were ex-FABs and many others because of their location in the so-called President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term protesting quarters.

Illustrative cases:

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Three people arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

As of March 31, 2017, the Imbonerakure dug out three Kalashnikov-type rifles in a cassava field and shot at people at point blank range without causing casualties. According to sources on the spot, three people were arrested by these Imbonerakure on Buheka hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. They were detained at Nyanza-Lac police station.

A person arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On March 30, 2017, in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Bujumbura PSR agents arrested a young boy named Alain Nirera, a native of that commune. The latter was from the DRC. In the evening he was taken to Gihanga Post Police cell. According to our sources, visits were banned to the victim.

Two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of March 30, 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Karunga hill, Benga zone, Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province, Isidore and Fabrice members of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by the police. According to our sources, they were accused of working with rebels. They were taken to an unknown destination.

A student arrested in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 2 April 2017, around 7:00 pm, Dieudonné Bigirindavyi, a student at the UB and a Bac III delegate, faculty of economics was arrested by the police and boarded in a SNR vehicle registered HA 2432 in Nyakabiga quarter III, 4th avenue close to SOS CDS, Mukaza Commune, Bujumbura mayorship. He was taken to the SNR cell, close to Regina Mundi Cathedral.

One person arrested in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On March 28, 2017, a policeman named Pascal Nsengiyumva was arrested by policemen in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province. He was imprisoned at Kayanza police station. He was accused of having a Rwandan employee in his pub. According to a source on the spot, Pascal Nsengiyumva was reportedly taken from his cell by SNR agents who took him to an unknown destination.

A chairman of UPRONA party of Charles Nditije's wing arrested in commune and province Kirundo

On 27 March 2017, Veterinary Doctor Juvénal Karagira, chairman of UPRONA of Charles Nditije's wing in Kirundo province was arrested by Imbonerakure youth of the ruling party on patrol in Murehe natural reserve and then handed over to the SNR in Kirundo before being taken to the PJ Kirundo cell. According to our source, he was accused of helping a woman and her children to cross to Rwanda through an unofficial way. The same source indicates that this woman is the widow of the late Calixte Ntwaramiheto, a police officer and responsible for the SNR in Mwaro province who had just died mysteriously. His wife, feeling threatened opted to flee with all the children. The next day, Nadine Kabatoni, lawyer in Ngozi and Jeanne Alice Mbazumutima, a teacher at Don Bosco School in Ngozi, both sisters of the late Calixte Ntwaramiheto were abducted by unidentified persons and taken to an unknown location. The information reaching our office indicates that the two women were released and returned to their families.

A soldier arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On March 28, 2017, Warrant Officer Dieudonné Magwayintore was arrested by the SNR at Bujumbura International Airport from a peacekeeping mission in Somalia. According to sources on site, other soldiers were arrested. His family members are concerned about his security considering the way he was mistreated when he was arrested.

Eight people arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 31, 2017, eight secondary school pupils were boarded in police vehicle registered PNB 273 on 8th Avenue, Nyakabiga III in Nyakabiga urban zone . These young students were drinking in one of the local pubs and the police confused them with the UB students as confirmed by our source. These pupils were taken to one of the SNR offices.

Eight students arrested at Mutanga campus, Bujumbura mayorship

As of April 1, 2017, heavily armed policemen aboard a tinted glass pickup arrested 8 students from Mutanga campus in Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, these arrests would be linked to the notice of strike on the loan-grants. They were taken to an unknown destination.

Four students arrested, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of March 29, 2017, around 2:00 pm, four students were arrested by the police on November 28 boulevard, Bujumbura mayorship. The deputy secretary general of the student representation and his three companions were arrested while the first one was heading to Mutanga campus to respond to a summons. According to sources on the spot, students are worried about these repeated arrests and threats of no longer responding to the summons of the security officer at the UB until the liberation of their comrades.

A student representative arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On March 28, 2017, Élysée Dushime, a student to the Faculty of Economics, Department of Finance and Accounting at the UB was abducted close to Mogas gas station on University Avenue and then taken to one of the SNR cells. According to sources on the spot, he was from BBCI bank for internship.

A member of FNL, Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

On March 27, 2017, Philbert Mbonihankuye alias Kabila, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing was abducted by an SNR agent named Félicien Mbonihankuye. According to the FNL spokesman Aimé Magera, Philbert is one of the FNL executive members in Karusi province. He was allegedly accused of

forgerying documents and was reportedly imprisoned in one of the cells of the capital, police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said.

A Sheikh from a mosque arrested in Gitaba, Makamba province

Information reached Iteka League on 28 March 2017 indicates the Sheikh of Murenge mosque in Gitaba zone of Makamba province was arrested by the police in Bujumbura on 24 March 2017. Suspected of PBA, he was transferred to Makamba police cell.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On 23 March 2017, Sebushahu from Ngayane hill, Ntunda zone, Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province was arrested by an Imbonerakure known as Star Niyonkuru who took him to Buhiga police station cell. According to our source, Sebushahu was carrying passengers on his small canoe. He was accused by this Imbonerakure of transporting rebels entering Buhiga from Gitaramuka in Karusi province. His neighbors considered this arrest as unfair and illegal, as Sebushahu transported people from the market by taking this route.

Twelve people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 23, 2017, twelve persons were arrested by police during a search carried out from 2nd to 6th Avenue, from number 90 to 120 in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, they were accused of not having household records and receipts for household waste removal. When they arrived at the police station of the zone, they refused to be ransomed and were finally released.

Eleven people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

On March 24, 2017, 11 people were arrested during a search, from 9th to 12th Avenue in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. According to sources on the spot, they were accused of not having household records and receipts for household waste removal. When they arrived at the police station in the area, they refused to be ransomed and finally released.

23 people arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

On 21 March 2017, 23 people were arrested by policemen and soldiers during a search carried out from 13th to 15th Avenue in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship. They were accused of not having the household records while the stock of the latter was over. They were taken to the police station of the zone and ransomed each of a sum varying between 5,000 and 20,000 Bif to be released.

Five representatives of students arrested in Bujumbura mayorship

Three representatives of the UB students and two representing ENS were arrested on 16 March 2017. It is Dieudonné Bugirindavyi, Prosper Niyoyitungira and Patience Mbonabuca of the UB as well as Eric Niyirera and Epipode Niyongabo of ENS. Information from the UB and ENS indicates that the first three of the UB were summoned to Mukaza public prosecutor's office for Wednesday morning in office number 26 for trial.

The same sources indicate that when they went to the public prosecutor's office, they met two others from ENS, also for trial. They were accompanied by two authorities from that institution. Suddenly, the same sources added, three SNR vans arrived and took manu militari the five student representatives to one of the SNR cells in Bujumbura mayorship.

Sources from Mutanga campus indicate they may be accused of preparing insurgent movements to protest against the new law on pre-scholarship and scholarships. University authorities accuse them of collecting strike contributions. Courses were then suspended on March 16, 2017afternoon. While some HRDs feared for their security, these students were released on the same evening after 4 hours of interrogation at the SNR office.

An ex-FAB soldier arrested by police in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On March 14, 2017, Lambert, a soldier in duty and ex-FAB was arrested and detained at Mabanda police station by policemen on patrol. He was released on 16 March 2017. He had been arrested without a warrant and he was not informed of the reason for his arrest until his release.

An Econet-Leo agent arrested in commune and province Rumonge

On 15 March 2017, around 5:00 p.m., Daniel Nsengiyumva alias "to do" was arrested by the SNR official in Rumonge. This young person is an employee of a private partner exploiting a point of service called "Franchise" by Econet-Leo.

Sources on the spot indicate that he was arrested at his office at Rumonge car parking. The SNR official in this province accused him of facilitating money transfers from abroad. He was handcuffed and put in SNR cell in Rumonge. Sources close to Econet-Leo branch in Rumonge indicate that the private point of service operators of this company sell all products including the Ecocash service, the sale of Econet-Leo sim cards, portable telephones and money transfer service called "Wordremit".

Thanks to this service, subscribers and non-subscribers of this business can receive or send money to family members who are abroad. This young man is a native of Rukinga hill in commune and province Rumonge, his family and Econet-Leo agents in Rumonge request that he be released.

Two persons arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

Two persons, Divine Kaneza and Jean de Dieu Ndiokubwayo were arrested by security agents of the 1st Vice-President of the Republic Gaston Sindimwo on Nyarumanga hill, Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province during his visit to Mukike commune on March 14-16, 2017. According to our sources, these young people are pupils at Mukike College in Mayuyu zone and are accused of lamenting on the First Vice-President's speech.

Two young people arrested by Imbonerakure in Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 14 March 2017, around 4:00 p.m. on the hill, zone and commune Mubimbi, Bujumbura rural province, Eddy Nkuzimana and Niyonkuru were arrested by Imbonerakure from that area. According to our sources, the victims are accused of destroying a CNDD-FDD party monument under construction. These young people were detained in CNDD-FDD party office of the area near to the police station.

According to the same sources, these young people were beaten. Each must pay a fine of 50,000 Bif to be released.

A soldier arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

Information received by our office on March 13, 2017 indicates that a soldier named Claude, living on the 13th Avenue No. 81 was arrested at home by policemen from the police station located in Cibitoke urban zone, led by the "De Corps" Daniel Gadi. According to a source, Claude was on leave because he is still on a peacekeeping mission in Somalia. He was taken to the zone cell where he spent the night before paying a ransom of 230,000 Bif to be released.

Twenty-three people arrested in Mutakura quarter, Bujumbura mayorship

On March 16, 2017, police and soldiers arrested 23 people during a search and control of households records operated from the 6th to 8th Avenue, Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. They were taken to the zone where they were released after payment of a ransom.

Three FNL militants of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Muramvya province

Information received by Iteka League on 17 March 2017 indicates that three FNL members are imprisoned in Muramvya commune cell. Among them is the local representative of FNL named Celestin Sindayigaya. They are accused of preparing an armed attack in which one person was wounded on Kayange hill on the night of 13-14 March 2017, according to police and local authorities. According to Fabien Nzeyimana, the FNL party secretary of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Muramvya, it is a setup against their members. In November 2016, the same activists spent nearly a week in Muramvya police station cell. They had been suspected of "maintaining a parallel administration". Justice had cleared them. The FNL leader in Muramvya demands the immediate release of the three men.

MSD member arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On March 18, 2017, Emmanuel Ntakirutima, MSD member and retired ex-FAB was arrested at home on Mbizi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. He had been released in February 2017 by the presidential pardon. This military retiree was arrested and imprisoned late 2015. He was accused of illegal possession of weapons and participation to armed movements.

One person arrested in Muramvya province

On 13 March 2017, Apollinaire Nkeshimana of Gikonge hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province was imprisoned, accused of having insulted as a "dog" Apollinaire Ntahimpera, an elected deputy from that commune.

Two judges of the Court of Appeal and a trader arrested in Ngozi province

Hatungimana Joseph and Christophe were arrested on the order of the Prosecutor of the Republic who arrived personally to Ngozi province city. They would be accused of corruption, according to the judicial services in Ngozi.

In the beginning, seven men all from Kabarore commune province Kayanza had been sentenced by the TGI Kayanza to various sentences. It was on 13 January 2017 after they had been arrested by the police

while trying very early in the morning to cross the border to sell to Rwanda 1070 kilograms of Colombo tantalite minerals (Coltan) they were carrying on the head.

After this conviction by TGI Kayanza, all appealed. The public hearing had taken place and one of them called Bampanze was acquitted, which worried the judicial services as this man had been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment and 15 million fine because he was responsible. This resembled a corruption case.

Following these facts, the two aforementioned judges as well as a tradesman from Ngozi city, all suspected of being involved in this case were arrested on the order of the General Prosecutor of the Republic and they were quickly transferred to Mpimba Central Prison in Bujumbura.

One person arrested and detained illegally in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On March 7, 2017 Josué, an employee of a public secretariat at Buhiga market located on the hill, zone and commune of Buhiga in Karusi province was arrested by the police of the area. According to our source Josué was accused of having lodged his friend Sanganiro wanted by the police on a rape case committed against a student named C., from Mwaro but living in Karusi. What constitutes a violation of the law because the criminal responsibility is personal, Josué joined his friend who was already imprisoned in the police cell in Buhiga.

One person arrested in commune and province Muyinga

Aubin Ntibikenyura, a resident of Mukoni quarter, Muyinga commune and province was arrested by Imbonerakure from this area accompanied by policemen on 6 March 2017. According to our source, Aubin Ntibikenyura was accused of having stayed in Uganda. The same information indicates that Aubin Ntibikenyura was released on 8 March 2017 after several negotiations with provincial authorities.

Eighteen persons arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 10 March 2017, 18 young people were arrested by police in Musaga urban zone , Muha commune, Bujumbura mayorship. These persons were immediately taken to the police cell located in the offices of Musaga zone.

A soldier arrested at Bujumbura International Airport, Bujumbura mayorship

On March 9, 2017, Master Corporal Léon Niyonkuru was arrested by the police when he was extradited from Somalia where he was on a peacekeeping mission. He was imprisoned in one of the SNR cells in Bujumbura. The information provided by the military police in Somalia indicates that he was expelled from the mission where he was in the 37th AMISOM battalion. Before going to this mission, these sources say that he was assigned in the 38th battalion in Bururi province as a driver. This master corporal was extradited while he had spent more than 6 months on a peacekeeping mission.

These sources say he was shuttling alone from the main office to the military academy in the quarters of the Burundian contingent in Somalia, what is prohibited according to the same testimonies. The fault is normally punished within the military auditorate and not within the SNR, the same sources said. Some soldiers wonder why he was taken manu militari to the SNR cell even though his dismissal was a form of punishment. The same sources add that the blame attributed to this Master Corporal would be a pretext

for the regime against the ex- FABs who are in this mission. Master Corporal Léon Niyonkuru was the driver of Lieutenant General Germain Niyoyankana when he was Minister of National Defense.

Eight members of FNL party, Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On March 5, 2017, seven members of FNL, Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by police in Kazirabageni, Nyanza-Lac commune of Makamba province and taken to Makamba province police station cell. The sources on the spot reveal that they were on March 5, 2017 in mourning for Prosper Bayisenge, also member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing. Another FNL member, Pascal Ndayikeza, official at the Inspectorate of Education was arrested on 6 March 2017 in Makamba. They are all accused of holding an illegal meeting. Political reasons would be linked to these arrests.

Seven members of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 10 March 2017 in Gomvyi zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province, 7 persons including 5 men and 2 women members of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by policemen from the commune police station accompanied by the head of the Imbonerakure of Mutambu commune. According to our sources, they were accused of holding an illegal meeting in Methode Nduwayo's house. They were detained in Mutambu commune cell.

Two persons arrested in Bubanza province

Doctor Ndanibenga Pascal from Bubanza's first referral hospital was arrested by the police on 6 March 2017. Information from Bubanza hospital indicates that everything started in the morning on 25 February 2017, when a patient from CDS Ciya in Musigati commune was referred to Bubanza hospital. The same sources indicate that a worker of this hospital opened the gate to allow the ambulance bringing the patient to enter. Therefore, according to the same information, the driver found that the patient had died. The driver started shouting that the patient was not rescued in time. At that time, according to the same testimony, Doctor Pascal Ndanibenga was on tour in the block inside this hospital, to say that there was never any contact between this doctor and the patient. On 6 March 2017, the public prosecutor in Bubanza issued a warrant for his arrest.

The same sources said that Dr. Pascal Ndanibenga was questioned by the prosecutor who found that his case file was empty. Paradoxically, he was imprisoned on the prosecutor's injunction. Hospital staff are surprised by the imprisonment of their colleague. Their argument is based on the fact that this patient was not even received in the emergency department of this hospital. Rather, these colleagues believe that there would be other reasons for his imprisonment and instead demand that he be released unconditionally.

Two days later, on March 8, 2017, Calixte Manirageza, a worker of this hospital was imprisoned after being questioned by the prosecutor. It was this same worker who had opened the gate when an ambulance brought this patient. Calixte Manirageza joined Doctor Pascal Ndanibenga, all accused of not helping this patient in time. Information collected from hospital staff indicated that even the Director of this hospital appeared on March 8, 2017 at the Office of the General prosecutor for the same case.

According to a lawyer contacted on the spot, the imprisonment of Dr. Pascal Ndanibenga is political. It was decided elsewhere, not at Bubanza prosecutor's office or at the TGI of this jurisdiction. The

accusation of "non-assistance and negligence of a person in danger" are only misleading accusations because on March 4, 2017 in a security meeting, the name of Dr. Ndanibenga was mentioned. He was accused of negligence of patients by the head of Bubanza zone who would be behind this arrest. The TGI Bubanza confirmed his continued step back at the chambers of 9 March 2017.

Seven people arrested in Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship.

On 4 March 2017, policemen and soldiers carried out a search of the 8th to 10th avenue of Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. 7 persons were arrested including one woman.

Forty persons arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship

On 2 March 2017, the police and the soldiers carried out a search and control of the household records from the 13th to the 15th Avenue of Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. 40 people arrested who were afterwards released after paying 10,000 Bif each. Sources on the spot indicate that the signature of the head of quarter in the household records is 6,000 Bif for those who did not have it.

One person arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 2 March 2017, Léonidas Bumako, a COPED agent was arrested in a pub in Kayogoro, Makamba province by Major Gahomera, commander of the 221st Battalion based in Ruyigi province. On-site sources indicate that the arrest was linked to the activities of his brother who is currently on the run and is accused of having disrupted the country's security. This Major was on a family visit during the arrest.

Release of 7 persons in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

Information received by Iteka League on 10 March 2017 indicates that 7 persons who were detained by the authorities after being abducted by rebels were released. According to our sources, Gédéon Niyonkuru and Varès were detained in Kajaga police station cell in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, and the other five in Gatumba brigade in Gatumba zone of the same commune, Bujumbura rural province.

According to the same source, all had been abducted in the attack by an unidentified armed group dressed in military and police uniforms from Rukoko forest on 5 February 2017 at about 9:00 p.m on Kigwati I and II hill, in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. Escaped from the rebels, they returned on 22 February 2017 around 9:00 a.m., the police and the Imbonerakure of this area then arrested them, some of them taken to Rukaramu zone police cell, others to Gatumba brigade cell.

An FDN officer arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura mayorship.

As of March 4, 2017, Major Jean Claude Nibayubahe, alias Suguru was arrested by SNR agents in Muha commune, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, this FDN officer has disputed with an Imbonerakure in a pub commonly called "Chez Decobu" until fighting. He was afterwards abducted by SNR agents and then taken to Musaga urban zone cell in Bujumbura Mayorship. The information received by our office indicates that Major Jean Claude Nibayubahe alias Suguru was released on March 5, 2017 following the intervention of his ISCAM promotion friends.

Two persons arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of March 4, 2017, Ndunduri Nikoyangize and Innocent Nkengurutse were arrested on Kanyunya hill, Rukina zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to sources on the spot, these people were arrested during a search by soldiers and policemen on this hill. Nothing was found with them but the victims were taken aboard a truck from Mujejuru military camp and then taken to an unknown destination.

One person arrested in Makamba commune and province

A retired soldier named Ambroise Bashirahishize was arrested on 1 March 2017 after a search at his home located on Kinoso hill Makamba commune and province. A pair of worn-out military boots and socks was found in his house. According to witnesses, the search only targeted ex-FAB retirees. Mr. Bashirahishize was detained at Makamba police station. According to the police, there are no offenses against him except some military objects seized at his home. He was released in the afternoon of 2 March 2017, according to the same sources.

Ex-FAB policemen and soldiers are victims of waves of arrests recently in Makamba province. Most were arrested and taken to Murembwe central prison in Rumonge after searches were carried out at their homes. The recent series of arrests targeted a retiree with disability named Savin Nsavyimana of Nyanza-Lac commune.

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A woman arrested in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

On 28 February 2017, a woman named Mugwaneza, residing in Bugabira commune in Kirundo province was arrested by SNR agents and then taken to PJ Kirundo. According to sources on the spot, this Tutsi woman married to an ex-PMPA soldier from CNDDD-FDD was accused of having posted on facebook the doodled picture of President Pierre Nkurunziza. According to the same sources, her husband who had wanted to chase his wife for some time and then informed the SNR, has now begun the divorce proceedings arguing that he cannot live with a woman who is against President Pierre Nkurunziza. The same sources indicate that this woman does not even know how to use social networks.

Eight militants of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing arrested in Ngozi province

Eight members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing were arrested and taken to the PJ cell in Ngozi province on 20 February 2017 before being transferred to the central prison of the same province on 22 February 2017. The communal administrator of Ngozi ordered their arrest for holding secret meetings.

The eight people arrested were Benjamin Hitimana, Salvator Ndikumana, Nicodème Kameya, all from Ngozi commune, Norbert Ciza from Nyamurenza commune, François Bukuru from Tangara commune, Albert Ngendahayo from Mwumba, Emile Mutabazi from Busiga commune and Pascal Girabo from Kiremba commune. They were all in a pub called "Le destin", which is very close to the University of Ngozi.

These FNL militants of Agathon Rwasa's wing refute these allegations. Information provided by the militants of the same party indicates that they were drinking like other bar customers.

One person arrested in commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura rural province

As of February 21, 2017, Joel Bizimana, son of Kaziri Marcel and Vumiliya residing on Kigwati II hill, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was arrested by the SNR head in Mutimbuzi commune known as Nono accompanied by Imbonerakure Anicet Niyonzima alias Muzorewa and Bonaventure Ntahondereye of Kigwati I. This young man was accused of collaborating with armed groups. He is detained in Gatumba Brigade cell, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

A woman arrested in commune and province Bubanza

On 23 February 2017, on Nyarwonga sub-hill, Shari I hill, commune and Bubanza province, a woman named Jeanine Nahayo was arrested by the head of hill Oscar Gasereka accompanied by Imbonerakure. She was accused of having lodged in her house a man named Jean Paul Nkurunziza in the absence of her husband. This woman is being held in Bubanza police station cell.

One person arrested in commune and province Muyinga

On 23 February 2017, Bernard, an ex-FAB retired soldier resident on Mukoni hill, commune and Muyinga province was arrested by the SNR head in Muyinga. According to sources, he was accused of collaborating with those who attacked Mukoni military camp. Information received by the Iteka League indicates that Bernard was ransomed with a huge amount of money before being released.

FNL member arrested in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

Information received by Iteka League on 23 February 2017 indicates that Anicet Ndayisaba, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested on 29 January 2017 in Bukemba commune is detained in Rutana central prison.

According to sources on the spot, he was arrested after returning from Nduta refugee camp in Tanzania on 20 January 2017 accused of violating internal security.

According to the same sources, the victim was candidate at communal level of Amizero y'abarundi coalition during the 2015 elections in Buraza commune, Gitega province. As a victim of stigmatization from the Imbonerakure, he had preferred to exile in Tanzania in September 2015. After several months, he had decided to voluntarily return from exile and went to live with his sister living on Bareremba sub hill, Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, Rutana province. The victim was transferred from police station cell in Rutana province to Rutana prison on 8 February 2017. The chambers was held on 21 February 2017 but the decision is not yet known.

29 persons arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of February 23, 2017, policemen and soldiers carried out searches and household records check at the 15th and 16th Avenue in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. During the operation, five persons were arrested and four of them were released after paying a ransom of 10,000 Bif each while the other was taken to the police cell. This operation also took place on 24 February 2017 on avenues 9, 10 and 11 from No. 1 to No. 30 of the same zone where 16 people were arrested and taken to

the police cell. A person arrested among the 16 of 11th Avenue No. 14 paid a ransom of 20,000 Bif to be released. In Mutakura quarter, from 3rd Avenue to 7th Avenue, another 8 persons were arrested on February 25, 2017 and a person from 4th Avenue No. 4 paid 20,000 Bif to be released.

Eight members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

On February 20, 2017, eight members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing including three women were arrested by the police and detained in Magara zone police station cell, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. The victims were released by order of the Governor after intervention of an MP from Rumonge, according to a source on the spot.

A woman arrested and detained illegally in Cankuzo province

On February 17, 2017, Félicité Nshimirimana, a trader in Cankuzo market was arrested and detained by OPJ Henri Frère Manisha accusing her of being an accomplice in a motorcycle theft.

According to sources on the spot, this robbery was committed by the son of the victim named Sandugu, a man of about 30 years. The old lady was arrested because the alleged thief was not found by the police, which constitutes a violation of article 18 of the Burundi Penal Code, which stipulates that "*Criminal responsibility is individual: one may only be punished for his or her own acts*".

Two young people arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 16 February 2017, on Ndayi hill, Bikanka zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, two young people, Nduwayo, who had just been released by the presidential pardon and Claude finalist at ETS Kamenge were arrested by the police and detained at Mayuyu police station. They were accused of possessing in their phones messages insulting President Pierre Nkurunziza. According to our sources, these messages were seen when they were already in the cell.

One person arrested in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

On 15 February 2017, Léopold Nibirantije alias Rupopo, a health promotion technician at Mwiruzi CDS, Mugeru zone, Mishiha commune was arrested by the police on the order of the communal administrator, Anaclet Bizimana and taken to Mishiha commune cell, province Cankuzo. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of having spread leaflets listing persons to be killed. The latter are all CNDD-FDD influential ruling party officials. The same sources refer rather to a setup to arrest anyone who is against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

Three persons arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 10 February 2017, Clovis Ninteretse, a medical technician and employee at the Radiography Department at Kira Hospital and his two friends, Célestin Bizezwimana, REGIDESO employee and Normand Ndizeye, ECONET staff were arrested at around 4:00 p.m. in Kinanira quarter IV, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship.

According to sources on the spot, the police rushed into Clovis' house asking where his kitchen store was and he said he did not have any. The police forced him to show his kitchen where they found a small bag

containing potatoes, maize, avocados, beans and an old rusty gun and two chargers. The victim claimed not to know the origin of this bag. The police asked him if he had not just returned from Gitega province or Matana commune, which he firmly denied, explaining that he had not moved from his house all day.

The three friends were embarked in Clovis' vehicle and imprisoned in Musaga urban zone police station cell . A girl who was with them was directly released thanks to the intervention of a high ranking officer. Families and relatives denounce a setup and do not understand how the police could guess that there was a rifle in a bag in the kitchen. The information that reached Iteka League indicates that these three persons were released on 16 February 2017.

One person arrested and detained illegally in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

On 18 February 2017, Medard Nintunze, a native of Gitara hill, Mwumba zone, Mugamba commune, Bururi province, married and father of four children is arbitrarily detained in Bururi prison. He has just spent a 3-months detention without the chambers confirm his detention. He accuses the Bururi prosecutor of being corrupted by people with whom he has a land dispute. HROs assert that the detainee has committed no offense and that these are delaying tactics so that he can abandon the case. This violates article 111 al. of the Burundian CCP which stipulates that:

"The appearance before a judge must take place by 15 days of the issuance of the arrest warrant ...".

12 persons arrested in Kirundo province

As of February 16, 2017, Kirundo provincial Prosecutor and the SNR arrested 12 persons fleeing famine to Tanzania. They were arrested when they were on the buses in Kirundo province city leaving for Tanzania. The majority of those arrested are from Bugabira and Busoni communes. According to local sources, they spent the night at the province office before being forced to return to their households. According to the same sources, it is strictly prohibited to say that there is famine in this province. However, the most affected hills by famine include Rwibaga and Gatete in Busoni, Kiyonza, Rusagara and Nyakarama of Bugabira commune and Cewe, Runyonza and Rukuramigabo in Kirundo commune. The figures of those who have already fled famine are not yet known but the uninhabited houses are very numerous.

5 persons arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 18 February 2017, police accompanied by SNR agents arrested 5 persons in Cibitoke urban zone , Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, Cibitoke quarter was surrounded by police from the 1st to the 6th avenue before the arrest. They were taken to an unknown destination and the reason for the arrest remains unknown.

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

On February 18, 2017, during demonstrations against the facilitator's measure to invite those who are qualified as putschists by the Burundian government, Minani, a member of Sahwanya FRODEBU party was arrested in a restaurant by Imbonerakure on Bukeye hill, Nyanza-lake commune, Makamba province. Accused of uttering statements hostile to CNDD-FDD regime, he was taken to the police station of the commune and was released around 5:00 p.m. the same day.

A person arrested in commune and province Muramvya

Deogratias Nsengiyumva from Biganda hill, commune and province of Muramvya was arrested on 19 January 2017 and detained at Muramvya commune police station cell. According to sources on the spot, the victim was accused by SNR agents of illegal possession of weapons while no weapon had been found on him. His case was made on 9 February 2017 and the detainee was taken directly to Muramvya central prison.

One person arrested in Karusi province city

Simeon Nimbona, a Red Cross Burundi staff working in Karusi province was arrested and detained in Karusi provincial police station cell. The victim was at work while conducting a survey on the existence of gays in the region in preparation for training on HIV/AIDS. On February 9, 2017, he was transferred to Gitega Central Prison. Homosexuality is an offense in Burundi but this Red Cross agent has not committed any offense to deserve this treatment, according to an expert in law.

One person arrested in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On February 9, 2017, a doctor to Cibitoke hospital was arrested and taken to Cibitoke provincial police station cell. The police accused him of raping a woman whose identity was not specified. His family and colleagues protested sharply and denounced a grotesque and dangerous setup. According to local human rights defenders, justice must act independently to deal with this issue.

11 persons arrested in Bujumbura City downtown

11 persons were arrested on the evening of 7 February 2017 in Bujumbura downtown. According to sources on the spot, a street vendor and three other people were taken aboard a police van across from SOCABU. These witnesses also claim to have seen another police pick-up boarding three people. Another source said that they had witnessed the arrest of four men at OTB headquarters.

A person arrested in Ruyigi province

On 8 February 2017 around 5:00p.m., Mrs. Clavera Ntakarutimana was arrested in Ruyigi province city. According to sources on the spot, the victim is accused of illegal and fraudulent sale of sugar. In this case, she was denounced by Justin of Rusengo zone in Ruyigi commune, according to sources on the spot. After imprisonment for a few hours in Ruyigi police station cell, she was released around 10:00 p.m. the same day. She may have given a bribe of 500,000 Bif to the SNR head in Ruyigi province.

Four FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura rural province

As of 4 February 2017, four FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing, Jean Claude Muhitira, Bonaventure and Shabani, from Kagaragara sub-hill, Kigwati II hill, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune and Godefroid, from Gatumba zone were arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

According to witnesses, an SNR agent named Nono, the head of the Imbonerakure in the same commune named Népomuscène Dusengumuremyi accompanied by other Imbonerakure youth Jean Claude

Ntacobitwaye, Anicet Niyonzima, Deo Ngendakumana and Innocent Tuyisenge of Rukaramu zone in sector Kigwati I are the perpetrators of these arrests.

The victims were accused of being accomplices in the armed attack that targeted the adviser to President Pierre Nkurunziza in charge of communication Willy Nyamitwe on 28 November 2016 and in the attack on 4 December 2016 to Rukaramu zone. The three persons from Rukaramu zone were taken to Gatumba Brigade cell and the fourth one was taken to the SNR cell in Bujumbura Mayorship. The families of the victims denounced arrests for simply political reasons.

Two young people arrested in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of February 3, 2017, two young people Augustin Nzokizwanimana and Eric Nkunuzimana were arrested on the hill and Kibuye zone, Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to witnesses, a policeman named Mbonankira accompanied by the head of the Imbonerakure in Kibuye zone named Magufuri are the perpetrators of this arrest. According to our sources, they were accused of having participated in a FNL meeting of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Isare commune and were imprisoned in Isare commune police station cell.

One person arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 5 February 2017, around 9:00 am, Didier Ndenzako was arrested on Mutobo hill, Rukina zone, Mukike commune. According to witnesses, the victim was from exile in the DRC. He was arrested by policemen from Mayuyu police station in Mukike commune. While the Burundian government is calling for the return of refugees, those who attempt to return to their home country are arrested and accused of joining armed groups.

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One person arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

On 30 January 2017 at around 1:00 p.m., Nelson Manishimwe, alias Gaca was arrested in Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship.

On-site sources state that the victim was in a pub known as "Ku w'Ingoma". He was arrested by two people on a motorcycle. One was in police uniform and the other in civilian clothes. He was taken to the police station cell in Musaga urban zone where he was accused of possessing weapons and participating to armed groups. No weapons were found on him at his arrest, according to the same sources.

Three young people arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

Three young people Innocent, Ezéchiél and Longin Ntakarutimana, from Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province were arrested on 24 January 2017 in Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. The day before, the victims had just benefited from the presidential pardon.

According to eyewitnesses, policemen asked for their identity papers and showed their release permits. These policemen immediately took them to the municipal police station cell where they were interrogated

all night by an OPJ. The crime they are accused of is "belonging to armed groups," according to the same sources.

Various information indicates that those who have benefited from this pardon are under strong observation so that they cannot cross borders and leave the country.

Two people arrested in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 21, 2017, a female police officer Manera Ntakirutimana was arrested with her husband in Musaga zone of Bujumbura Mayorship after a search in a household on 2nd Avenue of Musaga zone. According to sources on the spot, used police uniforms were found in this house where this family lived before moving Kanyosha urban zone . Police accused them of collaborating with rebel groups. These same sources indicate that this female police officer is detained in the municipal police station cell while her husband was taken to Musaga urban zone cell.

Three persons arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On January 24, 2017, three persons, Eddy Ndikubwayo, Kwirikiye and Calixte were arrested by policemen of Mayuyu police station on Ndayi hill, Bikanka zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to sources on the spot, police accused them of holding a grenade while nothing compromising was found during the search. The victims were taken to the public prosecutor's cell in Kabezi commune.

One person arrested in commune and province Rutana

On January 24, 2017, around 10 a.m., a gas station attendant named Samuel was arrested on ENGEN gas station located in Birongozi in Rutana province city. According to source on site, provincial head of SNR, Jovin Cishahayo, took him to a secret cell located in his residence accusing him of selling oil in cans. He was released around 4 p.m. on the same day with a prohibition of selling oil in cans anymore.

Two persons arrested in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

On 9 January 2017, Cyrille Nshimirimana, a native of Rweteto area, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province was the victim of arbitrary arrest. The victim was charged with cohabitation and subtraction of legal obligations and was detained in Bukeye commune police station. He was released on 27 January 2017 by the prosecutor's office, which found that the detainee had been the victim of injustice.

Another citizen named Laidi Ndayizeye was also the victim of arbitrary arrests on 6 January 2017 and detained in Bukeye commune police station, accused of attempted assassination and incest. According to source on site, the victim appeared at the public prosecutor's office on 27 January 2017.

The two cases violate Article 111 para. 3 of the Burundian CCP, which provides that: "The appearance before a judge must take place at the latest within 15 days of the issuance of the arrest warrant ...".

At least 100 people arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of January 25, 2017, after the gunfire of January 24, 2017 evening in Gitaramuka quarter, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship, security forces have surrounded the quarter. According to sources on the spot, more than 100 persons were retained and released after checking the household records. The persons arrested were gathered at the zone office and were all registered in the household records and had their ID cards, according to the same sources.

Two people arrested in Gihosha Commune, Bujumbura Marie

On the morning of January 21, 2017, John Ndikumwami, an ADB agent and his wife, Philothee, were arrested at their home in Mutanga north quarter of Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, the couple was directly taken to the SNR cell in Bujumbura Mayorship. The victim would be accused of not supporting CNDD-FDD regime and of not advocating for its cause to the bank authorities. Information received by Iteka League on 23 January 2017 indicates that John Ndikumwami was released but his wife was taken to Mpimba Central Prison.

Ex-FAB soldier arrested in Muramvya commune and province

On January 19, 2017, a retired soldier named Deo Nsengiyumva was arrested on Biganda hill, commune and Muramvya province. According to police sources, this former soldier is accused of attempting to murder his wife with bayonets. According to information collected from his family, the police invented an offense to justify the arrest of this former soldier it rather accused of PBA. After a search at home, the police said to seize a grenade, a military uniform and military boots. The soldier is detained at the provincial police station in Muramvya province. This arrest fits into the logic of the repression organized by CNDD-FDD regime against ex-FAB soldiers, according to sources on the spot.

Four foreigners of French origin arrested in Kirundo province

On January 19, 2017, four French nationals were arrested on Rukiramigabo and Ceru hills, Kirundo commune and province. SNR agents placed them in custody at the police station in Kirundo province, suspecting them of disrupting the security of the country. The ambassador of France to Burundi said that these arrests were due to a misunderstanding. These French were released afterwards.

A person arrested and arbitrarily detained in Songa commune, Bururi province

A man named Fabien Nzikoruriho was arrested and arbitrarily detained at the police station in Songa commune on 17 January 2017. According to sources, the reason for his arrest is linked to land conflicts with his neighbors. The same sources indicate that the head of the post in this area is complicit for being corrupt. The purpose is to intimidate Fabien so that his neighbors proceed to the deforestation of the eucalyptus which is disputed.

An official of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Ruyigi province

On 17 January 2017, Déodette Nakagoma, leader of FNL party women's league, Agathon Rwasa's wing, Ruyigi, Cankuzo and Rutana provinces was arrested in Ruyigi province.

According to information collected on the spot, the activist was arrested by the provincial commissioner on the order of the prosecutor's office without the prosecutor is aware of it. This explains that policemen have pre-signed arrest warrants that are completed in case of targeted arrests. She is accused of facilitating the entry of arms from abroad.

Police source reports that weapons were seized in Ngarama, Gisuru and Nyabitsinda areas and that persons caught in the act with these weapons accuse the woman of having distributed them in the 2015 elections. The FNL chairman and an MP elected in Ruyigi, Pascal Ngirumuremyi denounces a set-up by the brother-in-law of the communal administrator Leonidas Ndayisaba and Leopold who received cash for this despicable act. All observers confirm the set-up and denounce a purely political arrest. The MP denounces the imprisonment of his party members so that the ruling party stand alone in the 2020 elections.

An ex-FAB soldier arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On the morning of January 16, 2017, Thérance Ntirabampa, a retired ex-FAB soldier was arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province. According to sources on the spot, the victim was arrested after a search by police at his home located on Mbizi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. The police discovered a pair of boots and out-of-use handcuffs. They took him to the police station in Kibago commune where he was detained. The family of this retiree as well as his neighbors deplores a well-organized repression that targets ex-FAB soldiers.

Six persons arrested in Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of January 15, 2017, six persons Thierry Nkurunziza, Diomède Masarabaga, Gerard Nsengiyumva, Christian Habonimana, Jean Yves Ngarukiyintwari and Hermenegilde Bigirimana alias Kigoma, all FNL party members Agathon Rwasa wing were arrested on Kavumu hill, Muyira zone, Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province by the police commissioner named Leonidas nicknamed Facebook, SNR agent.

Sixty persons arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of January 14, 2017, sixty persons were arrested by police in Kinanira I quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship, during a search. According to sources, they were grouped at the handicraft center of Musaga where some were forced to pay ransoms and others forced to buy badges to be released.

Thirteen persons arrested in commune and province Bubanza

Thirteen persons, including 11 of Muramba zone and 2 of Mitakataka zone in commune and Bubanza province were arrested and imprisoned in Bubanza province police station cell. Some were arrested on January 6, 2017 and others on 9 January 2017. According to our sources, the victims were from the church "Iriba ry'amahoro" and are accused of organizing unauthorized prayer meetings.

An ex-FAB soldier re-arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

As of January 12, 2017, a retired ex-FAB, Savin Nsavyimana was re-arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. According to his family sources, the victim was accused of collaborating with rebel groups. This same source is much concerned on the manhunt targeting any retired ex-FAB soldier in this area. Under the fear of an imminent rebellion, the Burundian government is repressing any President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term alleged opponent, according to an ODH on the spot in Makamba province.

The victim is detained in Nyanza-Lac commune police station cell on the order of the public prosecutor in Makamba Fidèle Nyabenda. He had already been arrested on 25 December 2016 at home after a search that targeted six houses in Gitunda quarter, Nyanza-Lac commune. The prosecutor had released him after a few days because his detention was deemed illegal. This judge was then sanctioned after this release of Savin Nsavyimana considered as a criminal by the prosecutor. It is in this context that this retiree is again arrested.

An ex-FAB soldier arrested in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 12, 2017, an ex-FAB soldier ranked Major named Elie Niyonkuru was arrested at his home in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship. According to witnesses, SNR agents took him to the SNR cell, close to Regina Mundi Cathedral, in Bujumbura Mayorship. Surprisingly for the family and neighbors, the officer was accused of possessing several military uniforms, which surprised many. An army officer cannot have a single work uniform, wonders our source. SNR sources rather denounce an

intimidation system. The officer is a cousin of Warrant Officer Eddy Claude Nyongera who was assassinated in the SNR office in November 2016. He had just interrupted his mission in Somalia to attend the burial of his mother and sister, SNR had misinterpreted this intention. He was afterwards released the next day after his arrest. This family relationship with the late Eddy Claude Nyongera would be the reason for the harassment.

Fifteen persons arrested in Bwiza urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of 9 January 2017, around 6 a.m., 15 persons were arrested after checking the household records in Jabe II quarter, Bwiza urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. They were taken to a police position at the Bwiza Municipal High School. Some were released after paying ransoms.

A quarter head arrested in Nyakabiga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

Huguette Kamugisha, Kigwati III quarter head of Nyakabiga urban zone , CNDD-FDD member and official of Bujumbura Mayorship, was arrested on 5 January 2017 at Kigwati III quarter, Nyakabiga urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. SNR agents who arrested her did not reveal the reason for her arrest. She was later transferred to Mpimba Central Prison.

A member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing arrested in Kanyosha urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

Japhet Ntwari, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing was arrested on 7 January 2017 in Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. Sources on the spot indicate that an Imbonerakure named Damien is the author of this arrest and that the latter immediately handed him over to the SNR officer named Onésime in Muha commune.

An ex-FAB officer arrested in Ngagara urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

An ex-FAB officer ranked Colonel Pierre Claver Nduwayo living in quarter V of Ngagara urban zone was arrested on 6 January 2017. Sources from his family indicated that the victim was immediately taken to Mpimba Central Prison. Policemen who arrested him did not reveal the reason for his arrest. According to the same sources, this arrest comes within the manhunt context against ex-FAB soldiers.

At least 15 young people arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

As of January 6, 2017, at least 15 young people were arrested in Kinanira quarter, in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship. According to witnesses, these young people were arrested after a military search carried out in Kinanira quarter, Musaga urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. During the search, these soldiers had checked the household records and the ID cards. Some of these young people were released after paying a ransom of 5000 Bif each.

One person arrested in Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 5 January 2017, Egide Ntunzwenimana was arrested on Mirama hill, Muyira zone, Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to sources on the spot, Imbonerakure young people forced the victim to remarry with the first woman named Evelyne Bayisabe he legally divorced. He was taken to Kanyosha commune police cell. Egide has documents justifying the divorce obtained in accordance with the law. He remarried with a second wife and 3 children are from this remarriage. The couple is currently living in Kamenge urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship, according to the same sources.

Two persons arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

As of January 4, 2017, Bernard Bandiko, head of Buheka hill since 2015 and member of UPRONA party not recognized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and a nicknamed Innocent were arrested on the order of the SNR officer in Makamba province. They were all detained at Makamba province police station. The hill head is accused of having suspicious messages in his cell phones.

A couple arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

Faustin Ntahuga alias Mustafa and his wife were arrested on 3 January 2017 at 3rd Avenue in Musaga zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. The couple was taken by an SNR agent known as Joe Dassin in a Starlet car with tinted windows. Burundian police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said on the same day that Faustin Ntahuga is held in the SNR cell and is being prosecuted for organizing demonstrations against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. His wife was later released, according to sources on the spot.

Three persons arrested in Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 2, 2017, Benoît Ndoricimpa, manager of the restaurant "Chez André" and his two employees Nadège Nkunzimana and Juvenal Amissi were arrested in the case of the assassination of the Minister of Water, Environment and land planning and taken to the SNR. Both employees were arrested after their boss was arrested. The restaurant owner's wife Verena Stam denounces this triple arbitrary and unjust arrest because the minister was murdered at home and not in the pub. Benoit Ndoricimpa and his two employees were released afterwards.

Fifty-two persons arrested in commune and province Rumonge

As of January 3, 2017, fifty-two persons were arrested in Rumonge town of during a police raid in hotels in Rumonge province. Very early in the morning, the police in the company of administrative officers carried out a raid in the hotels of Rumonge city. Among those arrested were 30 men and 22 women. Some people did not have ID cards. Among them were 19 women who were then sent back to their home provinces. They were from the provinces of Ngozi, Kayanza, Gitega, Karusi, Ruyigi, Bujumbura rural, Makamba and Rumonge. They were transported by truck to their provinces escorted by policemen. They complained that according to the constitution, every citizen has the right to settle where he wants on Burundian territory and they have not had time to gather their packages. These women ask the human rights associations to plead for their cause. As for the men who have been imprisoned, those who have paid ransoms have been released. According to the senior advisor to the governor of Rumonge province, this raid was carried out for the purpose of uprooting prostitution.

Eight persons arrested in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

Eight persons including the head of Muhabo hill, Therence Tunanyi were arrested on 1 January 2017 on Muhabo and Nyakimonyi hills, Mugamba commune, Bururi province. Witnesses say they were arrested by the police and the army while they were in a pub. The reason for their arrest remains unknown.

1.5. FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

In a statement released on 6 February 2017, a UN panel of experts condemned the suspension of five CSOs and the Iteka League. These experts regret the adoption by the National Assembly of two bills aimed at closely controlling the action of local and international NGOs. This new legislation requires local NGOs to obtain authorization from the Minister of Home Affairs for any activity and receive foreign aid. These experts find that these regulations are aimed at destroying the actions of the ODHs.

The announcement draws the Government's attention on the allegations concerning cases of enforced disappearances. It cites the example of Marie Claudette Kwizera, former treasurer of Iteka League disappeared on December 10, 2015.

These UN experts conclude their statement by urging the Burundian government to put an end to the climate of impunity and cooperate with the UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi and OHCHR with a view to ending a crisis in the country.

1.6. FAIR JUSTICE IN BURUNDI

The 3rd-term disputed regime uses judicial authorities to repress any citizen alleged opponent to President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime. Political considerations have taken precedence over the values of justice and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

Perpetuity against three soldiers in Gitega province

Five persons including three soldiers and two civilians appeared on 15 March 2017 before the Muha TGI on roaming in Gitega city. The 3 soldiers are accused by the OMP of attempted murder of Lieutenant General Prime Niyongabo, FDN Chief of Staff on the morning of 11 September 2015, illegal possession of weapons and attempted overthrow of the Republic institutions. The two civilians are accused of complicity. They were guarding a house in Ngagara where the alleged perpetrators might have retreated after the operation. All the accused rejected the charges against them. They in turn raised several irregularities which have enameled this trial in particular the cases of torture they were victims at SNR. The deputy prosecutor in Gitega requested a life sentence for the 3 soldiers and 20 years of imprisonment against the 2 civilians. Civilians have revealed that they have been tortured, the reason why they have accepted things they have not done. The defence requested that all the accused be released. The case was placed under consideration and the verdict is expected in 1 month. However, the OMP has not yet said nothing on the perpetrators of the assassination of the former Chief of Staff of the army, Colonel Jean Bikomagu, killed outside his home on 15 August 2015 in Kabondo.

Eight people acquitted still in Mpimba Central Prison

On 14 March 2017, eight people acquitted by the court in Bujumbura in early February continued languishing in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura mayorship. Accused of illegal possession of weapons, PBA and attack on the internal security of the State, the magistrates had held that these offenses were not established. Despite the judgment, the prison authorities refused them the release ticket. These persons had been arrested on 28 July 2016 on three transport buses in Rumonge. According to a judicial source, the decision to keep them in prison came from the SNR.

Nine people detained illegally in Muyinga province

On 15 March 2017, nine persons from Muyinga province appeared before the Ngozi Court of Appeal. Arrested in June 2015 accused of PBA, they had been acquitted by Muyinga TGI on 15 February 2017. They hoped to obtain their release in accordance with the law, but the public prosecutor in Muyinga

ordered their transfer to Ngozi prison. He should have first released them and then appeal. 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 until the judgement, the accused shall remain 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".

A soldier victim of a fast lawsuit in Muyinga province

Corporal Pierre Ntahomvukiye, arrested on 26 January 2017 at Mutukura military camp and transferred to Muyinga where he was tortured before being detained in Muyinga Central Prison, appeared in public hearing to get his judgement on 9 March 2017. Desperate since the beginning of his file on the fate reserved for him where there were several irregularities found, the TGI Muyinga sentenced him to 20 years in prison. He is accused by the OMP of having murdered his chief Major Dieudonné Karashira of Mutukura military camp in the night of January 25, 2017 in Cankuzo province. The Major was to arrest the Corporal who was mentioned in the attack on Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province.

In public hearing on 9 March 2017, Corporal Pierre Ntahomvukiye acknowledged the facts but indicated that he had killed him by accident. He asserted that he had not premeditated this murder. The public prosecutor's office in Muyinga had demanded a life sentence against him.

The army spokesman had though said that a group of bandits had attempted to commit armed robbery in the camp without success. On the assassination of Major Dieudonné Karashira, Colonel Gaspard Baratuza told the press that he was accidentally killed by an element patrolling in the camp.

Detainees transferred illegally to other prisons

On 25 March 2017, a prisoner named Jean Marie Haragakiza and another named Charles were abducted from Mpimba prison in Bujumbura mayorship around 12:00 p.m. to be transferred to other prisons. They were summoned to the direction of the prison and they did not return to their cells. Jean Marie had come from Rumonge prison on 23 February 2017 with four others including Charles, Sherif and Libere where he was the chief in charge of detainees' security. On 25 February 2017 Jean Marie Haragakiza was strangled by Imbonerakure of Mpimba Prison in collaboration with the Deputy Chief of Security of Prisoners and was rescued by the detainees. On the same day, others who were in the same cell were beaten. Jean Marie Haragakiza is currently in Muyinga and Charles in Gitega. Our source is concerned about how they are being mistreated and fears they may be killed. Illegal transfers of detainees have become commonplace and initially, families and human right observers think of abductions.

Injustice in the release of a detainee in Muramvya province

On 20 March 2017, Remy Bimenyimana, a resident of Gatabo zone, Kiganda commune, Muramvya province was released by the prosecutor's office before entering Muramvya central prison. According to one source, all began with a search of his home which resulted in the discovery in his home of military equipment, medicines, several CNI and national flags. The same sources indicate that Remy Bimenyimana is the head of Imbonerakure in Gatabo zone.

Detainees illegally transferred to other prisons

Colonel Dieudonné Dushimagize was hurriedly taken on 15 February 2017 from Mpimba central prison in Bujumbura Mayorship to that of Bubanza without his knowledge and without the knowledge of his family. HROs thought of abduction. The room of Colonel Dieudonné Dushimagize in this Mpimba central prison had been searched on 13 February 2017. His cell phone was seized and was beaten by Imbonerakure youth in Mpimba central prison who get missions from the SNR. The detainee was not allowed to take his affairs which had been ransacked. Colonel Dieudonné Dushimagize was arrested early in October 2016. The police accused him of having participated in the murder attempt against the chief advisor of President Nkurunziza in charge of communication to the presidency of the Republic Willy Nyamitwe. At that time, Colonel Dushimagize, alias Gangi was already imprisoned in Mpimba.

As of February 17, 2017, the Judicial Records Manager Léa Pascasie Nzigamasabo swept away allegations from detainee's families who often worry about transfers without their knowledge.

Lea Pascasie Nzigamasabo said that no detainee is transferred from one prison to another illegally. It states that the transfer of a detainee may be linked to the safety of the detainees themselves, to the preservation of evidence when many detainees share the same case. Transferred detainees may be the cause of unrest in a prison or at the request of a detainee who believes that his security is endangered or to get close to his family.

She said that a written note should accompany a detainee changing his place of detention but recognizes that his family members may be delayed to be informed.

Soldiers detained in Muyinga demand judicial assistance

Lieutenant Moïse Nimubona who worked at Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province, Warrant Officer Nizigiyimana of Kirundo military camp, Nkuzimana of the same military camp, Master Corporal Hatungimana of the 220th Brigade and Corporals Ngomirakiza, Niyungeko and Ntahomvukiye of the 222nd Infantry Battalion of Mutukura in Cankuzo province, all in Muramvya province prison are alerting HRDs to provide them with judicial assistance and follow closely their cases. They are accused of being in cahoots with those who attacked Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province. They were all arrested on 26 January 2017 and spent the night in the SNR cell of Muyinga province before being transferred the next day to Muyinga the central prison in a critical state following torture suffered. They were interrogated by the judges of the TGI Muyinga chambers on 10 February 2017 without judicial assistance. The chambers decided to keep them in jail arguing that the investigations continue. They are asking local and international HRDs to follow their cases closely because they are victims of a setup and fear at any time to be victims of abduction and summary executions.

Sentencing of an FNL member in Ruyigi province

In a court case without evidence involving members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, a lady named Déodette Nakagoma, teacher at Notre Dame de Ruyigi Lycée and Regional Commissioner of FNL party in the provinces of Rutana, Ruyigi and Cankuzo was sentenced on 24 February 2017 to two years' imprisonment. The victim is accused in a case of distribution of firearms in which the MP Pascal

Bizumuremyi is also involved. Human rights observers denounce a biased and political judgment while the prosecution does not show evidence of this conviction.

Conviction of soldiers in the context of repression against the ex-FAB

On February 10, 2017, seven soldiers including one Lieutenant and six Corporals have appeared before Musinga TGI. They are prosecuted for internal security violation and attempted gang robbery with guns in the controversial attack on Mukoni military camp in Musinga province.

These soldiers are accused of participating in the attack to Mukoni military camp in Musinga province city in January 2017. They were arrested on 27 January in the camps of Kirundo, Gitega, Mutukura and Mukoni. All these soldiers were tortured to extract confessions from them.

Another group of 18 people including seven soldiers, one policeman and ten civilians had been sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment with a fine of five million Bif in the same case on 26 January 2017. Two of the workers of the pub to the SOS Children's Village were released after paying a fine of 100,000 Bif each.

The Musinga TGI has judged the soldiers in critical condition following torture by security officers. Prisons have then accepted to receive torture victims without requiring the latter to be treated first. They keep suffering in these prisons, which deny them to have specialized care. Meanwhile, those close to the regime including the Imbonerakure commit crimes and are unpunished.

Hence, Chief Warrant Officer Félicien Harerimana was severely wounded on the arm following torture, was judged by TGI Musinga and transferred to Muramvya central prison in that state without any medical assistance.

Corporal Fulgence Ndayikengurukiye is in critical condition in Rumonge central prison. Sources on the spot say he had wounds all over his body. He was unable to stand up because of torture he suffered at his arrest. The same sources claim that this detainee's testicles were wounded and was forced to eat human excreta. He was transferred on 28 January to Rumonge prison from Mukoni camp in Musinga province. The public hearing at Musinga TGI took place in a context of atrocious physical suffering for these individuals.

On February 10, 2017, an ex-FAB Colonel, Tite Serudugu appeared before Gitega Court of Appeal. This retired former senior officer of the Burundian army is accused by the public prosecutor of illegal possession of weapons, complicity in assassination and embezzlement.

Colonel Serudugu Tite's two lawyers, Mr. Eric Ntibandetse and Mr. Egide Kineza demanded their client be released and say that these charges are unfounded especially since Colonel Tite Serudugu had handed over all the weapons in his possession. Colonel Tite Serudugu was imprisoned in Gitega central prison since 14 December 2016.

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Fast lawsuits

On January 26, 2017, at Musinga TGI, 18 people including 7 soldiers, a policeman and 10 civilians arrested in the case of "organized gang in gun crime ", perpetrated by, according to the SNR, near Mukoni

military camp have appeared in public hearing. In this case surrounded by several dark clouds that observers and witnesses refer to as a set-up of security services to arrest alleged opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's third term

According to sources on the spot, there were among the soldiers appeared those who were in critical condition due to torture by policemen and Imbonerakure. Corporal Fulgence Ndayikengurutse had been deprived of food since his arrest and his arm had been broken. He was screaming all the time during the hearing. Corporal Eric Ndagijimana could not stand and answered questions from the judges lying on the ground as a result of torture he had suffered. Corporal Richard Nkurunziza answered the judges' questions with difficulty, with three teeth broken. Corporal Amedee Niyukuri had a wound after a hot iron sheet had been laid on his body.

Analysts of daily reports denounced the fact that the case was considered as flagrant though the persons arrested had not been arrested in flagrante delicto and were arrested in different places. The tribunal has acted under pressure from the regime and accepted to interrogate persons visibly under torture and in the absence of their lawyers. Normally, and in accordance with the law, the judge orders that the wounded be treated first.

Furthermore, Article 210 of the CCP gives the defendant the right to choose a lawyer, which is a formality of public order

Article 214 of the same Code specifies that *"if the case cannot be judged, the judge orders the case to be referred to the next hearing"*. This raised a lot of concern on the fate of these defendants. Seven soldiers and one policeman were sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment and fined 5 million Burundian francs each. Two waiters of a pub located in the premises of the Red Cross in Muyinga province were sentenced to pay a fine of 100,000 Bif for hosting a meeting to prepare the coup and the pub was closed for a three-month period. This confirmed the assumption that this conspiracy targeted the ex-FAB soldiers suspected to be against the President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

The 3rd-term disputed regime uses judicial authorities to repress any citizen alleged opponent to President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime. Many victims including ex-FAB soldiers and policemen are recorded in the country following the aborted attempt of the military coup of 13 May 2015 and the protest movement in April and May 2015 against the third term which violated the Constitution and the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi. Burundi is increasingly becoming a country where impunity has taken precedence over the values of justice, honor and respect for life.

Our report has continued to raise cases of injustice against alleged political opponents and impunity for crimes committed by those close to CNDD-FDD regime. For this period, we are denouncing the case of two SOSUMO employees Bigirimana Philippe and Nicaise Nahimana victims of injustice while they have committed no crime. We should still and always denounce the imprisonment of the two employees arrested since December 12, 2016, accused by the prosecutor of Rutana province for "insulting the head of state and attempted murder." They were acquitted by the High Court of Rutana and the decision dated January 2, 2017 but is still in prison following an appeal from the prosecution to the Appeal Court of Bururi. As of January 26, 2017, this court roamed in Rutana Province and they were finally released.

Similar cases are commonplace in our country where the public prosecutor's offices under the weight of political pressure from CNDD-FDD ruling party are instruments of repression against alleged political opponents.

1.7. RIGHT TO FAMILY LIFE

After the governor of Makamba province, that of Muyinga conditions marriage with one's own house. As of February 6, 2017, Aline Manirabarusha, governor of Muyinga Province who publicly expressed this wish said, "A boy who is not able to build his own house has only to wait". Young people in Muyinga province must now comply with some conditions to think about marriages. It's about building one's own house and a good mattress to step to the engagement period afterwards.

Some of the young people who heard the words of the governor in her speech on the occasion of the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the proclamation of the charter of national unity indicate that such a speech does not take into account the current misery situation.

"Some people cannot get married due to poverty for lack of marriage ceremonies expenses and a house is added," said one of the young people in Muyinga who said that even his parents have not their own house yet.

The governor of Muyinga refers to the policy in force under the 2nd republic where the boy should show a plantation of coffee, cassava fields, sweet potato before going to the civil registry, worries our source. This speech was also delivered by the Governor of Bubanza Province.

1.8. RIGHT TO L'EDUCATION

MARCH 2017

Suspension of courses at the UB, Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 30, 2017, the students of the UB suspended the courses. The examinations of the BAC III students and other classes did not take place. Sources say they are demanding the release of the two comrades in custody to resume classes. The detained students are Élysée Dushime, delegate in the Finance and Accounting Department of the Faculty of Economics and Audace Nkuzimana, Deputy General Delegate of the IPA. They are held in one of the SNR cells, police sources said.

School drop-outs are very worrying during the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year at the fundamental as well as post-fundamental levels and the reasons are poverty, unwanted pregnancies and early marriages.

Some illustrative cases:

In Bururi province

Information received by Iteka League on 12 March 2017 indicates that there are more and more school dropouts in secondary schools. According to the DPE, 456 pupils out of 34,509 secondary school pupils have already dropped out.

Commune	Number of dropouts
Bururi	140

Matana	54
Mugamba	99
Rutovu	87
Songa	53
Vyanda	23

In the first quarter, a rate of 2% is already recorded according to the DPE. Given the increasing number of dropouts, the rate could rise to 4% at the end of the 2nd quarter, according to the DPE. The latter gives estimates at the end of the year of 5%.

Cases are distributed as follows: poverty with 60 cases registered, the move with 77 cases registered, unwanted pregnancies with 23 cases registered, death with 6 cases registered, diseases with 30 registered cases, early marriages with 18 cases registered and other causes with 240 cases recorded.

In Cibitoke province

In total, throughout Cibitoke province there were 8,812 cases of dropout.

Classification of drop-outs per commune in primary and secondary education level

Communes	Primary school	Secondary school
Mabayi	3321	25
Rugombo	2754	336
Mugina	871	131
Murwi	511	69
Buganda	358	19
Bukinanyana	337	80
Total	8152	660

The main reason for these dropouts is poverty. Children lack food and prefer drop out. For Rugombo and Buganda communes, the WFP is feeding children in some schools with school canteen project. According to our sources, some headmasters do not give unbiased data to their seniors to show that they better supervise children.

Strike of teachers in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

As of March 13, 2017, the teachers of Gitwa ECOFO, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province stopped courses. According to sources on the spot, these teachers are claiming for the strengthening of their security after a group of young people armed with machetes have entered classrooms. These youths threatened to kill a teacher who had punished an offending student. The police had to intervene but the perpetrators arrested were released afterwards. Several educators claim to have suffered death threats from these students and asked for a meeting to find a solution to this problem.

Gunshot repression of a demonstration of students and about ten wounded in Rutovu commune, Bururi province

In the morning of March 7, 2017, in Muhweza zone, Rutovu commune, Bururi province, the pupils of Bigomogomo communal lycee rioted against the authorities of this school. According to sources on the spot, they obstructed the road from the pyramid to Muhweza. The police of this area vigorously intervened to calm the situation. The latter shot live bullets on them and a dozen students were seriously injured. The same sources indicate that the reason is the school fees rise in the middle of the 2nd quarter. The direction decided to review the cost of the school fees during the 2nd quarter which went from 11,000 to 13,500 Bif. An increase that parents and students find unjustified. According to sources in Rutovu, the communal council was not associated with this increase. The DPE Bururi declares that it has delegated the DCE to resolve this issue.

In the same commune of Rutovu, the pupils of the technical school of Kamembe had suspended classes requiring computers and those of Tora High School of Mugamba commune of the same Bururi province had rioted to claim for enough food after the leadership of Tora High School decided to halve the usual quantity of food.

Mistreatment of ECOFO Bwica teachers, in Muyinga commune

Information received by Iteka League this month indicates that ill-treatment is being reported from ECOFO Bwica to teachers in Cumba, Commune and Muyinga province. According to sources on the spot, these teachers are victims of not being of CNDD-FDD party members and work under conditions different from the other teachers from the ruling party. When the working time is set at 8:00 a.m., these teachers not CNDD-FDD members are obliged to arrive at work at 7:30 a.m. upon pain of severe penalties in case of being late. In addition, they work all day long when their colleagues from CNDD-FDD work half a day. They denounced this unjust ill-treatment as they walk more than 10 km to get to the work. According to sources from the ruling party, these measures were taken to force these teachers to join CNDD-FDD party otherwise they will eventually be dismissed and replaced.

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Bubanza Province

Two thousand five hundred and thirty-two pupils in Bubanza have dropped out at the end of the first term, according to figures provided by DPE Bubanza. This rate of more than 2% worries the education authorities. According to the DPE, the schools of the communes where rain was rare have experienced a high rate of dropouts. Gihanga commune tops the list where production was too low during agricultural season A. The communes of Mpanda, Rugazi and Musigati have more than 2.4% of dropouts. The lack of food in households is the main reason for this phenomenon. In schools with school canteens, there are few drop-outs compared to schools without food service: 916 pupils Vs 1616.

According to information collected from Musigati, pupils who do not give up seek to enroll in schools where children are fed and are not numerous. In total out of 229 ECOFO, 67 have school canteens. The canteens are funded by WFP.

The DPE Bubanza considers that school canteens are a solution to keep pupils at school. A request has been made to WFP to establish these canteens in schools that do not have them, especially those in schools affected by a food shortage.

Cankuzo Province

Information received by Iteka League on 25 February 2017 shows some cases of drop-outs in Cankuzo province, including 2073 cases of drop-outs at primary school level throughout the province, in fundamental : cases from the 7th to 9th: 40 Cases in Cankuzo commune, 57 cases in Cendajuru commune, 65 cases in Gisagara commune, 40 cases in 7th form in Kigamba commune. At post-9th form: 120 cases of drop-outs were reported. The most cited reasons are poverty and hunger. These data are for the first quarter only.

Rutana Province

In Rutana province, drop-outs in the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year are also worrying. The following tables are available at DPE office.

1st cycle: 1st form to 6th form

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	227	212	439
GIHARO	938	881	1819
GITANGA	204	194	398
MPINGA KAYOVE	287	228	515
MUSONGATI	267	182	449
RUTANA	262	226	488
TOTAL	2185	1923	4108

4th cycle: 7th form to 9th form

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	63	80	143
GIHARO	131	78	209
GITANGA	52	65	117

MPINGA KAYOVE	72	86	158
MUSONGATI	62	68	130
RUTANA	48	44	92
TOTAL	428	421	849

Post fundamental

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	14	4	18
GIHARO	15	7	22
GITANGA	16	5	21
MPINGA KAYOVE	12	8	20
MUSONGATI	15	16	31
RUTANA	20	6	26
TOTAL	92	46	138

The major causes are poverty, unwanted pregnancy and early marriages

Participation of pupils in political activities in Makamba province

Parents of pupils in Makamba province are growling up against the involvement of their children to political activities. Indeed, the Makamba administration keep involving pupils in political activities, which the parents of these students deplore because it may distract them and make them forget the main mission of the school, which is that of studying.

These parents say so after the administration has forced school principals to involve pupils in demonstrations organized on 18 February 2017 and the school principals have implemented the instruction. All the students of 7th form ECOFO of the whole province have attended these demonstrations.

The pupils say they should go to their activities but that every Saturday they are obliged to partake either in different demonstrations or in different community works. They ask that these activities be carried out by adults and let the students go for their school activities.

It is the same for parents and students in the provinces of Karusi, Cibitoke and Rumonge who deplore the forced involvement of their children in CNDD-FDD activities, according to our sources.

Student-Educator confrontations at ECOFO Gihanga, Bubanza Province

A teacher, Gilbert Kwizerimana was wounded and admitted on the evening of 14 February 2017 to Bubanza hospital due to beatings by his own pupils in the morning at ECOFO Gihanga commune and province Bubanza.

A motorcyclist who tried to scare the student who was the perpetrator of the assault on the teacher was also hospitalized as he was beaten to death by the teacher's colleagues. Another student was beaten by the teacher's brother to avenge the latter.

According to the Principal of this school, the teacher Gilbert Kwizerimana was the victim of having punished this pupil because he was late to school. The student attacked the teacher before beating him with fists, feet and sticks. Emile Ndayishimiye principal of this school said that on 15 February 2017, school activities were suspended. A delegation from DCE Bubanza met with the teachers of this school to ease the tension. These teachers demand exemplary punishments against the promoters.

Six students suspected of being proponents of the attack on this teacher were arrested by police on the evening of 14 February 2017. The pupil responsible for the disorder was able to escape. In Bubanza province, students often have the habit of attacking their educators.

1.9. RIGHT TO PROPERTY

The right to property appears to be threatened in Burundi. Besides measures of land spoliation for the building of state infrastructure and protection of environment, other measures have been taken, including the registration of plots and land by their owners. This measure is taken when hundreds of thousands of Burundians are in exile following the crisis that is hitting Burundi and can not return to the country.

Illustrative cases:

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Worrying measure vis-à-vis plot owners in Bujumbura mayorship

Bujumbura mayorship has recalled all the owners of built or undeveloped plots located in Bujumbura city that in accordance with the law n° 1/02 of 3 March 2017 reforming the municipal taxation in Burundi, the reporting period of elements necessary for the establishment of the land tax began on 1 January 2017 and will close on 30 March of this year. Failure to report on time or failure to report results in penalties ranging from 10% to 50% of the tax that should be declared and the production of an intentionally inaccurate or fraudulent statement will result in an increase in tax due 100%. This measure worries those exiled who are mostly of Bujumbura mayorship who are likely to be penalized or their buildings and plots seized.

Spoliation of land in Kirwena zone, Rumonge province

The population of Kigwena zone in commune and province Rumonge denounces the spoliation of their land by provincial authorities. A project to build a village of peace in the plots belonging to these inhabitants is being developed. Individuals who claim to be owners require compensation.

It all began in September 2016 when the inhabitants of Cabara and Mayengo hills of Kigwena zone learned that a peace village was to be built by the administration of this zone in their lands. They

denounce spoliation of their plots by the administration with at the head the Governor of province Rumonge, Juvenal Bigirimana.

"We learned that the Governor wants to plunder our lands. Recently, he has sent a delegation accompanied by the Ombudsman and some elected representatives of this area. They said that a study will be done on these lands to determine to whom they belong. The results of this study showed that these lands belong to the population, even the Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana, confirmed the result of this study, " says one of the owners of these lands.

On 18 March 2017, community work was carried out there. The Governor announced after the works that no one of the ten owners of the land had the right to work in the fields.

"The Governor told us that we are not allowed to field work or any other work in these fields, while the Ombudsman's delegation that confirmed that these lands were ours was not there. He warned us that our crops will soon be pulled, "complains the resident.

The population of Kigwena zone accuses the Governor of Rumonge Province of wanting to despoil their lands without compensation. "The purpose of this project is to grab our land without giving us any compensation. The study proved that these lands belong to us, and we have been the ones who have been exploiting these lands for a long time. We will file a complaint with the jurisdictions, "the same source said.

Insecurity linked to land disputes in Ruyigi province

In Butezi commune, a person named Samuel Condo put Muyange hill in motion. The reason is that the Ruyigi TGI granted Samuel 9 km². The trial was scheduled to be implemented by Butezi court of residence on 21 March 2017, but there was an impediment.

According to the information by Butezi ECOFO principal, no other activity was carried out in the commune because the big event was awaited. What is extraordinary, the whole population of Muyange hill must leave and do not know where to go. The ODHs note that the danger is imminent. According to the same sources, all high officials in the province are aware of this land issue. Samuel obtained this great land because he had attacked the Diocese of Ruyigi who had occupied part of this land and won the trial. He had attacked other people and there he won and he has all the relevant land documents. The Governor, the Provincial Police Commissioner, the Prosecutor and the deputies held a meeting on this hill to announce to the occupants that the property would be withdrawn for Samuel's benefit.

Fear for further expulsions in Bujumbura mayorship

The inhabitants of the neighboring plots of the future presidential palace under construction in Gasenyi zone of north of Bujumbura city are pleading to stay in their plots. They assert that they have nowhere else to go and hope that they will not be removed in case of extension of works. These inhabitants who have plots near the place where the presidency of the republic is being built and the related infrastructures say that there may be a plan of extension of this palace up to 60 hectares.

The inhabitants concerned by this design plan are divided into three categories. There are those who have had plots of land for a long time, purchasers of plots, and those who have received compensation after insertion, proceeding to the construction of lifetime houses a little distant from the site of the palace.

In the last category, many have raised debts from commercial banks to build their homes, and are afraid of falling into non-repayment with all consequences if they are again dislodged in case of extension.

These three categories no longer know where to stand, when they learn that there will be no new compensation for all those who will be moved.

They ask the government to take their situation into account and leave them in their plots because they fear to be in the street if the extension of the site of the palace is confirmed

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More than 500 households expelled from their properties in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

The decision to expel the families of Kagaragara area, Buringa commune Gihanga, Bubanza province has come into force on 20 February 2017. Some residents had begun demolishing their homes following this threat but say they have nowhere to go. There are some who claim that they lived in Kagaragara since the monarchical period. Provincial authorities state that these persons must free these lands near Rukoko reserve for protection reasons of the reserve and security.

These residents were suspected by administrative officials to facilitate the infiltration of Major General Aloys Nzabampema's rebels who attack from this reserve.

The population of Kagaragara is asking the government to find other lands instead of leaving them alone. The decision was taken by the governor of Bubanza province one month after a meeting of administrative authorities and ministers in charge of environment, security and defense.

As of 18 December 2016, the same residents of Kagaragara village had been expelled by soldiers who had escorted them to the RN5, the Bujumbura-Rugombo road by order of the Provincial Governor. Women, men, children and the elderly were forced to sleep outdoors in front of Buringa zone office, Gihanga commune without assistance.

The same source indicates that several decrees, the last one dating from 2011 amending some provisions of the decree of 2000 demarcating the national park and wildlife reserves had not however affected them.

Six days later, these families were allowed to return to their homes following the intervention of Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana.

The information received by our office on 4 March 2017 indicates that the inhabitants of Kagaragara, Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province are living in very difficult conditions since the governor of Bubanza, Tharcisse Niyongabo has chased them from their site. Many of them live in the open and many children are hospitalized because of hunger and cold. Leopold Ndayisaba, administrator of Gihanga commune, said that no benefactor had yet available and that the matter was being handled. The same source indicates that more than 2000 people are already expelled from this site.

I.10. RIGHT TO LIFE

The right to health was threatened during this reporting period, where the government waited for hundreds of deaths and millions of sick before officially accepting that the country is experiencing a malaria epidemic.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

A record case of malaria in Karusi province

According to figures provided by the health province in Karusi, a small decrease in malaria cases is observed in March but the situation still deserves special attention.

Indeed, the provincial doctor explained that in December and January, twenty thousand cases of malaria were received every week. Since early March 2017, the figures have decreased to fourteen thousands but the fact is that 80% of those coming to seek treatment suffer from malaria. Laboratory tests confirm this.

Despite this small drop, the authorities and the administration are strengthening and refining malaria awareness and prevention strategies through sensitization meetings and the distribution of inputs and deployment of health providers. Karusi province still tops the list among the provinces threatened by malaria.

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More than 3700 cases of malaria deaths, according to WHO

The information received to our office in February 2017 indicates that in a report published on 27 January 2017 after a study in four provinces of the country including Muyinga, Ngozi, Kirundo and Gitega, WHO experts found that malaria is Burundi's first public health problem. More than 3700 cases of malaria deaths were recorded at the end of January 2017 in the northern provinces of the country.

According to them, malaria is a threat to the social and economic development of the country. These experts assert that the retrospective analysis of epidemiological data showed that the epidemiological thresholds were largely exceeded compared to the data of the five previous years. Malaria has become more acute in health districts in the north, center and west, according to the WHO report.

According to the WHO experts, in 2014 more than four million and seven hundreds (4 700 000) of malaria cases have been recorded. Five million three hundred thousand cases (5 300 000) in 2015 while in 2016, the number of people who suffered malaria have exceeded seven million eight hundred thousand (7 800 000) cases. Among these, 3774 died from malaria.

This increase in the number of cases of malaria this year is due to climate change, a significant increase in the rate of severe malnutrition, a poor health information system and low coverage of malaria prevention activities, according to WHO experts.

They recommend the implementation of a national response plan and in each province. Dionise Nizigiyimana in charge of the fight against malaria to the Ministry of Public Health and fight against AIDS recognizes that these figures are alarming. Malaria keeps causing casualties due to the socio-economic situation of households.

This table illustrates cases of malaria in the first 5 weeks of the year 2017:

PROVINCES	MALARIA	
	CASES	DEATHS
Bubanza	39 449	21
Bujumbura-Mairie	14 299	14
Bujumbura rural	25 211	12
Bururi	7 128	0
Cankuzo	57 024	12
Cibitoke	53 929	32
Gitega	140 255	65
Karusi	108 516	21
Kayanza	97 598	55
Kirundo	119 712	30
Makamba	40 134	4
Muramvya	33 678	35
Muyinga	118 052	56
Mwaro	31 247	28
Ngozi	91 394	51
Rutana	41 988	8
Ruyigi	66 975	27
Rumonge	14 761	0
TOTAL	1 101 350	471

Shortage of medicines in pharmacies in Bujumbura Mayorship

Public health is at risk in our country. There is indeed a shortage of some medicines in March 2017 in the pharmacies of the capital and other corners of the country. This shortage is due to the lack of foreign currency at the central bank, according to the pharmacists contacted. The latter indicate that the rarest drugs include some vitamins, gout treatment medicines and antibiotics for children. The same sources indicate that those who have means order medicines from Rwanda and other countries. It should be pointed out that this situation is noticed in the capital while it is the latter that supplies upcountry pharmacies.

This shortage of medicines and other pharmaceutical products is also evident in hospitals where patients are operated now without anesthetic products.

The right to health of detainees under threat

Analysts following the social situation of Burundian detainees denounce the failure to respect the right to health care for these detainees. The country does not respect article 25 of the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights by denying the right to health care to some detainees. Law No. 1/010 of 18 March 2005 promulgating the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi provides in article 55 that everyone has the right to health care as well as article 19. The Iteka League, in his reports, gave examples of the cases of Bienvenu Busuguru and Alexis Nimubona, two detainees of Mpimba central prison who had died because of the negligence of the prison officials. There are also cases of soldiers recently imprisoned in the case of the controversial attack to Mukoni military camp in Muyinga province tortured and not having received health care.

The right to health care for detained persons is enshrined in international and regional documents which Burundi has subscribed to. Special attention should be paid to the rules on health care in Burundian prisons. When judicial organs of the State decide to deprive a person of his freedom, the State must assume its responsibility by ensuring the right to adequate health care. The Iteka League regrets that many prisoners are denied the right to treatment and die in different prisons for lack of health care.

All prison and public health officials should be involved to ensure that this problem is resolved once and for all.

The other event related to the right to health concerns the shortage of blood. This problem is still being noticed in different hospitals. In maternity and surgery departments of Prince Regent Charles Hospital, patients complain about the lack of blood for transfusion. A mother met on-site for the treatment of her child as a victim of a fracture says the operation was postponed and the fracture was likely to worsen. Another patient indicated the case of an old man who could not be operated due to the lack of blood. The director of this hospital, Dr. Jean Bosco Nduwarugira, speaks of a very critical situation and calls on all Burundians to donate blood. The Prince Regent Charles Hospital Director asks the government to take emergency measures such as asking all state institutions to participate in a blood drive.

1.11. SECURITY AND THE RIGHT TO WORK

During the first quarter of 2017, workers who were not members of CNDD-FDD ruling party were victims of repression.

As illustration:

The information reached to our office indicates that Célestin Ndiwokubwayo suspended in January 2017 was transferred to TGI Cankuzo as of April 1, 2017 after a few months of suspension.

Suspension and imprisonment of Makamba prosecutor's office staff.

The Prosecutors' office staff in Makamba province protest against various measures taken by the General Prosecutor of the Republic in Makamba province, Fidele Nyabenda. Upon his arrival in duty in April 2016, the Prosecutor suspended his first Deputy Prosecutor, Leonard Niyukuri for 3 months. Another Deputy Prosecutor, Célestin Ndiwokubwayo, has been suspended since January 2017. Both Deputy Prosecutors are accused of releasing several detainees. Athanase Ciza, an employee of the prosecutor's office was suspended and imprisoned for one month in Rumonge central prison. He was accused of being involved in the theft of the hemp seized. He was released by the Bururi Court of Appeal which found that the imprisonment was unfounded.

1.12. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

In the first quarter of 2017, gender-based violence was a sad reality in Burundi where young girls and women were often the main victims. The perpetrators of sexual violence crimes are generally arrested and punished according to the law in Burundi but on condition that the perpetrator is not a member or sympathizer of CNDD-FDD party.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

A person raped in Mbuye commune, Muramvya province

M.N, 8th form student at ECOFO Gasura, Mbuye commune, Muramvya province was raped by Siméon Bandyurumbugunya, of over 50 years old. He is married and resides in Murehe, commune Mbuye, province Muramvya. The complaint was filed on 21 March 2017 and the author was arrested. Simeon accepted the facts and support for the girl.

A girl raped in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province

Information received by Iteka League on 2 April 2017 indicates that on 26 March 2017 a 4.6-year-old girl old was raped by Venant Nkurunziza on Mugero hill, in zone amd Gisozi commune, Mwaro province, according to sources on the spot. The alleged author is Joseph Sindayigaya's servant, living on Mugero hill, Mwaro province. He was arrested the same day of the rape and led to the PJ Mwaro, specifies our source.

A victim of rape detained in hospital and her baby deceased in Karusi province

Information received by Iteka League on 10 March 2017 indicates that a young girl N.D of the 9th form of ECOFO Shinge in Gitanga zone, Kigamba commune of Cankuzo province who had been raped and then knocked up by her director named Pierre Claver Nduwimana is in mourning and detained at Karusi reference hospital.

According to sources on the spot, shortly after the arrest of the perpetrator, an influential member of CNDD-FDD, the girl was abducted by the president of the Imbonerakure Youth League in this area named Léonidas Macumi in collaboration with the president of CDD-FDD in this commune. She was first taken to Karusi where she was locked up for a whole week, she was then hospitalized in Muyinga, all without the knowledge of her parents.

According to our source in Karusi, the young girl N.D was once again taken to Karusi where her health began worsening. She aborted and her baby in an incubator at Karusi hospital died on 4 March 2017. The DCE Kigamba named Loger Gifunuguru, who had promised to provide assistance for the burial of the baby but disengaged at the last minute meaning to the girl's family that the DCE assists when a student is still at school. But the information that reached our office indicates that the CNDD-FDD ruling party in Cankuzo province got involved and managed to release Pierre Claver Nduwimana, author of the rape. The deceased baby was still in the morgue of Karusi Hospital on March 12, 2017 and the girl in mourning is detained in this hospital until finding a sponsor to help her to bury the child.

The information received by Iteka League on 25 March 2017 indicates that the deceased child was buried in secret by Communal Administrator Marie Nahimana, unbeknownst to the young mother and her family who continues claiming the body in order to bury it in family.

A girl raped by an Imbonerakure in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

Miss I, 17 years old, living on Rwingoma hill in Buhiga zone and commune in Karusi province was raped by an Imbonerakure of the area known as Sayidi on 24 March 2017. According to our source, miss I was raped just as she was going behind the house to get grass for the cattle.

A girl raped in Karusi province

Information received by Iteka League on 8 March 2017 indicates that on Rwandagaro hill, in Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune Karusi, Karusi province, a girl from the 1st form of primary named K. was raped by a 7th form boy of Nyibikere Lycée.

A VBG victim in Gitega province

As of March 14, 2017, young girls accompanied by their parents came to besiege Michel Nsabimana's home, Director of Kirimbi High School, Bugendana commune, Gitega province, because he is accused by the students' parents to sexually abuse the students. N.M, one of his victims had a child from him because of his abuses. N.M went to the DCE for help but there was no result. Michel Nsabimana told the DCE that he last saw N.M the day she went to see the test results. She went to see the Director on 13 March 2017 and she ran away. The victim asks that he be punished according to the law and that he recognize the child. A warrant was issued. Michel Nsabimana is in his forties and is married and has children.

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

Information received this month indicates that on 27 February 2017, on the hill and Mitakataka zone in Bubanza commune and province, Thierry Niyonkuru raped Bella Kadacika, a 15-year-old pupil of 7th form native of Kanyosha commune. Thierry Niyonkuru was arrested and taken to Bubanza police station cell.

FEBRUARY 2017

Schoolgirl raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

As of February 5, 2017, V.A, a 15-year-old schoolgirl at EP Rusha I, was raped by 35-a year-old man Dieudonné Nijimbere from Rweteto hill in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. According to sources, the perpetrator was arrested on 14 February 2017.

A girl raped in Rutana province

As of February 22, 2017, a 12-year-old girl named E.M was raped on Bayaga hill, zone and commune Giharo, Rutana province. The alleged rapist, J de Dieu Bimenyimana, aged 37 was arrested and detained in Giharo police station cell while the victim was taken to CDS for health care.

CNDD-FDD official accused of rape in Nyabitsinda commune, Ruyigi province

Dieudonné Ndinzemenshi, a deputy leader of CNDD-FDD ruling party is being blamed by the people of Nyabitsinda hill, Ruyigi Province, for committing rape on the women of his area. The recent example is that of a woman X with whom he was caught in act on 3 February 2017. Information from this population say that this hill head entered a house and raped X. The population of the area asserts that this is not the first time he commits such crimes. He was caught a few days ago raping another woman. He gave a bribe of 50000 Bif to the victim's husband to abandon the case. The police authorities are aware of the situation but as the population shows it, no one dares denouncing this authority because he is protected by the same police and the administration because he is an influential member of the CNDD-FDD ruling party.

A girl raped in Rutana province

On 8 February 2017 at about 3:00 p.m., a 3-year-old girl, C.M was raped on Butezi hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province. The victim's parents rushed her to Rutana Hospital for health care. The alleged perpetrator of the rape is Félicien Ndayisenga, aged 35.

A girl raped in Bukeye province Muramvya commune

As of February 24, 2017 on Gahaga hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, a primary school teacher Emile Nshimirimana raped her 15-year-old house worker, K.N.

JANUARY 2017

Sixteen pupils raped in commune and Gitega province

At least 16 schoolgirls were raped at "la Bergeronnette" primary school located in Gitega province town. According to sources on the spot, a teacher of 4th form of the primary school, named Corneille, aged 59, is pointed at the perpetrator of these rapes. Denounced by a girl who had told his mother what had happened to her, the rapist was arrested by the police on 19 January 2017. The school principal, Dominique Nininahazwe confirmed the facts after his personal investigation. The victims are being treated at Humura center in the same province;

A girl raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

As of January 3, 2017, a 16-year-old daughter D.J was raped on Gahaga hill in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. According to sources on the spot, a young man Célestin Habyarimana, aged 22, is the perpetrator of the rape. He was arrested and taken to the police station in Bukeye commune.

Information received by Iteka League on 10 January 2017 indicates that as of 26 December 2016 another 13-year-old girl named GN was raped on Ruhombo hill in Shombo zone Muramvya Commune. The perpetrator named Salvator Sinarinzi, aged 82, was also arrested.

1.13. FOOD SECURITY IN BURUNDI

The year 2017 began with Burundian citizen's lamentations in connection with the high cost of living due to rising prices of essentials.

Illustrative cases:

Economic situation is precarious in the country and food insecurity is the consequence. Famine is sporadically in the country and thousands burundians continue fleeing the country. The Burundian

government had tried to hide that Burundians are dying of hunger in some parts of the country. Today, it is more and more breaking its silence to acknowledge that food situation of Burundian households is serious and should be assisted.

Restrictive measures taken in the country following food insecurity

As of February 10, 2017, the governor of Ruyigi province Abdallah Hassan announces in a press release that some food products can no longer leave the province without his authorization. The commodities concerned are mainly beans, cassava, cassava flour, rice and tomatoes. He indicates he wants to keep production for his people to avoid famine. This province has known mass departures to Tanzania due to famine.

Similar measures have been taken in other provinces such as Kirundo and Muyinga. Some analysts say that this measure is not at all saving as some may believe. Bankrupt traders could abandon their work at risk and peril of buyers already in serious situation of purchasing power. The measure could also lead to the return of traditional barter due to the absence of cash.

Elsewhere, due to hunger that threatens the citizens, cases of theft in the fields and mob justice is commonplace. For example, an old man Vital Nyabenda was beaten by the population of Munyika hill, Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province. The victim was caught with 6 maize he had just stolen from a field. He was beaten and tied up before the police intervened. According to sources on the spot, the owner of the field demanded a sum of 100 000 Bif for compensation. The victim shouted and asked for forgiveness, saying that he had done so due to hunger.

Regarding the price rise of basic foodstuffs, the Burundian population says it is overwhelmed and is confused. By way of illustration, some statistics are available in some provinces of the country.

In Cibitoke province, food prices rise daily in different provinces of the country. By way of example, one kg of rice sold at 1,250 Bif now costs 2,000 Bif, the kg of bean has increased by 600 Bif from 1,200 Bif to 1,800 Bif. These price rises are increasingly worrying the people who are asking for emergency aid. Some officials claim to be overwhelmed by these prices that rise every day while their salaries have remained unchanged. Today, they say their wages are too low to bear the widespread rise in prices.

Moreover, famine is spreading more and more in the country. According to the report from Bujumbura rural province authorities, a child died in Nyabiraba commune because of the famine prevailing in this province. The CDS in Nyabiraba commune receives every day a large number of children suffering from kwashiorkor, a disease linked to malnutrition. The same report notes that a large number of pupils have been forced to drop out.

In Mukike commune of the same province, in addition to these drop-outs, girls have had early and unwanted pregnancies. They then leave their families to marry early, believing they are escaping the famine that is hitting their families.

The price of agricultural products has almost doubled in this province, which leads to theft in the fields. Isale commune is not spared. Local authorities especially in Benga zone claim that the situation has been aggravated by the drought that has hit the commune. The same authorities speak of several cases of thefts in fields. In Kanyosha commune of the same province, farmers are now harvesting their agricultural produce early in an attempt to avoid being robbed in the fields.

In the province of Karusi precisely in Buhiga commune, poverty is considerably gaining households. The most affected begin consuming banana meant for the production of local beer. Residents of the area say they are in extreme poverty due to the drought and the depreciation of the Burundian currency.

Following this famine, different healthcare facilities in Karusi receive a huge number of patients with malaria and kwashiorkor. "There are many cases of malaria and kwashiorkor at Karusi hospital. The smallest banana costs 10,000 Bif, the kilogram of rice 2,000 Bif and that of beans 1,800 Bif," complains a resident of Buhiga.

Bugenyuzi commune is the other commune affected by famine. The population of this area is struggling by all means but the exercise will be difficult. Most of the population wakes up at dawn to walk for two to three hours to Karusi province city to try to find small paid jobs.

It is mostly the population of the Kivumvumira, Cubwa and Cambikira hills that makes a six-hour journey each day to and from for 1500 Bif, a sum that cannot even afford to buy one kilogram of beans now costing 1600 Bif in these localities.

With this strenuous travel every day, some inhabitants are exhausted and eventually get sick, especially malaria and kwashiorkor. Unable to pay for health care, Karusi hospital keeps them as sick prisoners until they pay their debts, sources explain.

During this week, 10 people died due to famine in the communes of Gihanga and Mpanda in Bubanza province. Therefore, several families in the province have exiled in DRC.

The Burundian government has tried to hide that Burundians are dying of hunger in some parts of the country. Today, it is more and more breaking its silence to acknowledge that food situation of Burundian households is serious and should be assisted. The ministry in charge of solidarity tries to assist vulnerable households on hills of the Rugombo commune but is exceeded by the number of households in need of fast assistance in food. The provisions it gives to households are insufficient and are not a solution to the problem, according to analysts. Meanwhile, the Imbonerakure in a situation of hunger impose contributions to households that prefer to exile to the DRC and Tanzania.

For the HRDs who observe the situation, the CNDD-FDD regime should rather take more sustainable measures of good governance and respect for human rights to merit the trust of the financial partners who have always intervened in situations of economic crises and of hunger.

The year 2017 began with complaints of Burundian citizens in connection with the high cost of living due to the rise in essentials. The Burundian regime in trouble to run its institutions following the economic and financial sanctions against it, decided to do everything possible to have funds. To fund its operating budget, taxes were raised almost everywhere on major consumer products such as sugar, beer, water and electricity, telephone call charges, fuel, etc.

Observers of the socio-political and economic context in Burundi denounce the political irresponsibility of CNDD-FDD regime which has constantly paid attention to the interests of the party to the detriment of the collective interests of Burundian society. Instead of trying to improve the political context, the political choice adopted is to continue strangling the Burundian people in difficulty of food survival since President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term crisis.

The situation of economic crisis and famine following President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term explains the departure of Burundian households to neighboring countries in search of survival.

In Rutana province, 18 households of Murembera hill, Gakungu zone and 7 other households of Nkurye hill, in zone and Giharo commune have left their hills and commune of origin fleeing famine. According to local sources, they all went to Tanzania to look for food in the refugee camps set up on the spot. Unfortunately, the authorities in the United Republic of Tanzania have refused to welcome refugees in recent days.

Victims of famine reported in the country

A person died of starvation on the morning of January 26, 2017 on Binyange hill, commune Rugombo and other victims were reported in Bubanza province.

Famine caused the death of 12 people in communes Gihanga and Bubanza in Bubanza province. According to information from that province, famine has already affected nearly a thousand families of peace villages of Muyange I and II, in the communes of Gihanga and Bubanza in Bubanza province and caused the death of at least 12 people. The victims died after spending days in a very weak physical condition for lack of food. They could have recovered if there had not had food shortage, according to their relatives.

People are buried every day in different parts of the country after going by curative care centers where the consumption of medicines can in no way replace food, according to different sources of information collected from these medical care facilities.

As of January 7, 2017, fuel prices were raised with all the consequences. Fuel, oil and gasoline prices rise lead to higher prices for transport and all other prices. Fuel oil and gasoline cost now 2100 Bif, oil is 1800 Bif while they cost respectively 2000 Bif and 1700 Bif. Daniel Mpitabakana of the Ministry of Commerce who announced the new prices specifies that this is a response to the measure decided by the Burundian government to raise taxes to fill the gap in the national budget of the fiscal year 2017.

Following pump price rise, transport prices have kept pace with all other prices for essentials. BRARUDI was quick to raise the prices of its products.

II. SECURITY FACTS

II.1. THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES

During this first quarter of the report, several dead bodies were found, some tied, mutilated and decapitated. Others showed signs of torture and then killed before being thrown into different places.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

A corpse found in Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of March 31, 2017, an unidentified corpse was found in a bag near Nduwayo's home one, on Muyabaga hill, Mubimbi Commune, Bujumbura Rural Province. According to our sources, "Mujeri Intumva" (wandering deaf dog) was written on the bag. Nduwayo was taken to Mubimbi police cell.

A dead body found in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On March 30, 2017, a dead body of François Sagahutu was found on Murambi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. The victim was UPRONA member not recognized by the authorities and was assassinated by unidentified persons when he returned from a pub.

A dead body found in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

As of March 27, 2017, a dead body of a person known as Innocent Niyongabo alias Maso was found in Village III, 7th Avenue, Zone and Commune Gihanga, Bubanza Province. According to our sources, the victim was a guard of a shop in this area and was murdered by a blow in the head.

Burial of two corpses in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of March 29, 2017, around 5:00 pm, in Muzinda zone, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province, two corpses of young people packed in a tarpaulin were taken by a pick-up vehicle without registration plate from the capital of Bujumbura. According to our source, they were buried by the police of Rugazi in complicity of a colonel nicknamed Gica and an OPJ named Berchmans in the cemetery of Mutara in Mutimbuzi commune, province Bujumbura rural. According to the same source, at the burial of these two bodies, 8 people from Rugazi commune, including a mother named Bernadette and her daughter Mariam Ndayishimiye were arrested because they witnessed the scene. They were taken to Muzinda zone cell, Rugazi commune, Bubanza province. According to the same sources, in this vehicle, there were also people in civilian clothes.

A corpse found in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

As of March 25, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was found in Dogodogo Lake, the 3rd transverse in Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province. According to our source on the spot, this body was taken to the morgue of Cibitoke hospital for the identification of the victim.

A dead body found in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

According to information received by Iteka Legue on 27 March 2017 indicates that on March 25, 2017, a dead body of Jeanine Niyonzima, a farmer and mother of two children was found around 2:00 pm in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province.

A corpse found in Muramvya province

On March 19, 2017, a corpse of Maurice Ndayiragije, aged 25, son of Gervais Bavekure and Madeleine Nsavyimana from Kavumu hill, commune and Ngozi province was found in Bugarama zone, commune and Muramvya province. This corpse had a wound in the head. He was from Kivyara sub-hill, Kavumu hill, commune and Ngozi province. He was married and father of a child. He was a motorcycle taxi driver. He was taken to the morgue of Muramvya hospital by the advisor of the Communal Administrator and the PJ Commissioner. The corpse was handed over to the family and buried on 23 March 2017 at his family's in Ngozi.

A corpse found in commune and province Kayanza

A dead body of Barthélémy Miburo, aged 54, from Bikaranka hill, Kabuye commune and Kayanza province was found on March 22, 2017, near Kabuye Communal Lycée. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred on the evening of 21 March 2017 and the corpse showed signs that he was killed with machetes by unknown people a few meters from his home. Information from neighbors indicates that Miburo Barthélémy cohabited well with his neighbors. The latter wonder why this wise carpenter was savagely killed.

A dead body found in Rutana province

On March 22, 2017 on Kabingo hill in Giharo commune in Rutana province, a corpse of Garçon Manirakiza aged 3 years was found in a field near the family home.

A dead body of a police officer found in Ntarangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship

As of March 20, 2017, a dead body of OPP1 Charles Ndiokubwayo was discovered very close to Saint Joseph Catholic parish in quarter III, Ngagara urban zone, Ntarangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship. The victim was an employee at ISP Bubanza and his colleagues claim to have dropped him in Kinama urban zone on the evening of March 19, 2017.

A dead body found on Mugozi hill, commune and province Bururi

On March 20, 2017, an unidentified dead body was found on the banks of Siguvyaye River on Mugozi hill, commune and Bururi province. According to sources on the spot, the circumstances of the death are not known and the body of this person has not been identified.

A dead body found in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On March 22, 2017, around 8:00a.m., a dead body of Emmanuel Nisubire, aged 48 years, ONATEL watchman in Gihiga was found on Gishuha sub-hill, Ndava commune, Mwaro province. According to our source, Emmanuel Nisubire had left his house around 10:00 p.m. on 21 March 2017 and had not returned. His dead body was found hanging with a rope on an avocado tree, sources said.

A dead body found in Gitega province

As of March 13, 2017, a dead body was found in Gitega town in the outskirts of Yoba. The body was not identified but according to Eric Manirakiza, deputy head of Yoba quarter, the body had many wounds. According to this official, he was beaten by the inhabitants of the Rukoba quarter near Yoba. The same inhabitants would have thrown the body where he was found. The body was taken to the morgue of Gitega regional hospital. He was buried without identification.

A dead body found in Ruyigi province

A rotting body was found on Kigamba hill, commune and Ruyigi province. No one could identify the corpse that was found littered on a rock and was in white underwear only, according to sources on the spot.

He was buried on 14 March 2017 on the initiative of Ruyigi Red Cross. Following the state in which this corpse was, it was buried in a canvas because it was impossible to put it in a coffin and was buried at the very place it was discovered. The son of Raphael Mbaziro discovered this corpse while keeping cows.

A corpse found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Kajaga, Bujumbura mayorship

On 13 March 2017 around 6:00 p.m., an unidentified corpse, one leg cut off, was pushed by Lake Tanganyika near Kajaga Beach. According to our sources, the corpse was buried on the morning of 14 March 2017 by the local population on the orders of the local administration of Kajaga.

Two corpses found in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 16 March 2017 morning, on Vugizo hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, two bodies were found, including Jimmy, head of the Imbonerakure of the area and Elie Nyandwi, his deputy. According to our sources, they were shot by armed men in military and police uniforms.

Two dead bodies found in Siguvyaye River, Bururi province

As of March 13, 2017, two dead bodies, including a 40-year-old man and a 4-year-old child were found between Mugozi and Mudahandwa hills, zone, commune and Bururi province, 4 km from the province urban center. According to sources on the spot, the corpse of this child is that of a boy disappeared on February 12, 2017. The latter is of the Batwa community of the area. The body of this 40-year old man was not been identified. According to the same sources, they were taken by police to Bururi hospital to be identified, precise our source.

A dead body found in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On March 15, 2017, the dead body of a 40-year-old Leonidas Nibogora, father of two children was found on Bugera hill, Buziracanda zone, Ndava commune, Mwaro province near the road.

Two dead bodies found in commune and province Kirundo

As of March 10, 2017, two dead bodies of Saidi Nzeyimana and Nduwayo alias Boss residing in Sayangana, Gatete hill, Busoni commune, Kirundo province were found next to ECOFO Mwenya, 2 km from Rwanda in a pit on Mwenya hill, commune and Kirundo province. According to sources on the spot, these two bodies were bound to each other in a state of decomposition.

According to the same sources, these two victims were young people who had already left the Imbonerakure youth league. The same sources indicated that they were going to Rwanda in search of work as some people fleeing famine but on the way, the Imbonerakure arrested them and took them back to Mwenya where they were executed. The administration buried these victims hurriedly around 6:00 p.m.

A corpse found in commune and province Muramvya.

A dead body of a retired ex-FAB Emmanuel Bigirindavyi, aged 59, son of the late Marcien Muporisi and Marguerite Nahabandi, a retired policeman until the merging of FAB and PMPA, residing at Burambana

hill, Muramvya zone, commune and Muramvya province was removed from Mubarazi River. According to sources, the body of the victim was stabbed and tied up. Emmanuel Bizindavyi went to Mubarazi market on 10 March 2017. The family of the latter said that it had waited for him to return in vain. He left behind 6 orphans and a widow named Geneviève Gakobwa.

Two corpses found in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

As of 8 March 2017, around 7:00 a.m., a dead body of Masabo an ex-FAB resident on Mwire hill was found on Kiri hill in Mariza zone of Burambi commune, Province Rumonge. Adelaide Nduwimana, administrator of Burambi commune confirmed the victim's identity.

The same source indicates that the circumstances of his death, the perpetrators and the reason are not yet clarified but some sources indicate that he had just withdrawn money from one of the banks of Rumonge city.

Another corpse of Diomede Bigirimana, also retired ex-FAB was found on 8 March 2017 near his home on Buhinyuza hill, Mariza zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. The administration immediately obliged his burial on the same day in the afternoon. The technical adviser of the administrator of Burambi commune in charge of development claims that the body of the victim was in a state of decomposition. According to a neighbor who participated in the burial of the retiree, the victim was stabbed to his right eye and his head pierced. His family said he was reported missing since March 03, 2017. It thinks he was killed in another place before moving his body to place it near his home.

Diomede Bigirimana had gone to look for a loan from a microfinance for soldiers, CECAD located in Rumonge province city. His mobile phone, a hoe, a torch and radio batteries he had bought were found near his body.

A corpse found in the Gitega province

A dead body of Nestor Nibizi was found on Masango hill, Mutaho commune, Gitega province on March 9, 2017. This father of eight children was found hung on an avocado tree near his household.

A corpse found in Gitega province

On March 7, 2017, Raphael Barumbanze was found dead in a moat near ECOFO in Kibuye, Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province. He had been reported missing since March 3, 2017. According to sources, on March 3, 2017, he had gone to Gitega to get his February 2017 monthly salary. He was working for a food security project in Gitega province.

A corpse found in Gitega province

On 2 March 2017, a corpse of an unidentified man was found on the outskirts of Shatanya quarter, Gitega commune, Gitega province. According to Eugene Manirakiza, head of Shatanya quarter, the victim was a disabled living begging. The civil protection police recovered the corpse.

A dead body found in Ruyigi province

A dead body of a plumber working for Regideso in Ruyigi province was found on March 2, 2017 in a house where he lived whose owner is Clavera Ntakarutimana. According to sources on the spot, the victim was buried on 3 March 2017 by his family from Rwanda. The same source indicates that Clavera Ntakarutimana was afterwards threatened by the Imbonerakure of the area because they saw Rwandans at home. In addition, they accused her of continuing to collaborate with Maggy Shalon, as she was a Shalom House employee.

A dead body found in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

A dead body of Désiré was found in his house on Ruvumu hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province on 1 March 2017.

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A corpse found in commune and province Gitega

A dead body of a 60-year old woman was discovered in the commune and province of Gitega on the morning of 22 February 2017. Information collected on the spot indicates that the body of Générose Ntabangana was found in Gasenyi valley and was wounded on the head. The same sources indicate that this woman was murdered when she went to Makebuko commune in the same Gitega province. Générose Ntabangana leaves behind her four children.

A dead body found on Butamuheba hill, commune and province Gitega

A corpse of Séverin Manyeri of the Batwa social component was found on the morning of 22 February 2017 on Butamuheba hill in the commune and Gitega province. According to the head of the zone Dushime Chrysostome, the reasons for the murder are not yet known. His body was found hanging on a rope inside his room. Manyeri, a farmer, was married and father of eight children.

A corpse found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, Bujumbura Mayorship

In the morning of 18 February 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was found at Kajaga on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, the corpse was lying on the sand by the lake.

A corpse of a newborn found in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

On February 13, 2017, a dead body of a newborn was found in a swamp of a river in Busangana, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province.

A dead body found in commune and province Gitega

A dead body of Thacien Baruta, a retired of REGIDESO residing in Rango quarter of Gitega zone and commune was found hanging on a tree at Ruvubu River. According to sources from his family, this father of six children was last seen on 26 February in Rango quarter of commune and Gitega province. He told his neighbors that he was going to see his sick son.

Three bodies found in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 13 February 2017, three unidentified bodies were found near the mouth of Rusizi River and Lake Tanganyika in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. According to our sources, the three bodies were buried by the population on the order of the administration, without carrying out any form of investigation for the identification of the victims.

Four corpses discovered in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On February 14, 2017, a decapitated corpse and amputated of his ears, arms and legs tied up of a 35-year old man named Gérard Ntikazohera, was found in sugar cane plantations between the 8th and 9th transversal, in commune Gihanga, province Bubanza. According to our sources, the victim was a night guard at Tanganyika Business Company and was a native of Taba commune, Gitega province. The victim was abducted around 8:00 p.m. on 12 February 2017 by unidentified men, according to the same sources. On the 9th transversal, 3 other corpses were discovered the same day. The communal administration and the Red Cross have buried these bodies.

A corpse found in Busiga commune, Ngozi province

A dead man's body was found on 6 February 2017 in Mparamirundi zone, Musivya hill, Busiga commune, Ngozi province. According to sources on the spot, injuries on the body show that the victim was stabbed to death. The same source indicates that the victim had visibly been killed elsewhere and that his executioners came to lay the body where it was found. The corpse was evacuated to a nearest morgue.

A corpse found in Ruvyironza River between Giheta and Nyabihanga communes in Gitega and Mwaro provinces

As of 1 February 2017, the corpse of an unidentified man was found in Ruvyironza River, between the communes of Giheta in Gitega province and Nyabihanga in Mwaro province. According to the administrator of Nyabihanga commune, Adrien Ntunzwenimana, the man would be among the manufacturers of the prohibited drink "Kanyanga". This did not convince the HROs.

Two dead bodies found in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

As of February 3, 2017, on hill and Mugera zone, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province, two dead bodies including a woman named Eugénie Bagenera and her child were found in a house. According to our sources, the woman was beaten at the head by a bludgeon and her child was strangled. This happened after a vibrant appeal launched by the governor of the province, Desire Njiji to the communal administrators to kill anyone suspected as a thief. At least five cases of murders have already been reported in Mishiha commune in a month. Anaclet Bizimana, the communal administrator of Mishiha is the main perpetrator of these executions.

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Three dead bodies found in Bujumbura Mayorship

As of January 29, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was found in quarter X of Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship.

According to sources on the spot, the upper part of his body was undressed and was shot in the head. He was evacuated by the civil protection police. Two other dead bodies were pulled from Lake Tanganyika in Kibenga quarter, precisely in the waters of the beach commonly known as "La Costa Beach" and "Saga Vodo", located in Kinindo urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. The administration rushed to confirm that they were the bodies of the fishermen of Gatumba without having made inquiries. These bodies are found in a context where the country is recording more and more people who are victims of enforced disappearances. The public administration hastened to bury these bodies in order to conceal the crime which has become a public secret.

A dead body found in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

On January 21, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified person was found decaying on Makangara hill, Mishiha Commune, Cankuzo Province, near the place where two people, Remy Bigirimana and Léonidas Nahimana were killed savagely and buried on January 11, 2017 on the order of administrator Anaclet Bizimana and OPJ Bucumi. According to our sources, the victim was killed too savagely and the head cut off. The corpse was hurriedly buried on the order of the communal administrator of Mishiha, Anaclet Bizimana.

A dead body found in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

A dead body of an unidentified man was found on hill and zone Ramba commune Kabezi, Bujumbura rural province. According to sources on the spot, the corpse was lying on the road next to a small bridge on this hill.

One person slaughtered in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

On 10 January 2017, an old woman named Kameteri was found slaughtered in her house on Makangara sub-hill, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province. Sources on the spot say that it is a settlement of account following land conflicts with her neighbors but no one was arrested for investigation.

A dead body found in commune and province Bubanza

On 14 January 2017, around 6 a.m., a dead body of a 14-year-old young boy known as Joseph Vyizigiro alias Kizemba, son of Diomede Sindarubaza, residing on Ruvumvu hill, Bubanza zone and commune was found in Bubanza, zone, commune and province. A person named Nsabimana was arrested by the police and taken to the Bubanza provincial police station cell for investigation reasons, according to our sources.

A dead body found in commune and province Cankuzo

Information received by Iteka League on 14 January 2017 indicates that as of 31 December 2016 a dead body of an unidentified person was found in a stream on Kabeza hill, commune and Cankuzo province. According to sources on the spot, the cause of this assassination remains unknown and the authors as well.

At least 6 bodies found in Ruziba, Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 8, 2017, several corpses, some of them decaying, were found in Ruziba, commune Muha, Bujumbura Mayorship. Administrative sources give a number of 6 corpses while sources on the spot reveal a worrying number of several corpses. Administrative authorities ordered to bury the bodies without their identification.

A corpse found in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

On 8 January 2017, a corpse of a man known as Cyrille Habonimana, a 55-year-old carpenter from Nyaruhongoka hill, Gitaza zone, Muhuta commune, Rumonge province was found hanged in a house abandoned located on the 1st avenue, near the small market in Musaga urban zone, commune Muha, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, his body had forearms cut, which proved that the victim had been killed. This place was guarded by Imbonerakure, youth affiliated to CNDD-FDD ruling party.

A corpse found in Kamenge urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

On 7 January 2017, a corpse of an unidentified man was found in a place called "kuwinterekwa" near the pub "Iwabo w'abantu" in Kamenge urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources on the spot, this corpse shows that the person was thrown there after being tortured because he had many injuries in the head.

A dead body found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika

On 4 January 2017, a body of a 40-year-old man named Donatien Ndereyimana, from Mbuye commune, Muramvya province, and residing in Mutanga Nord quarter, Bujumbura Mayorship was found on the shores of Lake Tanganyika close to BRARUDI. This body was decaying. According to our source, the victim was beaten up before being killed and thrown into Lake Tanganyika. The victim had gone for a drink with his friends on December 31, 2016 but had not returned home, according to his family sources. He was from Mbuye Commune, Muramvya province.

II.2. ARMED ATTACKS

During the first quarter of 2017, armed attacks were reported in various parts of the country. Some were attributed to the youths of Imbonerakure militia of CNDD-FDD party and others to the various unidentified armed groups.

Illustrative cases:

MARCH 2017

Wounded in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

As of 26 March 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Mugaruro hill, quarter V, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province, one person known as Karenzo was seriously wounded by unidentified gunmen armed with pistols. According to our sources, the victim was taken to Mpanda hospital.

A soldier Wounded in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

Information reached to Iteka Ligue on 28 March 2017 indicates that a soldier was seriously wounded by a group of armed men who had just robbed 50 cows on hill and Karwema zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province on 26 March 2017. According to our sources, soldiers who were on a position in this place prevented them. This group of bandits retreated to Rukoko reserve forest.

One person killed in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

On 27 January 2017 in the evening, Bonaventure Ntakabanyura was wounded by a grenade and then stabbed on Gihinga hill, Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province. According to sources on the spot, an unidentified group of armed men rushed into his enclosure using a big stone. They entered his room, took

his wife out and tied him up. They threw a grenade into his room and finished Bonaventure Ntakabanyura with knives. The neighbours did not intervene as all the doors were locked.

Two persons killed and four others injured in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

On 25 February 2017, around 11:00 p.m., Emmanuel Dushimwe, an employee at Gihofi Hospital in Rutana Province was shot and wounded by a group of unidentified armed men. The victim was from a pub called “chez Nindo” in Gihofi. The same night around 9:00 p.m., a family of Joseph living on Bareremba sub hill, Gihofi hill was attacked by unidentified armed persons and his wife and child were injured. The victims were treated in one of the hospitals close to the area.

According to sources on the spot, the day after the armed attack, on February 26, 2017, three persons including Eric and Japhet who had just been released from Rutana prison following the presidential pardon were beaten by the population before being handed over in critical condition to the police. This population of the area accused them of having been among those who had attacked on 25 February 2017. Information received by Iteka Ligue indicated that among the three persons beaten, Eric and Joseph have succumbed to their injuries on 27 February 2017 and another was in a critical situation.

A person killed during an armed attack in Gitega province

On 22 March 2017, around 10:00 p.m., an old man named Jacques Bukobero, who lived on Gasenyi hill, Nyarusange commune, Gitega province was killed. Armed unknown persons slipped a grenade into his room through the window and died on the spot. He lived alone. These unknown persons have stolen a lot of goods in his house, according to sources on the spot. The victim is the father of an influential CNDD-FDD businessman, Vénérand Ntikazohera. The next day, high-ranking policemen went to the spot but the communal administrator, Ferdinand Nkurikiye said the criminals were thieves. Following this assassination, FNL militants of Agathon Rwasa’s wing were the target of the blind arrests. Eight militants were arrested including Sylver Simbagije, FNL chairman in Nyarusange commune. The targeted hills are Gasenyi, Ruhororo, Biziya all of Nyarusange commune, Gitega province.

One person wounded in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 19 March 2017, around 9:00 p.m., on the hill, Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Aster Kantungeko nicknamed Gasongo was seriously wounded, stabbed by armed men who were trying to abduct him. The attack occurred near the livestock barn in Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province. Much gunfire between the soldiers and the armed men were heard. According to our sources, the victim was quickly evacuated to one of the hospitals of Bujumbura mayorship the same night. This group has retreated into Rukoko Natural Reserve boarding Buringa zone.

Two persons wounded in Bisoro commune, Mwaro province

As of 18 March 2017, around midnight, a group of 10 gangsters armed with machetes invaded the home of a widow named Leocadie on the hill and Kanka zone, Bisoro commune, Mwaro province. Leocadie and her child were seriously injured. According to sources on the spot, Leocadie had sold one of her plots and the group of his criminals wanted to steal her money. The two victims are hospitalized at Kibumbu hospital, our source said.

One person wounded in Kayanza province

As of March 14, 2017, Salvator Nzobonimpa, a resident of Nyabibuye hill commune of Butaganzwa, Kayanza province was attacked on 14 March 2017. He was a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing. He was beaten several times with a machete. Wounded in the head and arm, Nzobonimpa was and admitted to a health center.

One person killed in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

Emmanuel Dushime, residing in Gihofi, Bukemba commune, Rutana province, succumbed to his injuries at Kibuye hospital where he was being treated on 27 February 2017. The victim had been seriously wounded, shot by armed men in the night of 25 February 2017 when he left the pub Chez "Nondo" in Gihofi, Bukemba commune, Rutana province.

Two persons killed in commune and province Kirundo

On 26, 2017, two people were killed during an armed robbery in the home of Ezekiel Cishahayo on Rambo hill Commune and province Kirundo. According to relatives, Cishahayo succumbed to his injuries after being taken to the hospital. He was wounded while attempting to prevent individuals to rob in his home. One of the alleged thieves was also killed by his companions who would have confused him with Cishahayo, according to sources on the spot. Three other households on the same hill were also attacked.

FEBRUARY 2017

One person wounded in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

Richard Irakoze was wounded on 12 February 2017 in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province. Witnesses indicated that the victim was shot by a policeman named Edouard Nibizi who intervened in clashes between two families in land disputes. He was evacuated to Gihanga Hospital to be hospitalized.

One person killed on Ngozi-Muyinga road

On 12 February 2017, Moussa Nsabimana, a taxi driver residing in Gasorwe was killed around 6:00p.m. on Ngozi-Muyinga road when he was heading to a place where he had to move commercial goods. According to his boss who was with him but managed to escape, the victim was shot by the person who claimed to be a client. After the incident, the criminal left with this probox-type vehicle. The vehicle was found three days later in a plot in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship. The alleged perpetrators of the crime were not known but observers are wondering how the criminal on the vehicle was able to escape the vigilance of the many road safety policemen from Muyinga to Bujumbura Mayorship.

Two persons killed and one arrested in Bujumbura Mayorship

On 7 February 2017, a man was killed by a group of unidentified armed men in Kamenge zone, Ntahangwa urban commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to sources in the area, gunfire was heard in Mirango I quarter. One of these armed men was killed when he arrived in Gituro quarter of Kamenge zone and another was arrested, police sources said. The reality around this attack remains unclear, according to a resident of the area.

Two persons injured in Rumonge province

As of 7 February 2017, around 11:00p.m., a person named Noel Ntakizonkiza alias Gacacari was seriously injured by stabbing. The attack occurred at home in Kizuka zone, commune and Rumonge province. His household was attacked by Imbonerakure, armed with stabs, according to sources on the spot. They forced him to give money from his palm trees plantation. They seriously wounded him with knives when he refused to give his money. These men threw a grenade to the neighbors who intervened and wounded a neighboring child.

One person injured in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

On the evening of 4 February 2017, a person was shot and wounded on Mwiruzi hill, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province. On-site sources indicate that a gunman attacked the victim's household and fired many bullets that injured him. According to the same sources, the armed man was ordered by a victim's neighbor with a land conflict. Police intervened quickly but the criminal was not arrested and managed to escape. The bullets fired by the security forces affected the victim's cows. One cow was killed and another was wounded.

On 5 February 2017, around 9:00 p.m., on Kigwati I and II hill, in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, unidentified armed men in military and police uniforms from Rukoko forest have looted households and shops. According to local sources, when they returned to Rukoko forest, heavy gunfire was exchanged between the police and the men. Of these, two persons were shot and were buried on the order of the administration.

Two persons including Gédéon Niyonkuru and a nicknamed Vares abducted in the attack were returned on 22 February 2017 around 9:00 a.m. According to our sources, they took advantage of an opportunity to escape when the rebels sent them to fetch water from Rusizi River in the night of 21 February 2017. The police and the Imbonerakure then arrested them and taken them to Rukaramu zone police station cell. Information received by Iteka League indicates that they are being held in Gatumba Brigade cell. Pastor Japhet Ndamuzeye, who was also abducted on 5 February 2017 was allegedly killed at the time of their abduction in Rukoko forest.

In the same night, another attack was carried out on Vugizo hill, zone and Mutimbuzi commune. These criminals abducted 5 persons and stole goods in households. According to our source, these persons abducted have returned and arrested and are being detained in Gatumba Brigade cell.

A couple wounded in commune and province Muramvya

On the night of 1 to 2 February, 2017, Jérémie's family was attacked by unidentified persons on Gatwaro hill, Shombo zone, commune and Muramvya province. During the attack, Jérémie and his wife Pascaline were injured and are hospitalized in Kirinzi.

JANUARY 2017

On 14 January 2017, around 8 p.m. Serges Mpawenimana, a finalist at ETS Kamenge and Vincent, government officials, all Imbonerakure from CNDD-FDD party were shot dead by gunmen in police uniforms on Kavumu hill, Muyira zone, Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province. The third victim is a child who came from a shop in the area and succumbed to his injuries after being hit by shots. The

victims had left CNDD-FDD party to reintegrate FNL wing of Agathon Rwasa, according to sources on the spot.

One person injured in Kanyosha commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of January 9, 2017, around midnight, Mission Bamparuhaye, was wounded during a machete attack on Gikangaga hill, Ruyaga zone, Kanyosha commune. His attackers also stole money from him before disappearing. The victim was taken to CDS Ruyaga where he was receiving health care.

One person killed in Matana commune, Bururi province

On 8 January 2017, around 9 p.m., Charles Ndizeye, a merchant was shot by unidentified armed men in his shop on Bihanga hill, zone and commune Matana in Bururi province. According to sources, the victim succumbed to his injuries.

II.3. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

MARCH 2017

A person murdered in Cankuzo province

A girl named Rukundo, aged about 30 from Nyuro hill in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province was murdered in Ruzira quarter of Cankuzo urban center on March 26, 2017. According to Henri Frere Manisha, OPJ and Leonard Sindayigaya, prosecutor in Cankuzo, the alleged perpetrator would be a non-commissioned soldier of Mutukura camp. They relied on the fact that the soldier was together with the girl on 26th of March, 2017, and that the soldier's ID was found the next day in that quarter. The girl was reportedly killed after acts of rape, according to the authorities.

One person killed in Mbuye commune, Muramvya province

On the night of March 29, 2017, a woman named Concilie Mvuyekure was killed with a machete on Murehe hill, commune Mbuye, province Muramvya. People including Pacifique Munezero were arrested for investigation reasons.

One person killed in Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province

A 97-year-old man Ndarangavye was killed by her neighbors with clubs and sticks on Mugeru hill, Mishiha Commune, Cankuzo Province on March 13, 2017. As a result of this incident, two sons of the victim Ndarurerere and Nyandwi were arrested and detained in Mugeru cell for investigation reasons, according to our sources. Stany Nahimana, Mugeru hill head was dismissed, accused of failing to rescue the victim and not reporting the case to a security meeting every Monday. The communal administrator of Mishiha demanded his replacement by another who was in fifth position on the list of elected councilors.

Two persons beaten in Cankuzo province

As of March 31, 2017, Albéric, a 13-year-old miner and his mother were beaten up by MP Anglebert Ngendabanka accusing the child of stealing concrete irons. The child was caught in the market.

Impunity of crimes committed by SNR agents in Rutana province

Information received by Iteka League on 29 March 2017 indicates that Gordien Nzeyimana and Bosco Kwizera, bodyguards of Jovin Cishahayo SNR responsible in Rutana were acquitted by Rutana prosecutor's office while their leader was transferred to Makamba Province, according to our sources. These same sources indicate that the aforementioned persons caused death of Zachée Niyomwungere, aged 34, an SNR agent in Bukemba and Rutana communes, teaching at ECOFO Bukemba and died at Gitega hospital in March 14, 2017 following the tortures by his boss and these two bodyguards. The alleged perpetrators of this assassination enjoy the protection of CNDD- FDD ruling party.

The Wife of the journalist Jean Bigirimana under threats, in Bujumbura mayorship

On March 27, 2017, the wife of the late journalist Jean Bigirimana of Iwacu newspaper reported missing since July 22, 2016, awoke with a message written in blood "Keba" on the wall of her house in Kamenge urban zone , Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura mayorship.

Speeches to violence and mob justice in Cankuzo province

Information received by Iteka League on 28 March 2017 indicates that Désiré Njiji, governor of Cankuzo province, delivered a speech encouraging violence and appealing to mob justice system. During several visits through all the communes of the province, he said: "Whoever is caught stealing, or accused of sorcery or rainmaker, kill him, do not bring him to the communal administrator or to the governor's office". This speech is often repeated and supported by the administrator of Mishiha commune, Anaclet Bizimana and also by the administrator of Cendajuru commune, Beatrice Nibitanga, according to our sources.

According to the same sources, this could degenerate cases of settling of accounts on the basis of a mere suspicion or pretext against any person suspected to be the CNDD-FDD regime opponent.

Laments on the activities of the CVR in Cankuzo province

As of March 30, 2017, complaints from opposition parties members were made for they were not involved in the CVR activities in Cankuzo province. Only CNDD-FDD party members and those of UPRONA close to the ruling party, as well as associations set up by them, according to our sources.

Forced Contribution to Muramvya Province

In Muramvya province, since March 27, 2017, Kiganda communal administrator Céline Ndabubaha, in complicity with the deputy of the representative of the ruling party in Muramvya province named Daniel, are compulsorily collecting from the local shopkeepers for the construction of a hall. The amount required is 10 000 Bif. Anyone who refuses to pay this amount will be obliged to stop his business.

A house of alleged rebels destroyed in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On 31 March 2017, under the command of the administrator of Nyanza-Lac commune and the commander of Nyanza-Lac camp have ordered the destruction of Bede Nahayo's a house on Buheka hill, zone Kazirabageni, commune Nyanza-Lac, province Makamba. Irons sheets, windows, doors and furniture were removed and taken to Nyanza-Lac camp by these authorities.

A girl dead in Gisenyi zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province

As of March 20, 2017, a girl named Emelyne Niyokwizera, a student at ECOFO Kibonde in 9th year, daughter of a man named Evariste alias Directeur, a tradesman in Kabaniro, Gisenyi zone, Busoni commune, hanged himself with a rope around 2:00 p.m while she was in the 2nd quarter examination period. According to sources on the spot, the girl asked for a permission to go home because she was sick. Arriving at home, the girl hanged herself and died immediately, says our source.

A person killed in Gitega province

On March 10, 2017, an unidentified person was victim of mob justice in Masanganzira, commune and province Gitega. According to sources on the spot, it all began when Alberic Bavumiragiye was in a pub Gitegatown outskirts, commonly called "Ku masangazira" as he was heading to toilet, a person armed with a machete came behind him to decapitate him. He did not succeed because Alberic's friend named Ciza intervened. Alberic's friends beat this man to death. Alberic had opposed that he was beaten. The next day the police came to arrest him accusing him of killing a person.

Mob justice in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On March 13, 2017, Devenge Bitangimana violently beat his wife on Butaramuka hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, she allegedly accused her husband of adultery and misuse of family property for other women. The neighbors intervened to correct the husband. Had it not been police intervention, Devenge Bitangimana would have been lynched, according to the same sources.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

Phenias Barakamfitye was killed in the night of 10 to 11 March 2017 in Buseruko zone of Mugina commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, he was accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province

On March 15, 2017, in Kibuye zone of Isare commune, Bujumbura rural province, Ntugwanayo killed his wife, Domine because she was from a CNDD-FDD party meeting. According to our sources, the man is FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. The victim leaves 3 children and the man has run away.

A woman killed in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

On 17 March 2017, Gaspard Ndayirata killed his wife, Daphrose Nzeyimana, on Karonge hill, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The husband had just returned from Tanzania where he had exiled in late 2015. The reasons for the murder were not yet known and the alleged perpetrator was still unnoticeable.

Attempted murder in province Rutana

As of March 13, 2017, Protais Kwizera, a 37-year-old teacher at ECOFO Gitanga and a MSD party member, narrowly escaped shots by a policeman from Gitanga police station while he was in a pub. According to our source on the spot, this policeman was not worried.

A newborn buried alive on Rusara hill, Bwambarangwe commune, Kirundo province

On March 15, 2017, a young girl gave birth and immediately buried her newborn on Rusara hill, Bwambarangwe commune, Kirundo province. This baby was dug out after almost 6 hours and he was still alive. The administrator of Bwambarangwe commune had recovered the baby.

Two children burned in Musaga zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of March 19, 2017, OPP1 Jean-Marie Nahimana, head of Kanyosha police station, living near Musaga Catholic Church wanted to hit his wife who later managed to escape. He burnt his two children by burning the mattress on which they were sleeping. They were taken to CMCK for treatment. Gunshots were used to arrest him, according to our source on the spot.

Two groups of Imbonerakure clash in Bujumbura Rural province

In the night of 12 to 13 March 2017, in Matryazo zone, Mubimbi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Imbonerakure from this zone of Matryazo, commanded by Jacques and Jérémie, fought with Imbonerakure from Kugwavu area on Muyange hill at the border of the commune Mubimbi and Mutimbuzi. According to our sources, these Imbonerakure had spears, machetes, knives and bludgeons. Two Imbonerakure, including Karegeya and Sindimwo were seriously injured and taken to Matryazo CDS. Sindimwo's arm was broken. The fight took place in the presence of Emmanuel, the head of Kigunga hill of Mubimbi commune. According to the same sources, the reason for this fight is the misunderstanding in the sharing of the money collected from the sellers of prohibited drinks in this area.

One person killed in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

As of March 9, 2017, a person identified as originating from Nyangungu hill, Rwisabi zone, Mutaho commune, Gitega province, who had come to buy used metals in Karusi was killed by grenade on Kizingoma hill, Munanira zone, Gihogazi commune, Karusi Province. According to our source, small arms are numerous in this province.

Two fishermen killed at the border between Rwanda and Burundi, Kirundo province

On 7 March 2017, around midnight two unidentified fishermen were killed at the border of the communes of Bugabira and Kirundo by Rwandan soldiers. According to sources on the spot, Burundian fishermen residing on Nyamabuye hill, Bugabira commune reportedly entered Rwandan waters. According to the same sources, the third one who was with the two victims was not hit and managed to escape.

A man killed in Gatete commune, Rumonge province

As of March 9, 2017, Isidore Niyonkuru, the younger brother of a local officer on Makombe hill was killed. The victim, who was stabbed by Claver Niyonkuru, was claiming to be paid after the unloading of a truck carrying food aid of 2.6 tons of rice. They should receive 120 kg of rice cut off from this aid as payment in kind. But the promise was not kept. Immediately, the brother of this administrative officer where the aid was stored had asked them to wait until the morning of March 10, 2017 explaining it was night. He was immediately stabbed and died on the spot.

Four people found dead in Kirundo province

Four dead bodies of a man named Venant Gasasira, aged 50, his wife, Nzeyimana, aged 35 and his two children, one of 7 years and the other of 3 years were found in their house on Gisitwe hill, Ntega commune, Kirundo province on 1 March 2017. Venant's body had a rope on the throat and that of his wife was cut with a machete. Police investigations indicated that Gasasira killed his wife and children and that the latter had another union and committed suicide.

One person killed in Muyinga commune and province

On March 3, 2017, Moussa Ntakarutimana, 65, residing on Nyamirambo hill in Cumba zone, commune and Muyinga province was killed by his son in complicity with his wife and thrown into a toilet.

One person killed in Gitega province

A 60-year older man named Ciza, who was a shopkeeper, was killed on the night of March 10-11, 2017 on Rutegama hill in Gitega commune and province. He was killed with a machete by a group of unidentified men. His body was carried to Gitega morgue

A grenade launched in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On the night of 9-10 March 2017, around 3:00 a.m., on Musenyi hill, Mpanda commune, Bubanza province, unidentified armed men threw a grenade at a watchman named Mutamene in the palm field belonging to Mathias. According to our sources, this watchman escaped death and these criminals took off after stealing a cow.

Acts of intimidation of the Imbonerakure in the country

Imbonerakure youth of CND-FDD enjoy impunity and keep spreading terror against all those they consider to be against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

Illustrative cases:

In Muyinga province, Imbonerakure youth from Ruzo hill in Giteranyi commune, those from Kamaramagambo hill in Butihinda commune and those from Murama in Muyinga commune met on the night of 9-10 March 2017. They organized a parade to Muyinga province city to host the president of the Imbonerakure Youth League at the national level, Sylvestre Ndayizeye visiting the province.

According to our source, these Imbonerakure chanted humiliating songs and slogans and offended all those who were not from CNDD-FDD party, the CSOs, the UN and Tanzania who had welcomed the so-called putschists during the recent inter-Burundi negotiations. Arrived in the middle of the night in Mukoni quarter accused of being against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term and sheltering Tutsi ex-FAB, these Imbonerakure chanted songs with whistles encouraging rape of Tutsi girls and women, where they said, *"you Imbonerakure, knock up the Tutsi girls and women more likely to give birth to Imbonerakure"*, which caused fear to the inhabitants of this neighborhood who are expecting at any time to massive rapes. What is amazing is that soldiers of Mukoni camp located in this neighborhood have let these young Imbonerakure continue these nightly parades without stopping them.

The chair of the Imbonerakure youth League in Muyinga province, Shabani Nimubona, who is also the head of Cumba zone, commune and Muyinga province, held a meeting this week in Munagano zone

where he warned who will be denounced or suspected of being against President Nkurunziza 3rd term, his fate will be like that of those who attacked the Mukoni military camp, publicly asserting that they have corrected them.

In Bururi province, Imbonerakure in Matana commune, Bururi province are blamed by the population as perpetrators of the disturbances during night patrols. As indicated by the inhabitants of Matana commune, these Imbonerakure begin these patrols at advanced hours between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Accommodated in one of the houses called Escale located in this commune, these Imbonerakure loot and beat anyone they meet. According to the same sources, these Imbonerakure have replaced security forces. Some names are mentioned, including Kaya, chairman of Imbonerakure at the communal level, Célestin DCE in Matana, Ndikumwe, Clément, Nelly, Makwaza and Nyegeri. Those arrested by these Imbonerakure are released on payment of a ransom. The population of Matana commune asks the administrative authorities to handle the issue.

Imbonerakure youth from the provinces of Bururi and Rumonge are arresting, jailing, fining and beating passers-by in the knowledge of the communal and provincial administration. These barbaric acts are frequently observed in Bururi province, on Kiremba sub-hill and in Matana commune in the urban center on the hills of Rubanga, Gisarendu and Gasibe.

In Mwaro province, information received by Iteka League on 11 March 2017 indicates that Imbonerakure youth from Nyabihanga and Ndava communes have demonstrated against all those labeled as being against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term, inciting all young people to join the associations to prepare to fight against the enemies of President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime. All young people attend these demonstrations for fear of being considered as enemies of the regime.

In Ruyigi province, the Imbonerakure have replaced OBR agents. They arrest people, ransom them or seize their property, especially those from Tanzania. This phenomenon is observed in Gisuru commune and Rusengo in Ruyigi commune, according to sources on the spot.

In Cibitoke province, measures to buy new vests were taken and concern only moto taxi drivers not members of the Imbonerakure Youth League. The latter were obliged to buy these blue-colored vests at 40,000 Bif instead of the green vests. According to our sources, the one who does not have it has to pay a fine of 50,000 Bif. The same source said that the deal belongs to Eugene Bizindavyi, the provincial police commissioner in Cibitoke and Déo Nsabimana representing ex PMPA demobilized persons in that province.

Demonstration of CNDD-FDD members in the country

The CNDD-FDD regime organized on Saturday 4 February 2017 demonstrations in various parts of Muyinga province. The purpose of the demonstrations was to reject the role of Tanzania, which welcomed the so-called "coup plotters" in the recent negotiations in Arusha and denounced the decision to reject the access of Burundi to SADC, still on the initiative of Tanzania, according to CNDD-FDD officials. Our reporters on the spot denounced slogans and insults in these demonstrations, which incited hatred and revolt against opposition parties and human rights organizations.

In Rutana province on 4 March 2017, Rutana Province city, Imbonerakure youth of Rutana commune, chanted slogans glorifying President Pierre Nkurunziza. According to sources on the spot, these young

people also had writings on banners expressing support of the regime and denouncing the UN reports, which they consider biased.

Intimidation of a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

Enock Nkundayesu, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing and a member of the Communal Council in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province is panic-stricken following the intimidation of CNDD-FDD party members, including Melchior, Musenyi zone head. According to our sources, CNDD-FDD members intimidate him in order to force him joining CNDD-FDD party.

Twelve families beaten by Imbonerakure in Kirundo province

As of March 20, 2017, twelve families from Bugabira commune, Kirundo province made a sit-in at Kirundo province office. According to local sources, the twelve very hungry families went to the provincial office to ask for food from the authorities. They were beaten up by Imbonerakure and forced to return home.

Threats and intimidation to displaced people from Ruhororo site, Ngozi province

On the night of 23-24 March 2017, young people of Imbonerakure militia have organized paramilitary training in the site of the displaced people of Ruhororo in Ngozi province, chanting songs of intimidation and warning that "they will correct them seriously".

According to the inhabitants of this site, the purpose of these paramilitary demonstrations is to intimidate them. These war displaced people from Ruhororo site then understood that the administrative warnings that rebel groups were to attack this site and it is a distraction because in reality those who will execute this plan of attack will be the same Imbonerakure. Those displaced from Ruhororo site also fear for some of them who would be on a list made by the Imbonerakure, given that they have already received threats and warnings in the same way and repeatedly.

According to the same source, they noticed that during the night, all the police leave their position to leave the place to the Imbonerakure whereas they should rather strengthen security since they pretend to be aware of these so-called attacks of the rebel groups. The other worrying remark is that the police do not intervene when the Imbonerakure threaten or attack the displaced persons of this site and the latter are worried because even some administrative officials continue declaring that they want the displaced to return to their hills of origine.

Excavation of a mass grave in Mwaro province begins

Information received by our office indicates that on 27 February 2017, the CVR began a scientific work to exhume bones in Makamba in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province. A team of experts is at work. It began demarcating the area where the bones were found. This technical team is accompanied by a French forensic anthropologist. Tania Delabarde is consultant to the International Committee for the Red Cross. The Rusaka mass grave was discovered during the construction of the foundations of a handicraft school. According to Clotilde Niragira, general secretary of the CVR, excavations will also be carried out in other provinces like Rumonge and Muramvya.

Residents concerned about forced contributions in the country

In Rumonge province, farmers must pay 2,000 francs per household, each civil servant must pay a sum of 5,000 francs and 10,000 francs for a merchant. Inhabitants of this commune denounce enforced recoveries from which they are victims every market day.

They assert that access to the market of Buyengero and Kabumburi is conditional upon the presentation of a receipt for the payment of the money. Communal agents are mobilized in these markets to compel the population to pay these contributions.

Administrative authorities of this commune recognize this contribution but the technical adviser of the administrator of Buyengero commune in charge of development denies the compelling of the administration. Laurent Nduwayo says that Buyengero commune had a promise of a handcraft school in Muzenga zone whose participation in its construction is a duty for all the population of this commune.

According to communal forecasts, the population of Buyengero commune must contribute a total of 26,000,000 francs. The Presidency agreed to offer sheets, cement and concrete irons. Currently, many households in this commune are facing unnamed poverty. It is difficult for them to pay for this contribution and face the recent increase in taxes on agricultural products, their main source of income.

All the teachers of Kirundo DPE were forced to pay enforced contributions of 5000 Bif for the construction of CNDD-FDD party office. According to local sources, it is the principals of schools who collect this amount with threats that those who do not pay the contribution will not be entitled to administrative documents. The same sources indicate that in February 2017 there was enforced contribution of 5000 Bif to teachers in support of hungry people but the money raised was to pay the Imbonerakure of the province.

In Muyinga province in March 2017, a compulsory contribution to CNDD-FDD party is being collected among teachers. According to sources on the spot, Asha Kankindi, an influential woman in the CNDD-FDD Women's League, a teacher at ECOFO Gasenyi in Muyinga province city was charged with collecting these forced contributions with intimidation. She requires them to register by indicating that those who are not on the list of contributions will be moved further or even dismissed from their job. What surprised non-CNDD-FDD teachers who do not understand this measure because some are non-political others are in other parties.

In Muramvya province, since March 27, 2017, Kiganda communal administrator Céline Ndabubaha, in complicity with the deputy of the representative of the ruling party in province of Muramvya named Daniel are compulsorily collecting money from local shopkeepers for the construction of a hall. The amount required is 10 000 Bif. Whoever refuses to pay this sum is obliged to stop his business

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Two persons killed in Ruyigi commune and province

On the night of 26-27 February 2017, two people Nestor Manirakiza, a native of Rangi hill, zone and commune Ruyigi and Ramazani, a native of Cankuzo commune were killed by the population of Ruyigi. According to sources on the spot, the victims were accused of stealing mattresses and radio sets from Prime Ndaruzaniye of Rangi Hill in Ruyigi zone and commune. Caught in act, they were lynched straightaway. The perpetrators of this mob justice have not been worried, according to the same sources

Worrying mass departures from Ruyigi province to Tanzania

Information received by Iteka League on 25 February 2017 indicates that mass departures to Tanzania are recorded on Kibembwe sub-hill, Nyarunazi hill in Ruyigi province. The same information reveals that most of the houses on this hill are empty. The following names are examples of those who left but the list is long.

These include the households of Ndere (8), Ntibarutaye Jérémie (2), Bugege (7), Nabiyumva (5), Raphael (4), Ntahonganyira (2), Budende (3), Anastasie, Kumana (4), Hakiza (5), Gafunegeri (3), Ndayisaba (8) and Kazoya (5). Figures in parentheses specify the size of each family gone.

Women demonstrations in Gitega province

At least 100 women, members of the ruling party gathered in the Permanent Forum for Women have demonstrated in Gitega on 25 February 2017 to protest against the participation of the alleged putschists to Arusha negotiations. A dozen of ex-PMPA policewomen in police uniforms, from CNDD-FDD party had joined the group of demonstrators. This so-called march for peace was transformed into a meeting of the ruling party. Insulting slogans were chanted against opponents to the regime.

These ceremonies were enhanced by Evariste Ndayishimiye, general secretary of CNDD-FDD party nationwide.

Armed robbery in Rutovu commune, Bururi province

On the evening of 18 February 2017, a group of bandits armed with rifles targeted Magiro's family of Musenyi hill, Rutovu commune, Bururi province where five cows were stolen. The administration and the police questioned on this issue say they are carrying out investigations. The police would be accomplice because it intervened too late while the position was a few hundred meters away.

One person killed in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

On February 17, 2017, Donatien Nyandwi was killed by his brother Maxime Ntirampeba in Nyarucamo, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province. According to sources on the spot, a land conflict is linked to this murder.

One person killed in Musongati commune, Rutana province

As of 13 February 2017, around 4:00 a.m., Methodode Ndikumana, a native of Ngoma zone was killed on Ngoma-Musongati road in Rutana province. According to sources on the spot, the victim was shot on his leg before his executioners finish him with stabs. The victim had woken up very early in the morning and went to Musongati to pick fertilizer. He died at Rutana hospital where he had been evacuated in a state of agony.

Night patrols attributed to the Imbonerakure in Bururi province

According to various sources, the Imbonerakure organize night patrols that scare the inhabitants of Bururi province more precisely in Kigwati quarter and on the hills of Gasibe, Rubanga and Sakinyonga in Matana commune. According to information received from the inhabitants of these areas, they uttered words inciting hatred, threats and intimidation aimed at the families of political opponents so that they could leave the place. The most targeted are the families of ex-FAB retirees and opposition parties members. All these acts are done in the knowledge of the local and provincial administration. The inhabitants of these areas are afraid and fear of targeted armed attacks.

Search in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship

Police has searched in Mpimba central prison on the morning of 17 February 2017. During the operation, 41 mobile phones and their chargers were seized as well as 31 bottles of beer, one Kalashnikov rifle bullet, an expired Rwandan passport and eighteen Burundian ID cards. More than twenty kilos of sugar and a package of yeast that would serve in the manufacture of prohibited drink were also seized, according to police deputy spokesman Moise Nkurunziza.

On February 16, 2017, a search had been carried out in the dispensary of the same prison which is now housing soldiers accused of having participated in a pseudo attack to Mukoni military camp in Muyinga. The purpose of this search was the seizure of cell phones which were used to spread on Internet images of tortured prisoners.

These soldiers were violently tortured after their arrest in January 2017 before being bedridden at the dispensary. They are afraid of further torture and constantly fear for their safety, according to sources at Mpimba central prison.

According to the same sources in Mpimba central prison, the two detainees were mostly targeted because of photographs on the web, which pictures show images of the traces of torture suffered by these detainees. These images contradict the words of the Burundian Minister of Justice, Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, who publicly denied any form of torture

against these detainees. The director of Mpimba central prison, Déo Bigirimana, who should yet ensure the safety of the detainees under his responsibility, assists without doing anything.

A day before on February 15, 2017, another search was carried out in Gitega central prison, and about thirty telephones were seized in the quarters housing the prisoners accused of having wanted to overthrow President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime in 2015.

CNDD-FDD demonstrations in several parts of the country

As of February 18, 2017, demonstrations were organized in almost all provinces of the country. In Bujumbura Mayorship, motorcycle taxis, bicycle drivers and the ruling party youth were mobilized with placards and writings in hand.

One could read on these writings: "We vigorously contest the so-called mediators like Benomar, already refused by the Burundian government and Ibrahima Fall in inter-Burundi dialogue." The demonstrators demanded the arrest of the opponents to President Nkurunziza's regime namely Alexis Sinduhije, Jean Minani, Bernard Busokoza, Pacifique Nininahazwe, Onesime Nduwimana, Pie Ntavyohanyuma, Gervais Rufyikiri and former President Pierre Buyoya.

Some of these prominent figures were accused by the CNDD-FDD authorities of being put schists on May 13, 2015. The government has decided to boycott the Arusha negotiations opened by the facilitator Benjamin Mkapa since February 16, 2017 pretexting that it cannot sit on the same table with putschists. Similar events have also been organized in other provinces of the country.

Intimidation against the war-displaced of Bugendana site, in Gitega Province

On 13 February 2017, during the opening of an ECOFO in Bugendana commune in Gitega province, the first vice-president of the Republic, Gaston Sindimwo, confirmed the policy to close the war-displaced persons' sites in Burundi.

This high authority of the country does not agree that there is still the war-displaced site in Bugendana while the country is no longer at war. What shocked the inhabitants of this Bugendana site who thought they had an opportunity to denounce the acts of intimidation committed by the Imbonerakure youth. They understood that these Imbonerakure are supported by the authorities of the country. The site of the displaced persons of Bugendana was formed during the 1993 crisis on Mukoni hill and in 1996 this site was attacked by CNDD-FDD rebels where more than 320 people were murdered in a single day.

Draft constitutional amendment under way in Burundi

The first item on the agenda of the Council of Ministers held on 15 and 16 February 2017 concerns the revision of the Constitution of Burundi of 2005. The draft decree establishing the mandate, composition, organization and functioning of the Commission in charge of

proposing the draft amendment to the Constitution of Burundi was presented on 15 February 2017 by the Minister of Justice Aimé Laurentine Kanyana.

The analysis of this draft law revising the constitution came a day before the beginning of the round of inter-Burundian negotiations that took place in Arusha from 16 to 18 February 2017. One of the points of contention between Nkurunziza's regime and its opposition is respect for the Arusha Accords and the Constitution.

The Burundian opposition accuses President Nkurunziza of wanting to amend the Constitution to realize his wish to remain everlastingly in power by abolishing the presidential mandates. For its side, the government explains that it wants to implement the recommendations stemming from the controversial internal dialogue organized by the CNDI.

The issue of non-respect of presidential mandates is the root of the crisis that Burundi has been experiencing since 2015. A campaign called "Halt to Third Term" was born on April 26, 2015 after the announcement of president Nkurunziza's candidacy for the 2015 elections.

Pamphlets in Cankuzo province

The population of Mishiha commune in Cankuzo province is concerned about pamphlets found on 15 February 2017 with lists of CNDD-FDD party members to be murdered. The population considers this as a setup of the regime that consists of finding alibis to track down all opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. Following these pamphlets, there is fear in this province.

Escalation of robbery in household in Ruyigi province

Information collected in Ruyigi province indicates the increase of robbery in households with or without weapons in Ruyigi province. For example, on February 12, 2017, in Sanzu II quarter "Chez Maman Nisi" (Espérance), the thieves took everything in her home except armchairs when she was at church in daytime. Another lady named Chantal was robbed 300,000 Bif on 16 February 2017, around 5:00 p.m. The money was in her purse when she was back from work. Mrs. Marie Rose Kwizera was almost killed on February 16, 2017 by a thief at about 2:00 p.m. when she returned from work. A thief armed with a long knife physically assailed this lady. To defend herself, she shouted for help but the thief managed to steal her cell phone. The reason for this upsurge of robbery is related to the recent release of prisoners who in Ruyigi central prison are 173, according to sources on the spot.

It is also worth mentioning the case of three thieves on a probox vehicle arrested on 12 February 2017, at around 2:00 p.m. in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. This is Claver Niyongabo, a native of Kinama zone, Bujumbura Mayorship, Désiré Bizimana, from Muremera in Giheta and a resident of Twinyoni quarter in Bujumbura Mayorship, and another who immediately fled. In the trial of 13 February 2017, Claver was charged with illegally carrying a pistol-type firearm and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and fined 2 million Bif, while Désiré, the driver was laundered. Claver was taken to Ruyigi Central Prison and

had been released from Gitega Central Prison in December 2016. The 3rd person has escaped with the complicity of the policemen who received a bribe from him, according to local sources.

Heavy gunfire in Cankuzo province city

On 17 February 2017, around 11:00 a.m., shots were heard in Cankuzo province city. According to sources on the spot, a policeman fired into the air to arrest a detainee in Cankuzo province police station cell, named Sebugomba accused of stealing cows. The latter managed to escape.

Search in Mpimba Central Prison

On 11 February 2017, a search was carried out in Mpimba Central Prison. The detainees were invaded by policemen and Imbonerakure working for the SNR accompanied by the Director of the prison Deo Bigirimana. They said they were coming for cell phones. The detainees were shocked to see policemen and Imbonerakure taking away money and their food for lack of phones. Detainees request that only items not admitted to prison be seized. They are demanding their money and stolen goods from the direction and those policemen who steal and loot are punished. The police said they seized at least 46 cell phones, 156 packages of hemp and 240 liters of prohibited drink.

Discovery of a gun in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On February 10, 2017, a Kalashnikov-type gun was discovered in a hiding place on Gisenyi hill, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. The police of the commune immediately recovered this gun after being alerted by the inhabitants of this hill.

According to the provincial police commissioner in Rumonge, the owner of this weapon was not identified. He says that the gun was hidden there by armed men. The police official said the police had already seized several weapons that had been in the hands of the population and groups since 2016 in Rumonge province but he refused to specify the number.

Maramvya zone was repeatedly the scene of clashes between security forces and armed groups in 2016. Residents of the zone were also targeted by these attacks. These inhabitants assert that at early 2017, Burambi commune is calm.

Carriers' strike in Gitega province

In the afternoon of February 7, 2017, traffic in Gitega province was temporarily disrupted. The carriers stopped their activity to protest against the payment of taxes. The tax collectors of Gitega commune had established a barrier at the exit of the city, which provoked the dissatisfaction of the carriers. Travels to Bujumbura were delayed. The police intervened and

restored traffic that had been disrupted for an hour. According to local sources, the commune requires monthly parking charges for bus transporters and other public transport vehicles. According to the same sources, the vans have to pay 21,000 Bif, the cars 15,000 Bif and the buses like "coasters" must pay an amount of 30,000 Bif. For carriers, the amounts claimed are unacceptable and huge. The ATRABU representative, Hassan Mohammed explained that his members sometimes pay tax twice, in Bujumbura and Gitega. The administrator of Gitega commune, Valentin Nahimana came himself to calm down these carriers. He granted a week for a consensus decision to be reached.

Anti UN demonstration in Gitega province

As of 11 February 2017, a public demonstration was organized in Gitega province to protest against the UN experts report on human rights situation in Burundi. According to local sources, the number of demonstrators was estimated between 600 and 1,000 persons. After the demonstrations, there was community work. For the administrator of Gitega commune, Valentin Nahimana, the purpose of this march was to reject the United Nations experts who, according to him, published false reports, full of lies on the human rights situation in Burundi. According to the administrator, the experts collaborated with those who tried to overthrow the institutions in May 2015. He also said that he is opposed to sending UN investigators to Burundi. The administrator also targeted OCHA reports, which he said are misleading. OCHA says in its reports that 500 people are fleeing Burundi every day because of human rights violations, according to the administrator. The latter also asserts that these reports are released to influence the forthcoming Arusha negotiations. Similar demonstrations were held in Rutana province on the same date of 11 February 2017.

An illegal barrier of the "Imbonerakure" youth raised in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

The inhabitants of Mukungu zone in Nyanza-Lac commune of Makamba province are relieved that the ill-treatment by the 'Imbonerakure' youth reduced in recent days. This relief comes from the fact that the head of Mukungu zone was slapped by a policeman publicly, whereas this leader of Imbonerakure and his group had been abusing the inhabitants for several weeks.

The incident reported by our sources occurred on 3 February 2017 in Muguruka area of Mukungu zone. The head of Mukungu zone accompanied by the CNDD-FDD party youth "Imbonerakure", used to erect a barrier to arrest passers-by and vehicles in order to extort money.

The same "Imbonerakure" had arrogated this so-called right to "check" if there were people who had not yet contributed to the construction of Makamba stadium. "Woe to who did not have a receipt on him justifying the payment," reports one source.

Whether pedestrians, bicycles or motorists, no one was spared by these "Imbonerakure".

As of February 3, 2017, these youths of the presidential party arrested a man on a bicycle requesting him to show his receipts. While discussing, witnesses said, a minibus-type Hiace vehicle arrived at the barrier. The driver vainly asked the "Imbonerakure" to let him continue.

Attempting to force the barrier made with a simple rope, a rear-view mirror of his vehicle was broken by one of the "Imbonerakure". The same driver asked the Mukungu zone head and his group of zealous young members of the ruling party to settle the incident amicably, and to give him 10,000 Bif for repairs but his request was not heard.

The same sources indicate that instead of being compensated, the driver was booed, abused and assaulted by members of CNDD-FDD party. They said he could not go anywhere to lodge a complaint, because they are calling all the shots, our sources continue.

Finding he was threatened, the driver called for help from his mobile phone. Ten minutes later, policemen led by an officer arrived. This officer slapped publicly the head of Mukungu zone, reveal our sources. After observing the humiliation that their leader had suffered, these Imbonerakure youth of the ruling party disappeared in nature. This police officer our sources were unable to identify also ordered zone head of Mukungu zone to pay his full salary for three months to the minibus driver to pay for the damaged rear-view mirror. The same head of Mukungu zone will have to ensure that the bicycle owner who was there at the beginning of this conflict is never worried, our sources say.

People in Mukungu zoone were happy because there is no longer a barrier on the road, as the Imbonerakure youth having been afraid of suffering the same fate as their leader but is afraid that these Imbonerakure will adopt a another plan to ransom the inhabitants of Mukungu.

Burundian exile movement to neighboring countries intensifies

In a statement issued in early February 2017, UNHCR said hundreds of Burundian refugees were still arriving in Burundi's neighboring countries, UNHCR asked the host governments to provide more land to provide shelter and avoid a dramatic deterioration in their living conditions.

According to UNHCR, refugees have increased in the first weeks of 2017, which reinforces the need for additional land in host countries, especially in Tanzania, Rwanda and the DRC. Most of refugees are women, children and people with special needs.

The UNHCR statement evokes a number of 386,493 Burundian refugees until early February 2017. UNHCR's projections for 2017 indicate that the number of refugees will be above half-million. Currently, Tanzania, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo receive respectively 222,271, 84,866 and 32,650 refugees.

For this UN organization, if these countries do not avail new land to increase camp capacity or build new camps, they will find it difficult to provide enough shelter and vital services in

the camps. It evokes the example of Nduta camp in Tanzania, the only camp to accept new arrivals has far exceeded its initial capacity of 100,000 persons. Humanitarian organizations are struggling to provide basic services and fear the emergence of health crises if overcrowding worsens and facilities fail to address.

For UNHCR, arrivals remained many in January 2017, with an average of almost 600 people per day. There is great pressure on all refugee camps. In Rwanda, the Mahama camp is currently hosting more than 53,000 refugees, while its initial capacity is 50,000, with more than 160 new arrivals per week in January. The DRC faces a lack of land at Lusenda camp, where the population almost doubled last year, reaching 25,000 by the end of 2016. In January, there were about 1,040 Burundians. Uganda has 44,000 refugees.

The same UNHCR statement reminded donor countries to increase their aid and funding. Last year, UNHCR raised \$ 96.1 million for the crisis in Burundi, which is 53% of the amount requested.

Burundian soldiers flee repression of the regime

Burundian soldiers who have just completed their mission in the Central African Republic and Somalia for MINUSCA and AMISOM now prefer to desert instead of returning home for fear of torture and other ill-treatment at their return. This is the case of Captain Epitace Nimbona, an ex-FAB officer who was from the CAR but fled Burundi with his family. This Captain said that he chose to flee his country following the threats he received while still on a peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic.

"I am one of those who have received threats since leaving Burundi for the Central African Republic. Before leaving on a mission, I was assigned to one of the so-called insurrectional quarters. When I left for CAR, the torturers attacked my family. The police searched my house at least 3 times a week. My child was traumatized until he refused to go back to school," the officer said.

Captain Nimbona said he was a victim of the fact that he intervened between the population and the police when they wanted to fire live ammunition on civilians demonstrating against Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd mandate. When this officer left for the CAR, threats did not stop.

"Even in CAR, I was threatened on a daily basis. People always followed my family's movements and took pictures every time. One day a brother-in-arms warned me and even showed me the photographs they had taken of my family who was in Bujumbura. I asked for a leave like the others but in it was canceled a short time. That's when I finally felt the danger that was waiting for me", Captain Nimbona continues.

Aware of the danger, the officer informed his hierarchical leaders. However, they never responded, nor responded to his alerts. This inaction prompted him to quickly find out how to evacuate his family he considered to be in danger.

"I sent a correspondence to the Minister of Defense, a copy to the Chief of Staff of our army, the military auditor, the G1 and the head of the peacekeeping mission. Instead of helping me, they instead summoned my wife accusing her of being a rebel. She then hid for a while before she managed to leave the country, "said the officer.

At the end of his mission within MINUSCA, Captain Epitace Nimbona decided to exile instead of returning to Burundi. He says he could not go into a net like a fish because he knew he was being awaited by torturers to kill him.

This Burundi army officer advises the soldiers who have remained in Burundi to always stay alerted and be aware of their commitment, when the Burundian army is politically divided.

The case of Captain Epitace Nimbona is not isolated. Before him, many other Burundian soldiers and policemen, senior and junior officers, refused to return to the country at the end of their mission, preferring to exile for fear of their safety and their families'.

It is also the case of Colonel Adolphe Manirakiza who was spokesman for the Burundian contingent for MINUSCA in the Central African Republic. Others continue seeking refuge to the UNHCR from the countries where they were deployed on mission.

Since the beginning of the crisis in Burundi, several forms of repression have been observed. The crackdown targeted civilians who were accused of participating in protests against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term, and then some members of the defense and security corps, particularly those from the ex-FAB.

Today, some soldiers and policemen choose fleeing the country, fearing for being savagely killed by Bujumbura regime. Many were arrested just off the plane even before meeting their family. This is the case of Warrant Officer Major Elysée Nduwumukama, an ex-FAB soldier arrested at Bujumbura International Airport on 21 January 2017 and then taken to an unknown destination. According to witnesses, SNR agents arrested him when he returned from his peacekeeping mission in the CAR.

An embarrassing decision to destroy all improvised fences erected in Bujumbura Mayroship

As of February 9, 2017, residents of Bwiza quarter in Bujumbura downtown who have fences in reeds, boards and plates, were ordered to destroy them. The measure came out a few days ago and the inhabitants did not believe it. Since February 8, 2017, they themselves decided to destroy these fences without waiting for the intervention of the administration. Small houses are uncovered following this decision. This provoked grumbles from the residents of this quarter who claim to be unprotected from banditry and patrolling police who take advantage of the night to get into their homes to steal or demand money. One of the residents told us: "I do not know if I can sleep in my house without protection because once thieves come, they would be right in front of my room," an old mother worries.

According to Bujumbura Mayorship, this decision is to guarantee the hygiene of popular quarters. For the residents, a period of grace was necessary to get ready, otherwise it was a surprise while they had no means to erect fences in durable materials.

A grenade found in Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 8 February 2017, around 10:00 a.m., Jenda 1ECOFO students in school break saw a grenade on the soccer field in Jenda center, Jenda zone, Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura province rural. They informed their teachers who called the Rwibaga police to come and pick it. The post head named Surwavuba quickly intervened and took a picture before picking it up.

One person killed in Busiga commune, Ngozi province

As of February 5, 2017, a person of the social component Twa, living on Musivya hill, was decapitated in Mparamirundi zone, Busiga commune, Ngozi province. According to sources on the spot, the victim was killed by guards of Kazibaziba coffee factory. He was accused of stealing maize close to the factory. The perpetrators of this crime do not deny the facts and were arrested.

Nine policemen injured by their colleague in Bujumbura Mayorship

As of February 2, 2017, a PSR policeman named Samuel Nduwimana shots on his colleagues and injured at least eight. Four were in critical condition, sources said. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said the gunman was sleeping with the victims in the PSR dormitory when suddenly he awoke and started shooting. Nkurikiye indicates that the perpetrator then attempted suicide. "He had been showing signs of mental disabilities for a few days," he added.

Attempted murder in Muramvya province

During the night of 1 to 2 February 2017, around 10:00 p.m., at Muramvya province city in a pub commonly known as "Mu Kinogo" chez Denis, the PSI deputy commissioner named Jean Claude Ntukamazina shot at the SNR official in Bukeye commune named Etienne. There was no damage.

Water shortage in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

The inhabitants of Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, complain of drinking water shortage in their commune. According to sources on the spot, several hills of this commune overhanging Lake Tanganyika have water shortage for several days. This shortage follows continuous cuts of tap water. To cope with this, the inhabitants supply from rivers such as Kanyamazi and Nyabisogi. The administrator of Kabezi commune, Renilde Ndayishimiye, indicates that the lack of water is due to the cut of a main water line taken from the heights of Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province.

Hungry prisoners riot in Rumonge province

As of February 3, 2017, prisoners broke through the doors of their cells to protest against the lack of food assistance. Information from the prisoners indicates that detainees had not eaten for three days. According to prison officials, stocks were over as suppliers suspended deliveries of goods due to late payments. Many policemen were deployed around the facility to handle the situation.

The forced extradition of Burundian refugees in the DRC hides unsaid

The fear remains for families of more than 100 Burundians extradited from the DRC and handed over to the Burundian authorities on 31 January 2017. Officially, the Congolese authorities have asserted that these Burundians are not rebels, but the Burundian public authorities say the arrested as rebels trained in neighboring countries. Marcellin Cishambo, governor of South Kivu province who had accompanied these Burundians to hand them to Bujumbura regime had told the media that these people are not rebels.

Despite these observations, the Burundian justice minister Aimée Laurentine Kanyana disagreed and announced investigations to identify them clearly. "We do not know the identities of those Burundians arrested in the DRC. But as we have just handed them over, we will investigate why they left the country, and see how and why they were arrested. From the results, we will know what to do with these people," she said at Gatumba border at the arrival of the extradited persons.

However, the governor of South Kivu had stated clearly that it was Burundians who expressed their willingness to return home after several months of detention in the DRC.

"These Burundians were arrested and imprisoned. When they showed the will to return, I had to allow them to. It is the principle of return, a voluntary return. We were lucky that the Burundian government has agreed to allow its citizens to return," said Marcellin Cishambo.

This case of Burundians extradited seems to hide unsaid. Though the governor of South Kivu announced that these Burundians were willing to return, information collected among the relatives and those extradited themselves refute the words of this Congolese authority.

"I was arrested for a case that is not mine. My husband sold a fishing net and they came to arrest him while he was not at home. Charges were changed and it was said that my husband is selling weapons. I was arrested in his behalf and then I am taken to Burundi. I did not want to go home, I do not feel secure. I do not understand why I and my family are forcibly returned," a woman said when she was embarked by the Burundian police on the border.

Another Burundian explained the circumstances of his arrest: "A friend of mine had been arrested and he called me, asking me to bring him money so he could be released. When I

arrived, security forces also arrested me, and accused me of being a rebel. I have never belonged to such groups. I do not even know how to handle a rifle. I tried to provide as many explanations as I could, but they refused. "

In spite of the assertions of the governor of South Kivu to the media, this Congolese authority who led the expulsion of the Burundians made a completely different statement to the Burundian delegation to collect and arrest these Burundians. "I even have a letter of request for pardon that these Burundians sent me, and they acknowledge to being misled by some Burundian politicians," said Marcellin Cishambo.

The fact that the Governor of South Kivu made contradictory statements and that the Burundian Minister of Justice announced investigations and did not tranquilize the families of all those arrested and forcibly extradited and then taken to Mpimba Central Prison. Some even think of a coup setup by Bujumbura regime in collaboration with some of the DRC authorities.

According to an expert in international criminal law, the operation for the handing over of the Burundians to Bujumbura regime did not respect any law and international convention. If either person is a formal refugee in the DRC, the Geneva Convention of 1951 prohibits the forcible return of a refugee to the country he has fled. If the refugee is accused of having committed a crime in the country of origin before fleeing his country, then this can be the common law crime. In this case, it is necessary to verify that there is an extradition agreement between the two countries (the DRC and Burundi) and this convention is applied.

There is an international custom that prohibits a country from extraditing to another country a person who has fled his country for political reasons. According to the same expert, Burundians arrested in the DRC are only suspected of belonging to the armed groups. There was no indication that they had committed a crime or an offense before fleeing Burundi. Therefore, assuming that they are linked to the armed groups, this means that until now they have not properly committed a crime on Burundian soil. It is an exceptional remission to international conventions ".

Lists of possible transfers arouse fear of detainees in Rumonge Central Prison

As of February 2, 2017, a climate of suspicion prevails in Rumonge central prison of following a list made containing the names of prisoners to be transferred to other prisons. This list would be currently in the General Direction of Prison Affairs. It would be the work of some prisoners. Political prisoners are mainly targeted. According to information collected in Rumonge central prison, this climate of suspicion dates from the 2nd quarter of 2016.

The situation worsened in mid-December 2016 when a police officer detained in Rumonge, Michel Nurweze known as "Rwembe" was caught in act in possession of hemp in this prison. This gross fault was supposed to be sanctioned by his isolation in a place commonly called "correction room", continue our sources.

However, those responsible for this Rumonge central prison have ignored the case. Since the incident, the prison officials in collaboration with some prisoners affiliated to CNDD-FDD party began mistreating those who are suspected of being opponents to Bujumbura regime among the detainees in Rumonge. According to the same sources, their plan would aim at "infiltrate" these prisoners to abduct those targeted without hindrance.

From this perspective, according to the same information, some prisoners considered as obstacles to the achievement of these abductions would be inscribed on this list. Their names would have been sent to the General Direction of Prison Affairs so that these prisoners could be transferred elsewhere.

The former deputy police commissioner of Gitega, the officer Michel Nurweze nicknamed "Rwembe", handed the list to the Deputy Director of this prison Jean-Claude Niyomwungere. The latter, in turn, sent it to the General Direction of Prison Affairs, according to our sources.

For the time being, there is a fear among the prisoners, particularly those accused of being in opposition and those who have demonstrated against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term in 2015. They fear for their safety if ever their transfers are executed.

Worrying movements of the population towards Tanzania

In Cankuzo province, worrying population movements to Tanzania are reported. According to sources on the spot, some speak of famine while others speak of insecurity that prevail in this province. Earlier this week, at least 60 people left from Mishiha commune in a single day. Five neighbors of these people were arrested by the prosecutor's office to investigate on the mass departing reasons of these people, according to our sources. The administration fears they will be enlisted in rebel groups.

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Demonstrations organized in several parts of the country

The CNDD-FDD regime organized Saturday 28 January 2017 public demonstrations in different parts of the country. The purpose of the demonstrations was to denounce reports on human rights produced by national and international NGOs, especially the recent European Parliament resolution recommending that the UN Security Council and the ICC carry out deep investigations on human rights situation in Burundi. Our reporters on the spot denounced insults and slogans inciting hatred and revolt against opposition parties and human rights organizations, namely Iteka League, FIDH and HRW.

Public demonstrations were held in Bujumbura Mayorship, in Makamba province where the speaker of the senate himself was, in the streets of the Cankuzo province city, in Matana commune, Bururi province as well as in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

One person wounded in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

As of March 23, 2017, Manassé Bigirimana, from Rango hill, Ndava commune, Mwaro province, belonging to the social component Twa entered his father's house with a spear and machete with the purpose of killing people living in this house. He tried to fight with his father and stepmother, but Manassé was wounded with a machete on the face, ribs and legs. He was evacuated to Fota hospital. Manassé's father and his stepmother are in the hands of the police to undergo interrogations. According sources on the spot, land conflicts are the heart of this incident.

A child killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of March 4, 2017, around 10:00 pm, at the 9th transvers in Rusiga sector of Cibitoke zone, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, a 14-year-old child named Ciza was murdered by unidentified men.

Paramilitary training sessions in Rutana commune, Rutana province

Paramilitary training sessions have been denounced in many parts of our country by human rights organizations. After paramilitary training operations reported in Giharo commune in Rutana province, information collected on the spot indicates that training sessions for Imbonerakure youth affiliated to the ruling party were also observed on January 21, 2017, around 10 a.m. on the football field located in Gitaba zone, Rutana commune, Rutana province near Muyovozi River.

Threats and intimidation at the site of displaced persons in Mutaho, Gitega province.

The day after the Mukoni incident in Muyinga province which was followed by a wave of arrests of several soldiers, the police and the Imbonerakure circulated rumors that those who attacked Muyinga came from the site of the displaced persons of Mutaho. On the morning of January 25, 2017, the inhabitants of this site were surrounded by the police of Gitega police station arguing to be in search of rebels. These 1993 war-displaced persons with a majority of the Tutsi social component denounce intimidation of which they are victims and prevent a possible plan of extermination under preparation. It should be noted that several sites of war-displaced persons in the country are undergoing threats of extermination by the Imbonerakure and the policemen.

Search in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 24, 2017, Mutakura quarter of Bujumbura Mayorship was surrounded by policemen who afterwards carried out household records verification. The population of this quarter denounces the fact that these notebooks are demanded only to the inhabitants of the quarters known as President Pierre Nkurunziza's the 3rd term protesters. It is tired of these kinds of operations that have become a form of police intimidation, which causes great fear to victims who believe that a summary execution plan would be in preparation.

A journalist prevented from working in Karusi province

On 24 January 2017, Raissa Liliane Inamahoro, a VOA journalist and Elsa Kagwiza, an intern from the same radio station were forced to leave the province on the orders of the governor of Karusi, Carinie Mbarushimana. Journalists had left to report on the famine and the impact of torrential rains in several parts of the province.

Search at Cankuzo Urban Center

As of January 20, 2017, very early in the morning, a police search took place in Kigwati IV quarter of Cankuzo province urban center. On the police order, no one had the right to leave his home. Children who went to school were forced to return home, sources said. The traffic had to resume shortly after 8 o'clock. Throughout the country, the Burundian police suspect fighters are getting prepared for attacks.

NGOs and religious denominations ordered to be registered at the Bujumbura Mayorship

In an announcement dated 19 January 2017 and signed by the principal advisor to the Mayor of Bujumbura Ramadhan Nkurikiye, all NGOs, both national and international, non-profit associations and religious denominations working in Bujumbura are obliged to withdraw the forms to register to the municipal services by 31 January 2017. This announcement surprised those organizations which are however known and registered in the books of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Patriotic Training.

The concerned hardly understand the purpose of the measure and denounce the camouflaged intentions of Bujumbura Mayorship which go in the way of finding ways and means of collecting money on behalf of the ruling party. Bujumbura Mayorship officials including the zealous city mayor often take measures to merit the trust of their party, which demands huge contributions to its functioning, according to information collected from the staff members of Bujumbura Mayorship.

It is not the first time that the Mayor of Bujumbura city adopts controversial measures. Recently, in collaboration with the Bicycle Taxi Association, he introduced a measure for bicycle taxis and private bicycles, a measure that was afterwards canceled by the ministry in charge of transport.

One person killed in commune and province Muramvya

As of January 9, 2017, a sixth-year form student at ECOFO Gishubi, aged 14, named Norbert Nduwimana, was killed by grenade on Gishubi hill, commune and Muramvya province. According to sources, the grenade exploded when the child was manipulating it. The same source indicates that the grenade was in the house and that the victim's father is a former peacekeeper who had not get rid of his device.

Intimidation in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

As of 11 January 2017, in a meeting between the administration staff and the population of Mukungu, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, the police were ordered by Mukungu hill head to shoot whoever will be caught cutting a tree in the forest estate of the government. This caused fear among the population who believe that the police may abuse and settle their accounts on the basis of this decision. The hill head says those who are unhappy with this decision should pack up and join the refugees in Nyarugusu in the United Republic of Tanzania. The population denounces an outlaw measure because the death penalty has been abolished in our country.

A mass grave discovered in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

A mass grave was discovered on January 10, 2017 on Makamba hill, Rusaka commune, Mwaro province. On-site sources indicate that six skulls and other human bones were in a mass grave on a site where the province was preparing to build a crafts center. According to Jean-Marie Nyakarerwa, the governor of Mwaro province, no one is in a position to clarify this discovery for the time being.

However, some sources say that the mass grave was known and contains remains of the bodies of the young opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term, arrested, abducted and killed before being buried while others say that they are people killed in 1972. The phenomenon of the discovery of human bones in building sites is not new, it is increasing in recent times and reveals the existence of several other mass graves in the country.

Various information says that these mass graves are discovered accidentally, it is rather the perpetrators of these massacres who seek to remove the traces and manipulate the information.

These human bones were buried in haste without any form of investigation. The public authorities do not allow time for medical expertise to make the truth known, clarifies our source.

A young man abducted and tortured in Rohero urban zone , Bujumbura Mayorship

On January 7, 2017, witnesses reported seeing a young man tied up in police feet in a police double cabin Hilux vehicle registered A263PN on Muyinga Avenue. The same sources say that the victim who was not identified was in critical condition after suffering serious torture. He was taken to an unknown destination.

A prisoner released illegally from the prison in Bujumbura Mayorship

A detainee of Mpimba Central Prison named Aaron Arakaza alias "commando" was released from prison in mid-day on 3 January 2017. According to witnesses, the victim was taken to the SNR cell. He had received many calls intimidating him the morning of the same day. These calls told him about weapons seized in Kiyenzi zone in Kanyosha commune and accused him of knowing the origin. He was returned to Mpimba Central Prison on the same day.

Call for mob justice in Cankuzo Province

According to information reached our office on January 28, 2017, Béatrice Nibitanga, administrator of Cendajuru commune, province Cankuzo called for mob justice against thieves caught red-handed in her commune. According to our source, she declared it at a meeting she held for community leaders, heads of hills and other officials. She publicly urged people to kill any thief who will be caught red-handed. The people attending this meeting were stunned by these statements by whispering in the room that such speeches should not come out of the mouth of any administrator or authority whatsoever.

For some, administrative authorities are involved in the complicity of people who are killed by their neighbors or by the Imbonerakure, supposedly they are bandits, rainmakers or sorcerers or they are simply political opponents. This speech is troubling in a political context where political opponents are accused of "armed robbers", according to HRDs.

A person beaten in Muramvya province

A young Imbonerakure nicknamed Yuyu was severely beaten by the population on Muramvya hill, Ndago commune, Muramvya province on 15 January 2017. According to sources on the spot, the victim was caught in act of stealing sheep from an old lady named Mayugi, around 11:00 p.m. while he was among a group of young Imbonerakure who was doing a night patrol in this area. The police had refused to arrest the alleged perpetrator of the theft in critical situation and had demanded that he be first treated at the hospital.

Paramilitary training reported in Karusi province

Paramilitary training is reported in the Karusi province where young Imbonerakure with local authorities conduct night training and parades of intimidation. The illustrative case is that of Gihogazi, Bugenyuzi and Nyabikere communes.

According to sources on the spot, the weapons used in these activities in Bugenyuzi commune are stored to a soldier in duty named Leopold. The same sources indicate that many FNL members Agathon Rwas's wing were intimidated and forced to join CNDD-FDD party or flee the country. Many of the FNL have agreed to join the CNDD-FDD in order to save their skin while others have already fled the country to Tanzania.

III. RECURRING PHENOMENA

In this report, the following recurring phenomena are observed:

1) Identity of victims:

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

2) The means used:

Allegations and violations of human rights reported were committed with firearms in a number of cases. The phenomenon of corpses sometimes found rivers and generally tortured before murdered is worrying. Some corpses are buried without any investigation to identify them. Mass graves are found here and there in the country.

3) Locations:

Most allegations and violations of human rights particularly affect quarters and communes protesting President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term mainly the urban quarters of Bujumbura Mayorship namely Musaga, Cibitoke as well as the provinces of Bujumbura rural, Cankuzo, Ngozi, Kirundo and Makamba.

4) The alleged perpetrators:

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

IV. 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.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The evolution of the security situation and human rights in Burundi is still marked by cases of allegations and violations of right to life, cases of torture, cases of ill- treatment, cases of arbitrary and illegal arrests, armed attacks, gender-based violence, fair justice, disturbing impunity and food security that deteriorates following a socio-political that is asphyxiating household economy and of the country in general.

The phenomenon of corpses buried hurriedly by the public administration and the existence of mass graves show the intention of the public administration to hide the truth on many crimes committed in the country, which testifies to their involvement or complicity . Different

allegations and violations of human rights and other security facts reported are therefore indicative of the situation still worrying in Burundi.

Different allegations and violations of human rights recorded highlight a social and politico-security situation that is still unhealthy and which should call on different protagonists to tackle the search for long-lasting solutions in order to restore serenity in the country.

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

A) To the Government of Burundi

- To ensure compliance with the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed and/or dealt with by persons who are not competent to do so;
- Put forward the principle of equality of all citizens before the law
- Find long lasting and consensual solution faced with public institutes and universities of Burundi;
- 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 and disarm the militia of the Imbonerakure youth league which spread terror in the country and which has replaced the administration and security corps, instead of seeking to legalize it;
- To punish policemen, soldiers, Imbonerakure League youth and administrative agents involved in human rights violations;
- Be sensitive to the economic situation of Burundian households facing spiralling prices of essentials and take political measures aimed at the relief of the population.

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;
- To carefully review its payment system for the Burundian soldiers in peace mission so as not to continue funding a government responsible for serious human rights violations.

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.

E) To the Mediation

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

F) To the EAC

- Bring President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime to a negotiation table for an inclusive, sincere dialogue in order to find a lasting political solution to the crisis;
- Take sanctions if the Burundian government continues to decline the offer of the Mediation.

G) To the population

- To stay united and not yield to the demands and divisive teachings or any demand to violence;
- To denounce any act likely to spread or maintain insecurity

H) To the ICC

- To speed up the procedures for the analysis of the cases submitted and to carry out necessary indictments.