

BURUNDIAN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS "ITEKA"

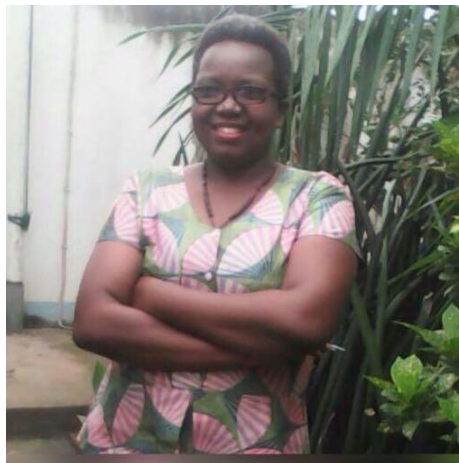
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 30 September 2017, Iteka has documented at least 447 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACAT: *Christian Action to Abolish Torture*

ADC: *Democratic Alliance for Change*

AMOTABU: *Burundi Motorcyclists Association*

API: *Support for the Protection of Institution*

AT: *Transmitting Agent*

BRB: *Bank of the Republic of Burundi*

BAE: *Anti-Riot Police*

BSR: *Special Detective Police*

CDS: *Health Centre*

CFP: *Professional Training Centre*

CMCK: *Medico Surgical Centre of Kinindo*

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

CNI: *National Identity Card*

CNTB: *National Land Commission*

CODIP: *Population Integrated Development Organizations*

COMIBU: *Islamic Community of Burundi*

CONAPES: *National Council for Secondary Education Personnel*

DCE: *Communal direction of education*

DPE: *Provincial direction of education*

ECOFO: *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

EP: *Primary school*

ETS: *Secondary Technical School*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FDN: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FM: *Frequency modulation*

FNL: *National Liberation Front*

FRODEBU: *Front for Democracy in Burundi*

GMIR: *Quick Intervention Police*

ITABU: *Farming Institute of Burundi*

ITELETIQUE: *Telecommunication, Electronics and Computing Institute*

IUSSDC: *Health Science and Community Development Institute*

LC: *Communal Lycee*

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

MJP: *Young Patriots Movement*

MSD: *Movement for Solidarity and Democracy*

MSF: *Doctors without Borders*

ODH: *Human Rights Observers*

OHCDH: *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

ONG: *Non-Governmental Organization*

OPC: *Chief Police Officer*

OPJ: *Judicial Police Officier*

OPP: *Principal Police Officer*

PAFE: *Immigration Police*

PARCEM: *Word and Actions for the Revival of Consciousness and the Evolution of Minds*

PJ: *Judicial Police*

PNLS: *National Programme for Fight Against Aids*

PRODEFI: *Commodities Development Programme*

PSG: *Protection and Security Company*

PSI: *Internal Security Police*

PSR: *Traffic Police*

RANAC: *National Gathering for Change*

RDC: *Democratic Republic of Congo*

REGIDESO: *Water and power supply company*

RN: *National Road*

RPA: *African Public Radio*

RTNB: *National Radio and Television*

SNR: *National Intelligence Service*

SOGESTAL: *Washing Station Management Board*

TGI: *High Court*

ULB: *Bujumbura Light University*

UPD: *Union for Peace and Development*

UPRONA: *Union for National Progress*

VBG: *Gender Based Violence*

VOA: *Voice of America*

0. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report on the human rights situation is the 3rd produced by Iteka League in 2017. It is henceforth a summary of the information published in the monthly reports of July, August and September 2017.

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

In this report, allegations of the human rights violation were recorded: at least 125 persons were killed including 48 corpses thrown in streets, bushes or rivers, 10 were reported missing, 62 were tortured, 659 arbitrarily arrested, 11 GBV victims and 164 were wounded.

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

Ex FAB soldiers in duty or retired and policemen continue being subjected to sequestration, arbitrary arrests, torture and assassination. At least 8 soldiers were killed, 4 tortured and 5 arrested. At least 1 policeman was killed and 5 others were wounded.

The phenomenon of rape is mentioned in this report with at least 11 persons raped in this quarter.

Three mass graves were reported, one in Mwaro province and 2 in Makamba province.

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

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

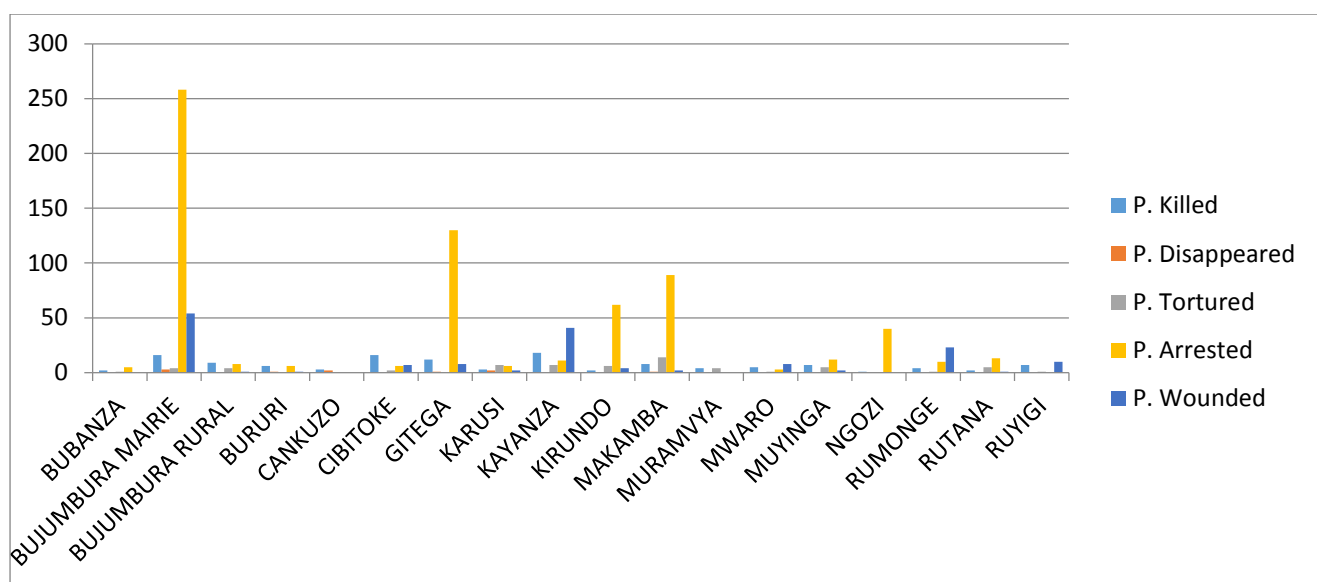
Forced contributions by administrative officials and collected by Imbonerakure in some provinces of the country, paramilitary training, night patrols, slogans and songs encouraging to violence were observed from Imbonerakure youth of CNDD-FDD ruling party are a source of insecurity.

The report also denounces hate speeches and incitement to violence pronounced by some authorities of the country and CNDD-FDD ruling party leaders as well as its allies.

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

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

PROVINCE	P. Killed	P. Disappeared	P. Tortured	P. Arrested	P. Wounded
BUBANZA	2	0	1	5	0
BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	16	3	4	258	54
BUJUMBURA RURAL	9	0	4	8	1
BURURI	6	1	0	6	1
CANKUZO	3	2	0	0	0
CIBITOE	16	0	2	6	7
GITEGA	12	1	0	130	8
KARUSI	3	2	7	6	2
KAYANZA	18	0	7	11	41
KIRUNDO	2	0	6	62	4
MAKAMBA	8	1	14	89	2
MURAMVYA	4	0	4	0	0
MWARO	5	0	1	3	8
MUYINGA	7	0	5	12	2
NGOZI	1	0	0	40	0
RUMONGE	4	0	1	10	23
RUTANA	2	0	5	13	1
RUYIGI	7	0	1	0	10
TOTAUX	125	10	62	659	164

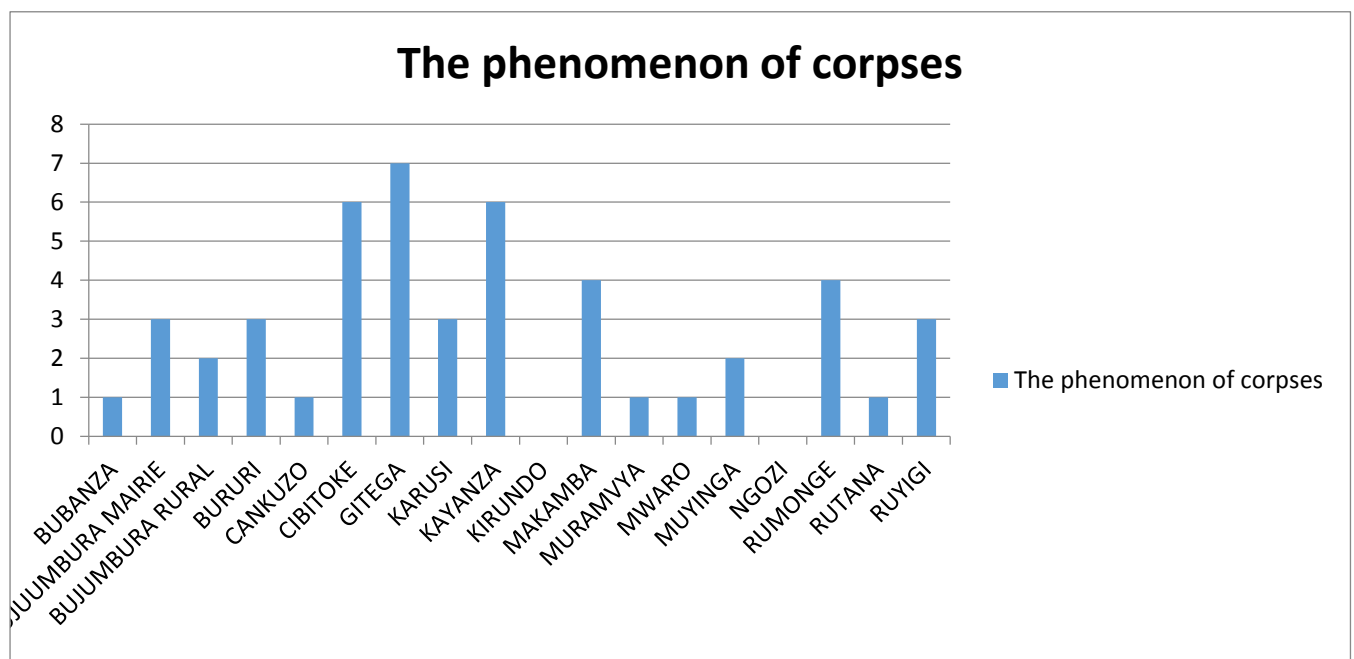


High figures of people killed are in Kayanza with 18 case, Bujumbura city and Cibitoke with 16 cases each. The table and the graph show worrying figures of cases of arrests in Bujumbura city with 258 cases, in Gitega province with 130 cases and 89 cases in Makamba province. Bujumbura quarters known as protesters are the main target of CNDD-FDD regime repression on the basis of searches and household notebooks.

Figure II: TABLE AND CHART ILLUSTRATING THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

PROVINCE	The phenomenon of corpses
BUBANZA	1
BUJUUMBURA MAIRIE	3
BUJUMBURA RURAL	2
BURURI	3
CANKUZO	1
CIBITOKI	6
GITEGA	7
KARUSI	3
KAYANZA	6
KIRUNDO	0
MAKAMBA	4
MURAMVYA	1
MWARO	1

MUYINGA	2
NGOZI	0
RUMONGE	4
RUTANA	1
RUYIGI	3
Total	48



The table and chart show 48 bodies, some unidentified, found in different provinces of the country. Of these, 7 were found in Gitega province and 6 were found in Cibitoke and Kayanza Provinces. Some of these bodies showed signs of torture.

I. ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of September 30, 2017, around 8:00 pm, Anicet Vyamungu, a 25-year-old cultivator, was killed by an Imbonerakure named Renovat Mbonimpa on Rusagara hill in Mugina commune,

Cibitoke province. According to sources on site, the victim was also an Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party. On-site administration said the two would be in conflict.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 26-27 September 2017, at the Seventh Avenue on Cibitoke hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Célestin Nzobaratumye, 64 years old, farmer, CNDD-FDD party member, was killed by Imbonerakure youths from this area. According to our sources, they beat him to death by accusing him of having bewitched a young man. Célestin Nzobaratumye died at Cibitoke province police station.

One person killed in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

On that on September 24, 2017, around 3:00 pm, on Sigi hill, Ruzibazi zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Misago of the Twa social component was beaten to death by Imbonerakure including Bahezayo. According to our sources, the victim succumbed to his injuries before arriving at the hospital.

One person killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 19 September 2017, in the place commonly called Kukarago, near Safari's bar, on Gaharawe hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Élysée Nihezagire, 8th form student at Gatumba LC was killed by Imbonerakure headed by Dieudonné. According to our sources, these Imbonerakure were torturing a woman named Jacqueline Ndikumana. Élysée Nihezagira rushed for rescue and these Imbonerakure killed him with knives and clubs fearing he would denounce the facts.

One person killed in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

On September 22, 2017, on Rwibikara hill, Busoni commune Kirundo province, Innocent Sabushimike nicknamed Mujama, 26-year-old, was stabbed to death in the chest and died immediately. According to sources on site, Innocent Sabushimike was gambling 'Akamari' with a Twagirayezu alias Fuso, 36-year-old member of Imbonerakure youth league. The same source indicates that Innocent Sabushimike had won the gambling which caused misunderstanding between the two individuals. Since he had just lost the game, Twagirayezu named Twagira stabbed Innocent Sabushimike to death. The same sources state that the crime was committed in a bar located in Bishisha center of the Rwibikara hill, a bar belonging to a lady named Lydia. Four people were arrested for investigation reasons.

One person killed in Gitega commune and province

On 23 September 2017, at around 2:00 am, Mossi Ndayarinze was killed by police officers in Musinzira quarter of Gitega town in Gitega province. According to Gitega urban zone head Butoyi Hussein, Mossi Ndayarinze was part of a group of two bandits who tried to steal from a merchant called "shopping", this merchant's residence is close to Gitega Olympia nightclub. He was killed by police officers guarding the trader's residence.

One person killed and another wounded in Matana commune, Bururi province

On the night of 24 September 2017, around 9:00 pm, a trader named Jean Marie Ngendakuriyo alias Bugemeru who had just left Mpimba central prison was shot dead by a police officer in Matana urban center, Bururi province. According to sources on site, Jean Marie Ngendakuriyo died on the spot while a lady named Nadine Nsabimbona was wounded and then taken to Matana hospital. The police officer was arrested but the reason of this crime remains unknown.

One person killed in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 5-6 September 2017, on Buseruko hill, Mugina commune, Cibitoke province, Maforo, CNDD-FDD party member, aged 45 was beaten to death by young Imbonerakure. According to our sources, he was accused of stealing a bunch of banana. The perpetrators were not prosecuted.

AUGUST 2017

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

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

One person killed in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city

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

A person killed in Bujumbura city

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

JULY 2017

One person killed in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On 23 July 2017, Gabriel from Gashibuka hill, Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, was beaten to death on Rushenza hill by Imbonerakure, including Ndayisenga and Salvator for not paying lemonade he had drunk in Salvator's bar. Other unidentified Imbonerakure have fled.

One person killed in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

On July 30, 2017, Amani, Buryindeke's grandson from Gitanga hill, Gisagara zone and commune, Cankuzo province, was killed with sticks by Imbonerakure youths on the orders of the technical adviser in charge of administrative and social affairs named Déogratias Wasiwasi. The victim was accused of robbery in a household of the area. According to sources on the spot, Amani tried to escape running but he fell into a hole where he was killed in the presence of the adviser of Gisagara commune administrator.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED IN ARMED ATTACKS AND/OR AMBUSHES

AUGUST 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One person killed in Musigati commune, Bubanza province

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

1.1.3. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER 2017

One person killed and two others wounded in Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of 20-21 September 2017, on the Kabere hill, Bukinanyana commune, Cibitoke province, Bernard Bitorwa, a farmer and member of the CNDD-FDD party, was killed by machete by unidentified men. According to our sources, his wife and son were also shot wounded by these perpetrators. On-site sources indicate that the wife was rushed to Mabayi commune hospital for treatment.

Two people killed in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On 24 September 2017, around 5:00 am, in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province near the military position located at Gatumba-DRC border in Rugarika area, a group of unidentified armed men ambushed FDN soldiers of this position. According to our sources, two soldiers were killed and two Kalashnikov-type rifles were seized by these armed men.

One person killed in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

On September 18, 2017, on Murama hill, Ryansoro commune, Gitega province, Anastasie Ntungwanayo was stabbed to death by unidentified persons. The reasons of this murder are not known but some administrative sources think of land conflicts. Two suspects were arrested and jailed in Ryansoro commune cell for investigation reasons.

Two people killed in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On the night of 17-18 September 2017, around midnight, a group of unidentified gunmen attacked Gikungere hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province. There were gunfire between the police and the gunmen. According to sources on site, two among the gunmen were killed. They could not be identified because they were disfigured.

Four people killed and two wounded in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura City

On the night of September 11, 2017, around 8:00 pm, in Mubone quarter, Buterere urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city, on the border of Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, four people including Jeanine Ntakarutimana, Gérard Habimana, Havyarimana and Thierry Ntakarutimanana were killed by unidentified gunmen. According to our sources, the victims were preparing prohibited drinks. The same sources indicate that two others were wounded during the attack.

Two people killed and two wounded in Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province

On September 17, 2017, on the hill and Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province, a 73-year-old Damas Bangurambona and his wife, Marie Nahishakiye, aged 53 years, were savagely killed by unidentified persons. Two children of the deceased couple were injured, Francine Kankindi, aged

21 and Estella Nzobakenga, 19 years old. According to Mwakiro commune administrator, Sylvie Muhimpundu, the victims were accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province

On 17 September 2017, on Kigoganya hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province, Léoncie Mbikemunda was killed decapitated by unidentified persons. The reasons for the crime are unknown.

One person killed in commune and province Gitega

As of September 9, 2017, on Bihanga hill, Gitega commune and province, Daniel Gahungu, over 80 years of age, was tied up then killed stabbed and by unidentified criminals. This old man lived alone and was attacked at home. The reasons of this murder remain unknown. No one was arrested and this is the 3rd attack at the deceased home.

One person killed in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On 4 September 2017, around 4:00 am, on Rugoma hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Ndayizeye Claver trader and member of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing was killed by unidentified people. Three people were arrested for investigation reasons.

AUGUST 2017

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

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

One person killed in Kiganda commune, province Muramvya

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

One person killed in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

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

JULY 2017

One person killed in Murwi commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of July 24, 2017, Vianney Ninganza aged 30, was killed by unidentified men Niganza on Mahande hill, Murwi Commune, Cibitoke Province.

One person killed in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

As of July 30, 2017, Claver Ndarusigire from Nyakibari hill, Muyebe zone, Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province was stabbed around 10:00 am by unidentified people. According to sources on the spot, he came from the bar on the same hill to Banci's. The victim was rushed to Kibumbu hospital but died en route.

One person killed and one wounded in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On 22 July 2017, around 9:00 pm, in Kagunuzi, on Ndava hill, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, a butcher named Asman was killed and a driver named Jimmy was seriously injured in an ambush by unidentified gunmen on the RN 5.

One person killed and four people wounded in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

On July 13, 2017, a grenade was thrown at Francois Bitariho's home living on Ruhehe hill, Bugabira commune, Kirundo province, and injured 5 people. According to sources on the spot, a child and Bitariho's wife were seriously wounded and were taken to Kirundo hospital and later transferred to Ngozi hospital. Bitariho's wife succumbed to her wounds. Police has already arrested the alleged author named Mbera, Bino's son. According to local sources, land conflicts are the root of this incident.

One person killed in Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 12, 2017, Rénovat Nizigiyimana, a motorcyclist was killed by his client with a pistol in quarter VII, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city near the Red Cross office. The perpetrator was not identified and took off with the motorcycle.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On 9 July 2017, Joséphine Nakobamfitye was killed by unidentified people on Gabiro-Ruvyagira hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim may be accused of sorcery.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

In the night of 12-13 July 2017, on Munyika I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Wilson Sahinkuye was shot dead by a man in military uniform, according to our sources.

Eight people killed and forty others wounded in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

On 9 July 2017, around 6:00 pm, eight people were killed in a grenade attack by an unidentified person on Shinya hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza province. Four people died on the spot and four others succumbed to their injuries at Musema hospital. Forty others were injured, including 31 rushed to Musema hospital and 9 to Gahombo hospital. According to sources on the spot, this attack targeted Kayanza SOGESTAL General Director, Claude Nzambimana, native from this hill who was sharing a drink with the Bagumyabanga of this area.

One person killed in Rohero urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 3 July 2017, Franco de Simoné, aged 65, a surgeon of Italian nationality and former Kira hospital employee, was found dead at home in Kiriri quarter of Rohero, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. According to police source, the victim was stabbed to death.

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

A body found in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On September 25, 2017, around 3:00 pm, a corpse of 54-year-old Emmanuel Habonimana, was found in afforestation in mid-day on Gitaramuka hill, Murago zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. According to sources on site, Emmanuel Habonimana was killed from a bar by unidentified gunmen.

A body found in Giheta commune, Gitega province

As of September 27, 2017, a body of an unidentified person was found on Masasu hill, Giheta commune, Gitega province. The sources on site indicate the victim's body, stabbed, was in a pit on a rubble site. The victim was buried hastily.

A body found in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

As of September 27, 2017, a body of an old man named Pontien Niragira, aged 75, was found on Kamenzi hill, Ryansoro commune, Gitega Province. On-site sources indicate the his body was found hanging on a rope and the perpetrators of the crime were not identified.

A corpse found in Ryansoro commune, Gitega province

On 21 September 2017 the body of an unidentified man was found in a valley below the Rusaga hill, Rweza zone, Ryansoro, Gitega province. This man lived on the same hill.

A body found in Kinama zone, Bujumbura City

As of September 18, 2017 a body of Felicien Mvukabanka from Mukike hill, Bujumbura rural province was discovered in Carama quarter, Kinama urban zone, Ntahangwa commune,

Bujumbura City. Sources on site indicate that he was strangled before his body was thrown into a manhole.

A corpse found in Matana commune, Bururi province

On September 18, 2017 in the morning a corpse of David Darudaru of Matana zone and commune, a farmer aged 50 years, without political affiliation, was found near his home. According to sources on site, he was killed by Imbonerakure on night patrol.

A corpse found in Rumonge commune and province

As of 22 September 2017, an unidentified body was found on Kavyiru sub-hill, Mugara hill, Gatete zone, Rumonge commune and province. According to sources on site, this body was not identified and was attached to a mango tree.

A body discovery in Ngagara urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 22 September 2017, an unidentified corpse was found at the place called Kumase, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City.

A body found in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On 12 September 2017, a body of an unidentified man was found in Nyakabanda River on Kabizi hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. The victim was naked and had many wounds on the head.

A body found in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of September 11, 2017, a body of a nicknamed Movit was found tied up under Kamesa River Bridge, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, the victim was a mason and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing.

A body found in Rumonge commune and province

On the night of 12-13 September 2017, a body of a nicknamed Rupepo, 62 years old was found in his house on Mutambara hill, Rumonge commune and province. According to sources on site, the victim was killed by unidentified persons and took his bike he used to sell milk. The same sources add that Rupepo refused to participate in the parades of bicycle taxis during the festivities organized by CNDD-FDD party.

A body found in Makamba commune and province

As of 13 September 2017, a body of an infant named Bellard Icikunze, aged eight months, was found in a septic tank in Makamba II quarter in Makamba commune and province.

A body found in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province

As of September 12, 2017, a body of an unidentified girl was found on Kinyami hill, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura rural province. The hill head Agapithe Nihonankwa indicated this and said the girl had mental disorders and added she had just spent 4 days in a church to be delivered. Three people including the head of this church located on Kinyami hill were arrested for investigation reasons.

A corpse found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province

On September 16, 2017, in the morning, the body of Aloys was found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province. According to sources on site, the victim was a cloth seller at Kayanza market.

Two bodies found in Gitega commune and province

As of September 14, 2017, a body of Déogratias Uwisezerano, native of Nyamugari quarter in Gitega town, was found on Songa hill, Gitega commune and province. On-site sources indicate that he was killed strangled by unidentified persons.

The same day another corpse of a woman named Suavis Ntahondereye, aged 31, from Rutegama hill, Gitega province was found hanging on a rope in her home. Jeremie Hatungimana, head of Rutegama hill, said the victim would have committed suicide because the cohabitation with her husband was not good.

A body found in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

As of 14 September 2017, a body of an unidentified person was found in a field, on Masazi hill, Biyorwa zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. According to sources on site, the owner of the field in which the corpse was found informed the head of Biyorwa zone and Butaganzwa commune administrator. The latter ordered the burial of this corpse without any investigation.

A corpse found in Ruvubu River, Kayanza province

As of September 6, 2007, an unidentified corpse, with arms tied up behind the back, was found in Ruvubu River in Muhanga commune, Kayanza Province. The administrator of commune Muhanga has indicated that this corpse may be carried by waters from neighbouring communes.

A corpse found in Muruta commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Iteka League on 6 September 2017 indicates that on 3 September 2017 a corpse of 64-year-old Elizabeth Nyandwi was found in Nyagonga River on Nyamigogo hill in Muruta commune, Kayanza province.

A corpse found in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

On September 6, 2017, a corpse of 40-year-old Gérard Gishongomera was found on Kivuruga hill, Gatara commune, Kayanza Province. On-site sources indicate that the man's body showed no injuries and the police said investigations started.

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A corpse found in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

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

A corpse found in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province

On August 14, 2017, on Gahahe hill, Butihinda commune, Muyinga province, a body of an old woman Immaculée Misago, aged 70, was discovered strangled at home. The same sources add that the victim had spent the evening in a bar of the area.

A corpse found in Karusi province

On 16 August 2017, a corpse of Elie Kwizera was found in Ndurumu River separating Buhiga and Bugenyuzi communes in Karusi province. The body was packed in a mosquito net, feet and hands tied with a rope. According to sources on site, Elie Kwizera lived in Yoba-Magarama quarter in Gitega urban center. The same sources add he was a CNDD-FDD Imbonerakure youth movement member. Very active in Imbonerakure movement, he was reported missing two weeks after a meeting at the party office in Gitega.

A corpse found in Ruyigi province

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

A corpse found in Bururi province

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

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

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

A corpse found in Giharo commune, Rutana province

On August 10, 2017, around 9:00 am, on Mutwana hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a corpse of an unidentified man was found floating in Ndurumu River.

A corpse found in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

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

A corpse found in commune and Muramvya province

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

A corpse found in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

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

A dead body found in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

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

A dead body found in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

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

A corpse found in Kibago commune, Makamba province

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

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A corpse found in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

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

A dead body found in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On July 18, 2017, a dead body of Etienne Nzosaba alias Cewusi, a soldier of the 442nd Battalion, assigned to a military position in Rukoko, was found. According to sources on the spot, Etienne Nzosaba was abducted on the night of July 17, 2017 by unidentified people in military uniform. The same sources indicate that at the time of his abduction, Etienne Nzosaba alerted his superiors and his colleagues. The next day, on the morning of July 18, 2017, he was found in Rukoko, undressed. In the afternoon around 3:00 pm, one of the officers of this battalion brought his corpse to the Khaled Hospital mortuary. On the same day, the family was informed by telephone of the death of Etienne Nzosaba.

A corpse found in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

On July 28, 2017, on the banks of Kaburantwa River, Buganda Commune, Cibitoke Province, a corpse of Immaculée Ngendakumana was discovered. According to our sources, the victim had left for field.

A corpse found in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

On July 19, 2017, on Kiryama hill, in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, around 3:00 pm, a corpse of an unidentified man was found. He had wounds on his head and was undressed.

A body found in commune and province Gitega

On July 17, 2017, the body of Abraham Banzubaze was found very close to Gitega town central market, just in Shatanya quarter outskirts, commune and Gitega province. The victim is from Birohe hill in Gitega commune and Province. The body of Abraham Banzubaze was taken to the mortuary of Gitega regional hospital by the civil protection police.

A dead body found in Butanganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

As of July 20, 2017, a corpse of a man named Ibrahim Gahitira was found, in the bush of Muriza hill, Butanganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. The sources on the spot say that this man was assassinated on the night of July 19, 2017. The perpetrators and reason of this crime remain unknown.

A dead body found in Muyinga commune and province

A dead body of an unidentified girl was found on July 23, 2017 on Kinyota hill, commune and Muyinga Province. The victim was sexually abused before being killed. According to sources on the spot, her rapists and killers put a rope around the victim's neck to simulate suicide.

A corpse found in Rumonge province

On July 14, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was discovered in Rumonge nature reserve precisely in Nkayamba, near Rumonge town. According to sources on the spot, the victim was tied on a tree with a rope on the neck. She had wounds and started decomposing. The same sources add that this person was killed and taken to this place to simulate suicide.

A corpse found in Buhiga commune and Karusi province

On July 16, 2017, on Rubimba hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province, a dead body of an unidentified man amputated of his genitals and a leg and decapitated was found. Ephrasie Ntakarutimana, commune administrator, ordered to bury him without any inquiry.

A dead body found in Matana commune, Bururi province.

On July 2, 2017, a dead body of an unidentified man was found on Mugerere hill, Matana commune, Bururi province. An on-site source said no one had disappeared in this area and that the man was murdered elsewhere and dropped on this hill. The administrator and the Red Cross, accompanied by civil protection police, decided to bury the decomposed body, the source said.

A dead body found in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On July 3, 2017, a dead body of an 80-year-old woman named Koko was found decapitated in her house on Gatabo hill, Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. Two young Imbonerakure, Eliaquim Bavumiragiye, known as Njishi and Misago, are blamed by the inhabitants of this area as the perpetrators of this crime.

A corpse found in commune Cendajuru, province Cankuzo

On the morning of July 24, 2017, Joséphine Toyi, aged 17, residing on the hill and Twinkwavu zone, Cendajuru commune, Cankuzo province, was found strangled on Ramba hill, zone and Gisagara commune on the border with Twinkwavu hill, according to on-site sources. This girl was slaughtered by a pastor of the Ubumwe church named Venant Ndimurukundo after raping her, add the same sources.

1.1.5. PERSONS KILLED IN MOB JUSTICE AND/OR SETTLING OF SCORES

SEPTEMBER 2017

One person killed in Makamba commune and province

On September 29, 2017, a young man named Fabrice died stabbed by his colleague named Gushima. According to sources on site, the latter stabbed him as he tried to intervene in a dispute between him and his father.

One person killed in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

As of the evening of 29 September 2017, Valentin Nzeyimana, aged 52, from Rwinyana hill, Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province, was burnt alive on the same hill by the local population, who caught him possession of stolen pig and cassava, according to Bukirasazi police. Two people were arrested for investigation reasons

A person killed in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of September 17, 2017, a person called Mujojo was killed on Munyinya hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province. He had come to rob to Serges Sabukwigura and was killed by the latter by self-defense, according to sources on site. He was buried about 12:00 am after police record. The same sources add that the victim is from Karusi province and had just left the prison.

Three people killed and another wounded Butezi commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of September 7, 2017, Sammuel Ntirampeba of, was ambushed by unidentified persons on Muyange hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province. According to sources on site, Samuel was heading home with his son and daughter-in-law when unidentified people armed with machete ambushed them. His daughter-in-law Josepha Iradukunda died straightaway while his son was Celestin Itangakubuntu was reported missing. The latter was also later found dead. According to the same sources, there were precursors as the population had demonstrated on September 5, 2017 on Muyange hill, Butezi commune town against Sammuel who had won land trial against the neighboring population. On the night of 14 September 2017, Samuel Ntirampeba from Muyange hill, Butezi commune, Ruyigi province, succumbed to his injuries at Ruyigi hospital. Information received by Iteka League on 23 September 2017 indicates that the judgment in Samuel Ntirampeba's favor was subsequently overturned.

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Two persons killed in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On August 24, 2017, Domitien Ntahomvukiye killed his nephew Cedric Nsabimana, aged 14, and seriously injured his older brother Stève Niyonkuru, aged 17, with a machete. The events occurred on Muguruka hill, Mukungu zone, commune Nyanza-Lac. According to sources on site, the perpetrator was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment for voluntary manslaughter by

Makamba High Court on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Administrative sources justify various politically motivated assassinations under cover of land conflicts and sorcery.

One person killed in Songa commune, Bururi province

As of August 22, 2017, Darius died clubbed by the inhabitants of Jenda hill, Songa commune, Bururi province. According to sources on site, Darius not known in the area was caught by the population as of August 20, 2017 while trying to rob in one of the local households. The same sources add that the inhabitants began to beat him and the police took him to Ruvumvu health center located in Songa zone where he died. Local administrative officials report investigations are already under way to find out the origin of the victim and the perpetrators of his murder.

One person killed in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

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

One person killed in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

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

A person killed in Gitega province

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

JULY 2017

Two persons killed in Muyinga commune and province

As of 30 July 2017 two unidentified children were killed in a grenade explosion in a house on Nyamarumba hill, commune and Muyinga province. According to Bernard Nzinahora, Munagano zone head, the criminal forced in the window to throw the grenade inside the house. The reason of this crime would be linked to sorcery accusations.

One person killed, Gihosha zone in Bujumbura city

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

A person killed in Cankuzo province

On July 23, 2017, an old man named Jean Masato from Buyongwe hill, Mugera zone, Mishiha commune, was killed at home. According to sources on the spot, he was killed by his son for land conflicts. Three people, including his son were arrested and jailed in Cankuzo police station cell for investigation.

One person killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province.

On the night of 23-24 July 2017, around 1:00 am, Ezekiel Kabwa, native of Kiganda commune in Muramvya province, was savagely killed with machetes. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred on Kabogi hill, Buziracanda zone, Ndava commune, Mwaro province. He was killed by the population accusing him of stealing some items from shops of the area.

One person killed in Ngozi commune and province

On July 10, 2017, Eric Ndagijimana was stabbed to death by his neighbor Diomedé, who accused him of robbing him money in Swahili quarter of Ngozi commune and province. According to sources on the spot, Eric Ndagijimana was a small trader in Ngozi town. The same source said the alleged perpetrator was arrested the same day and then taken to PJ Ngozi cell.

Two people killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On the night of 12-13 July 2017 around 1:00 am, 4 thieves entered Pascal Ntibagengeza's enclosure on Nyabugugu sub hill, Bugera hill, Buziracanda zone and stole two cows. According to sources on the spot, neighboring residents rushed to rescue and managed to catch two of those thieves who had knives and ropes and were killed straightaway. The persons killed are Dieudonné son of Sasmin and Liberata and the other is Theresphore, son of Dominique and Genevieve of Buziracanda hill, according to police sources.

One person killed in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On July 4, 2017, François Nduwayo of Rugeregere hill, Rugombo Commune, Cibitoke Province was killed with machetes, accused of robbery, sources said. The same sources add that he was murdered while robbing on Kiramira hill of the same commune. The head of Rugeregere hill says the man had his arm cut off and had injuries to the head and leg. The victim had left the family saying he was heading to Cibitoke. Laurent Ntuyahaga, the head of Rugeregere hill, asks the population not to do justice and refer to authorized organs if needed.

One person killed in Makamba commune and province

On the night of 6-7 July 2017, Radjab Nkeshimana, known as Mushasha, was stabbed to death by Emelyne Mugisha, aged 24, in his room in commune and Makamba province. In the afternoon of July 7, 2017, Emelyne Mugisha was tried for assassination by Makamba TGI and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

One person killed in Giharo commune, Rutana province

On July 4, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on Nyamateke hill, Giharo commune, Rutana province, Baranyikwa, aged 39, was killed with a machete by Pierre Manirakiza, aged 50 years. Land conflicts would be behind this crime. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and taken to Giharo police station cell.

1.2. PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

SEPTEMBER 2017

Two people abducted reported missing in Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province

As of September 10, 2017, Richard Nahimana and his classmate were abducted by people who would be from SNR at the place called Kumuka, on the border between Burundi and Tanzania on Bumba hill, Gisagara commune, Cankuzo province. On-site sources indicate that Richard Nahimana and his comrade were students of Ndava "Pleine Evangile" High School, 2nd scientific form in Cankuzo urban center. The same sources add that they came from Tanzania where they had just spent holidays in search of work. The same sources indicate that Donatien Kanywangiri, a teacher at ECOFO Kabuga, living on Gatungurwe hill in Cankuzo commune, and legal guardian of Richard Nahimana, turned to Nicaise Mugande, head of SNR in Cankuzo province, to help him find these students on the morning of September 18, 2017. This SNR agent phoned in the cells of Cendajuru and Mishiha communes but these pupils were not found.

A person abducted and reported missing in Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 12 September 2017, around 7:00 am, Leopold Habarugira, UPD-Zigamibanga party treasurer was abducted by three unidentified armed persons in a vehicle near the IUSSDC located down the ULB in Gihosha urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, Leopold was jogging with his wife when he was abducted. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said he was unaware of the abduction.

One person abducted and reported missing in Bujumbura City

On September 15, 2017, a young man named Olivier Ndayikunda from Nyamugari hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province was abducted by unidentified people in Bujumbura city where he worked. According to his family sources in Karusi province, no news of him since then.

One person abducted and reported missing in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

On September 6, 2017, Frédéric Ngenzebuhoro, son of Barandereba, a forty-year old farmer was abducted by gunmen accompanied by a soldier named Gafuni from Tora position, on Mubira hill, Nyagasasa zone, Mugamba commune, Bururi province and taken to an unknown destination in a vehicle registered DA 3974. According to sources on site, he was accused of partaking in insurrectional movements and may be jailed in one of SNR cells in Bujumbura city. Other sources say land conflicts are at the root of this abduction.

AUGUST 2017

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

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

A person reported missing in Gitega commune and province

Parfait, living in Kumasanganzira, commune and province Gitega was reported missing in the first week of August 2017. According to information from Gitega, he was with Elie Kwizera found dead packed in a mosquito net in Ndurumu River separating Buhiga and Bugenyuzi communes in Karusi province on 16 August 2017.

A person reported missing in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

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

JULY 2017

A person reported missing in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

Ngarukiyinka was reported missing since 21 July 2017 on Maramvya hill and zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to family sources, no news from him ever since.

One person abducted and reported missing in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

Jean Marie Ngabirano, aged 15, was abducted and reported missing on Butare hill in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province since the night of 9 July 2017. According to sources on the spot, the

head of Imbonerakure in this commune known as 'Americain', Nitereka and Charles are pointed by the family members of Ngabirano. They allegedly arrested the boy and revealed that he was part of a group of thieves and Jean Marie Ngabirano was not handed over to the police.

I.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE, POLICEMEN AND/OR SOLDIERS

SEPTEMBER 2017

A person tortured in Kirundo commune and province

As of September 30, 2017, Ciza Jean of Rambo hill, Kirundo commune, Kirundo province was beaten up by policemen of the position at Bene Bernadette Sisters near Kanyinya parish accused of unknowingly passing close to their residence while there was a way long ago but barred since their arrival.

A man tortured by Imbonerakure in Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province

As of September 21, 2017, Ismail Bashingwa was beaten up by a group of young Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party of Kigoganya hill, Gasorwe commune, Muyinga province. On-site sources indicate that the victim from Cankuzo to visit his family members. According to the same sources, he was beaten following the refusal to comply with the orders of the Imbonerakure who asked him to sit on the ground without any reason. He was treated at CDS Kiremba.

Four people tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

As of September 12, 2017, Lin Niyomukiza, demobilized ex-FAB, Ildephonse owner of a bar attacked by young Imbonerakure from Rubimba hill, Tresor Nkunuzumwe and Thierry, both students at ECOFO Kibago were tortured by Kibago police station head, Jean Bosco Hatungimana. They had injuries but were not allowed to go for treatment. According to sources on site, among the 10 people arrested in the fighting on 9 September 2017, six were released on 12 September 2017, while the above mentioned four continue being tortured in the cell they are jailed.

A person tortured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province

On the night of September 13, 2017, around 8:00 pm on Kagazi hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Evariste Ndayishimiye, a 23-year-old member of CNDD-FDD party, was beaten up by Imbonerakure youth of this area. According to our sources, the alleged perpetrators were not prosecuted.

A person tortured in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

On 12 September 2017, on Rutegama hill, Munanira zone, Gihogazi commune, Karusi province, a man named Jean Marie Simukirana was beaten up by two Imbonerakure, Principe Ntakarutimana and Sylvestre. According to sources on site, they accused him of insurrections.

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of September 15, 2017, Prime Mugimbi, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, Minani and Kamwenubusa on Nyarusange hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province, accusing him of listening to Humura. He complained to the zone head and he told him that he only receives complaints from those who attended the 2015 elections.

A person tortured in Rumonge commune and province

As of September 3, 2017, Alice Niyukuri, aged 27, divorced, was beaten up by a group of 5 young Imbonerakure when she resisted to a gang rape by these young people on Gitwe hill, Buruhukiro zone, Rumonge commune and province. The victim could not stand up because of the blows with electric wires. She lodged a complaint to the police before being admitted to Rumonge hospital. Nyabenda was identified among these young Imbonerakure. The police wire was issued for these Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, all the five Imbonerakure were not prosecuted are still free and enjoy impunity.

One person tortured in Giharo commune, Rutana province

As of 2 September 2017, around 8:00 pm, on Gatonga hill, Muzye area, Giharo commune, Rutana province, a 39-year-old Muhare, was beaten up by the ruling party young when he returned from Tanzania to take his family. He is accused of recruiting rebels.

A person tortured in Musongati commune, Rutana province

As of 6 September 2017, around 11:00 am, on Shanga hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, Claude Ndikuriyo, aged 37, mill user, was beaten up by Imbonerakure, Donatien, Niyonsaba and Gordien, CNDD-FDD ruling party youths. According to sources on site, Ndikuriyo was accused of pouring accidentally diesel into the flour. Hearing cries, two policemen Jean Marie and Kiwi intervened and were also beaten by these young people. These policemen did not bear this outrage and demanded intervention from his colleagues and arrested and jailed Donatien, the perpetrator, in Musongati police station cell.

A person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 6, 2017, around 12:00 am, a young man named Kevin, conductor at Buhiga parking, was beaten by two Imbonerakure Sadoscar and Musaba on the hill, zone and Buhiga commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure accused him of hitting Sadoscar's vehicle. They tied him up before dragging him on the ground and then beat him up. The same sources indicate that these Imbonerakure insulted him in these terms: *"Tutsi imbecile, you must return to other Mujeri in exile"*.

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of September 9, 2017, Claude Nsavyimana was beaten by Gaheta zone head of Rango commune of, known as Didace, on Muzumure hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province. His arm

was fractured. He accused him of having said that those who protest against the UN experts report content on human rights violations in Burundi are wasting their time.

A person tortured in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

Information received by Iteka League on 4 September 2017 indicates that on 3 September 2017, in Gomvyi zone, Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province, Dederi Nzeyimana was beaten up by an Imbonerakure named Cinyo. The victim was accused of being an opponent of the regime. The victim was taken to Mutambu CDS for care.

AUGUST 2017

A person arrested and beaten in Bubanza commune and province

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

A person arrested and tortured in Busoni province, Kirundo commune

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

Two people tortured in Rutana province

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

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

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

One person tortured in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province

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

One person tortured in Ntega commune, Kirundo province

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

Two persons tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

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

A person tortured in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

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

One person tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

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

A person tortured in Nyabitsinda commune, Ruyigi province

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

One person tortured in Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province

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

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

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

A person tortured in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province

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

A person tortured in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

As of 5 August 2017, at Vyanzo hill police station, Gatara zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a 34-year-old Evelyne Mukandekazi, pregnant, was beaten by policemen and Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, she was accused of refusing to pay a forced contribution required by Imbonerakure from local associations. Evelyne was taken to CDS Vyanzo for treatment and risks of abortion, according to the same sources. The victim was refused by the OPJ of Busoni commune to file a complaint for fear of giving summons to the alleged authors composed of Imbonerakure and police officers.

One person tortured in Gihogazi commune, Karusi province

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

Seven people arrested and tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

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

One person tortured in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

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

A person tortured in the commune and province Muyinga

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

Two persons tortured in Muyinga commune and province

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

A person tortured in Buhiga commune and Karusi province

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

A person tortured in a commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura rural

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

JULY 2017

One person tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

On 31 July 2017, on the Nkonyovu hill, Mushikamo zone, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, Buyoya was beaten by Anicet, SNR head in Rutegama commune and Leonidas

Nzoyihiki, head of Rutegama police station. According to sources on site, they accused him of not having participated in inauguration ceremonies of CNDD-FDD party office in Rutegama. His body is covered with wounds.

Two persons arrested and tortured in Mukaza and Ntahangwa in Bujumbura City

On 25 July 2017 at around 3:00 pm, Idi Bizimana, known as Thierry, living on the 3rd Avenue in Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City, was arrested by police and SNR agents on the orders of Joseph Mathias Niyonzima alias Kazungu, in a pick-up vehicle. Sources on the spot indicate that in this pick-up was a young man named Gilbert Ngendakuriyo arrested in Jabe quarter, Bwiza urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. Sources from their families say they were tortured before being taken. Police sources said they were jailed in one of SNR cells.

A person arrested and tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On July 23, 2017, on Kiramahira hill, Rango commune, Kayanza province Nestolla Nzeyimana was arrested by Imbonerakure of this hill. The latter beat her because she had denounced, at a meeting, corruption among the hill leaders.

A person tortured in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On July 24, 2017, on Muyange hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karusi province, Muhayimana was beaten, burned on arms with plastics by Imbonerakure of the area, accompanied by the deputy head of the hill named Sunzuguru. Due to lack of means to get to the CDS he was bedridden at home.

Two people tortured in Mpimba central prison, Bujumbura City

On July 17, 2017, two detainees in Mpimba central prison, Virpien Bigirimana, nicknamed Nzoga and Aimable Manirakiza, were tortured by their fellow inmates and security agents in the prison. The latter called generals passed near their cells and ordered them to enter their rooms leaving other detainees outside. As they were ready to do so, a group of security agents headed by Julie Manirakiza named Dume beat them up and took them to the correction cells in a critical condition, according to our sources on the spot. The same sources add that on July 18, 2017 Julien Manirakiza alias Dume went into these correction cells and he beat up these two prisoners handcuffed and defenceless. The same sources add that the nicknamed Dume and his team were top commanded by the Director of Mpimba central prison OPC2 Deogratias Bigirimana.

A person tortured in Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On July 21, 2017, Anatole, a taxi-bicycle driver on Kibimba hill, Kabezi commune, Bujumbura rural province, was arrested after being tortured by the police station head in Kabezi commune in complicity with two SNR agents. The incident occurred near Kabezi market, Anootole was accused of insulting the President of the Republic when he was expected to arrive in Kabezi commune. He was taken to an unknown cell.

Two persons tortured in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

Information received by our office dated July 17, 2017 indicates that on July 16, 2017, Moise and Anitha of Ngugo hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, were tortured. According to sources on the spot, these two persons were returning home at about 9:00 pm and fell in a group of Imbonerakure on a night patrol. These Imbonerakure, of which Eric, Manirambona, Ezekiel and two other unidentified have seriously beaten them up. Anitha was wounded on the head and was treated at Nyabikere CDS while Moise was in critical condition at home where he was bedridden.

Two persons tortured in Ntega commune, Kirundo province

Information dated 16 July 2017 indicates that as of June 29, 2017 Juvenal Siniragiye and his brother-in-law Emmanuel Nduwimana all FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were beaten up by Imbonerakure led by their chair Alphonse Ntereke in collaboration with the administrator of Ntega commune named Murovyi. According to sources on the spot, they were accused, without any evidence, of sensitizing mob massive uprisings against the regime,.

A person tortured in Kayanza province

Information received by Iteka League on 3 July 2017 indicates that on 29 June 2017, on Nyabigoyi hill in Rango commune of Kayanza province, Sicaire Minani working for Pie Ntavyohanyuma as a shepherd, was arrested and beaten up by the Imbonerakure of this area. His spinal column was fractured. He had just spent a few days in Bujumbura and the Imbonerakure accused him of belonging to an armed gang of his former boss. He was hospitalized at Musema hospital in Kayanza province.

Two people tortured in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

As of 3 July 2017, around 6:00 am on Musema hill, Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province, Désiré Niyonkuru and Stany Kubwayo, all MSD party members were beaten by Imbonerakure, including Claude alias "Zirye zose", Aimable, Jean Marie and Salvator. They accused them of not taking part in the festivities of the commemoration of the 55th Burundi Independence Day. They were hospitalized at Musema hospital in Kayanza province.

A person tortured in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On 3 July 2017 indicates that about 11:00 am on 1 July 2017, on Ngoma hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, Deo Gahungu, aged 37 was beaten by the young Imbonerakure in complicity with the deputy of the hill head named Terence. According to sources on the spot, Déo Gahungu was accused of not paying taxes on small livestock (goats). He was taken to Musongati CDS for treatment. The alleged perpetrators were not harassed.

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Twelve persons arrested in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city

As of September 30, 2017, a search was carried out by soldiers and policemen accompanied by Mutakura quarter head Adelin Ndikumasabo on the 13th, 14th and 15th avenues, Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city. Twelve people were arrested, including seven men and five women and were taken to Cibitoke urban zone police station . The reason for this arrest was that their notebooks did not have the zone stamp. They were released after paying a ransom ranging from 1000 Bif to 5000 Bif.

Six people arrested in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City

As of September 27, 2017, a search and control of household notebooks was carried out by police and soldiers in Jabe III quarter, Bwiza urban zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city. According to sources on site, six house workers were arrested including Nsabiyumva Emmanuel, Nyandwi Violette, Chanique and three others unidentified for lack of house workers service cards. They released after paying a ransom ranging between 2000 Bif and 5000 Bif.

Three people arrested in Matana commune, Bururi province

On 25 September 2017, 3 people including Hakizimana Pascal, Nduwamungu and Marc Karorero are jailed in Matana commune police cell. According to sources on site, the reason for these arrests remains unknown. According to information from the community, the three people were arrested for political reasons.

Two people arrested in Mutambu commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of September 26, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Gomvyi hill and zone, Mutambu commune, rural Bujumbura province, Claude Nzorubara and Eddy Nkengurutse, FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested by the police accompanied by two Imbonerakure including Ruhara and Claude . According to our sources, they are accused of holding an illegal meeting and were taken to Mutambu commune police cell.

Four people arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of 23 September 2017, in Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, Julien Nimubona, Mushasha I hill-leader, was arrested by Imbonerakure on Gaharawe hill and he was taken to Gatumba police brigade. According to our sources, Julien Nimubona was in a mourning ceremony of Élysée Nihezagira, 8th form student at Gatumba LC, killed by Imbonerakure, led by a certain Dieudonné on September 19, 2017, at the place called Kukarago, near Safari's bar, on Gaharawe hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. As of September 25, 2017, police searched Mushasha I hill and three persons were arrested including Jimmy Rukundo, Roger Ndayishimiye and Lazare Hatungimana. Julien

Nimubona and these three people were taken to Bujumbura. According to the same sources, Julien Nimubona is accused of collaborating and hiding rebels. Their families have sought the place where they were jailed in vain.

Twelve persons arrested in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province

As of September 30, 2017, twelve persons, Desire Habiyakare, Jamborito Logatien, Cyprien Banyiyezako, Laurent Ntawuyamara, Diomedé Niyonsaba, Ntahokagiye, Libert Buzoya, Nsabimbona, Leonard Kaziri, Jules Ntahorutaba and Ngabo were arrested by SNR agents in collaboration with security guards and province authorities on Mugongwa hill in Butihinda commune, Muyinga province. According to our source in Butihinda, these people would be followers of a church not recognized by the law. They were arrested by the province governor, Aline Manirabarusha and the SNR head in that province while they were in prayer and then taken to an unknown place.

Nine persons arrested in Rutana province

On 20 September 2017 on Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, Rutana Province, police officers of Gihofi police station arrested and jailed 9 adults from Karusi, Gitega, Kayanza and Ngozi provinces. According sources on site, those persons arrested were accused of intending to join rebel movements as they wanted to cross the Burundi-Tanzanian border to look for work. Among them were 8 minors and Bukemba administration decided to return them home on 22 September 2017, while 9 adults were imprisoned.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On 18 September 2017, on Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karusi province, Innocent alias Mandigisi was arrested by police and taken to Karusi police station cell. According to sources on site, he was accused by an Imbonerakure named Jean Marie of insulting CNDD-FDD members comparing them to giant rats "Amasiha".

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

Information dated 18 September 2017 indicates that Steve Bishaza, AMOTABU representative in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested and taken to police station on the order of Kabondo hill head Mrs. Jacqueline Ndamuhawenayo accusing him of having insulted him. He was released on 24 September 2017.

A driver arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On September 23, 2017, the head of Nyanza-Lac commune police station, named Berchimans, has arrested a driver named Abdoul, accusing him of not participating in the community work. He was released in the evening around 7:00 pm after payment of a ransom of 50,000 Bif

Ten people arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On September 9, 2017, Leonard Harushingoro, retired ex-FAB, Lin Niyomukiza, demobilized ex-FAB, Jérôme Kabura, Franck, Ildefonse, Thierry, Boris, Nshimirimana a soldier on leave and two others unidentified were arrested by Kibago post head Jean Bosco Hatungimana before being beaten up by a group of young Imbonerakure. They were arrested after a fight with Imbonerakure accompanied by Kibago zone head Phenias Kabura. According to sources on site, this group of Imbonerakure attacked people to Ildefonse's bar. They were accused of holding an illegal meeting. These Imbonerakure come from Rubimba hill to regularly impose a curfew in Kibago.

A person jailed in Rumonge commune and province

On September 13, 2017, Léopold Mugabaranoga, a teacher at Iteba Lycee and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was released by Rumonge TGI on the charges weighing on him of attempted rape of a pupil of this school but surprisingly he has not been released from Rumonge prison where he has been jailed since June 2017. Rumonge prosecutor's office appealed, but the principle is that he should be released and then appear free, said his lawyer who said he was surprised and disappointed. Sources on site say the governor of Rumonge province interferes in this affair because the director of this Iteba Lycee who has imprisoned this teacher is the wife of the Governor of Rumonge province. This teacher remained in prison despite the court decision.

One person arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On 16 September 2017, Mélance Mugisha, UPD-Zigamibanga party member was arrested between the 1st and 2nd Avenue by police from Musaga urban zone position, Muha commune, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, these police officers took his phone and his purse before embarking him. The reason for this arrest is not known. According to his relatives, he was reportedly taken to the SNR cell nearby Regina Mundi Cathedral.

One person arrested in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

As of September 11, 2017, 22-year-old Eric, Imbonerakure, was arrested on Gisenyi hill, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, by his Imbonerakure colleagues accompanied by Gisenyi zone head named Célestin Rurasuzugura before being taken to Gisenyi zone cell. According to sources on site, Sinzinkayo Eric was arrested because he had refused the Imbonerakure to divert aid from the Pentecostal Church for the vulnerable. Eric distributed this assistance to beneficiaries.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 11, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on the hill, Buhiga zone and commune, the household of a soldier named Gérard, a driver at the 4th Military Region of Muyinga, was searched by soldiers from Kamahoro Camp in Karusi province. According to sources on site, a military dungaree was found there. According to the same sources, the soldier was dismissed, accused by his commander that he would have transported brooms of a trader from Kayanza into Rwanda but in reality his commander was seeking at all costs to get rid of this ex-FAB driver, suspected as his ex-FAB colleagues of being in contact with rebel movements. After this decision, he decided to go and complain to the General Staff in Bujumbura and instead of hearing him and restoring his rights, he was arrested and taken to one of the military police cells in Bujumbura.

Two people arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

As of September 11, 2017, on Rwandagaro hill, Maramvya zone, Nyabikere commune, two Rwandan electricians were arrested by the commune administrator Claver Nakumuryango who accused them of being suspicious of trouble makers and were taken to Nyabikere commune police cell. According to local sources, they went there to repair Nyabikere dam being rehabilitated.

A person arrested in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On 15 September 2017, on Butamenwa hill, Rugwiza zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province, a man named Ibrahim was arrested by police and then taken to Nyabikere commune police cell. He was accused of sorcery.

Three people arrested in Cibitoke province

On September 9, 2017, three young girls including Chantal Uwimana, Jeanne Mukandayisenga were arrested by young Imbonerakure on Ruhwa River as they left Rwanda to Musaga where they were baby sitters. They were accused of spying, according to our sources.

Three people arrested in Ngagara urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of September 6, 2017, around 1:00 pm, Rossy, student at Saint Gabriel Central Lycée, Jean and Claude, student at ITELETIQUE, as well as Clary, student in the 1st year BAC, were arrested and taken by policemen by the north zone commander in a pickup on the road separating the II and III quarters at the place commonly known as "chez Malhonnête", in Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to local sources, they were jailed in Cibitoke urban zone cell before being released on the morning of September 7, 2017. No offense was charged.

Two people arrested in Musaga urban zone , Bujumbura City

On September 4, 2017, Emmanuel Ntahombasigiye, Kinanira I quarter head, UPRONA party member and Alexis Ntibirangenza, Gitaramuka quarter head, were arrested by police and taken to one of SNR cells. Accused of giving CNIs to young combatants against Pierre Nkurunziza regime, they were taken to Mpimba central prison on September 6, 2017.

One person arrested in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

On September 7, 2017, on the hill, zone and commune of Rusaka, a Tutsi teacher of English named Reverien Gahungu, aged 35 years, Rusaka Communist Lycee, with no political affiliation, was arrested around 11:00 pm on a warrant of the prosecutor. According to sources on site, the arrest warrant says Gahungu is prosecuted for armed robbery with a gun. According to the same sources on site, the reason for his arrest is that he participated in the demonstrations against President Nkurunziza's 3rd term. Reverien Gahungu was jailed in Rusaka commune police cell.

One person arrested in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

Information dated 7 September 2017 indicates that as of 2 September 2017, in Buhimba, Murore zone, Busoni commune, Kirundo province, a 62-year-old, Pascal Ndabukira, UPRONA party member was arrested by Imbonerakure youth and Buhimba hill leader. The latter accusing him of raping a young girl Sandrine Niyonkuru aged 14 years old. According to Pascal Ndabukira, he was arrested because he refused to join CNDD-FDD party and the rape is a set up. The same sources indicate that Pascal claimed innocence demanding to check the girl to prove if she was raped or not in order to prove his innocence. The medical examination was done and showed nothing of rape but the girl continues claiming she was raped. Pascal Ndabukira was jailed at PJ Kirundo cell.

Two people arrested in Gitega province

On 3 September 2017, in the morning, Ezekiel Tuyishemeze and Gylaine Munyemana, all FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing were arrested while in a meeting the administration considered as illegal. The meeting was held to Paul Ntatama's. They were thirty but some were able to escape. Both were jailed in Gitega police cell.

A person arrested in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

As of September 9, 2017, Thomas, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing and studies prefect at Buhiga communal High School, Karusi province was arrested by the police. According to sources on site, about fifteen policemen commissioned by the commissioner Donatien Bizimana climbed a wall to Septime Bizimana's, the owner of the house where Thomas was a tenant, demolished the padlocks of the gates and then entered by force. They explained they were looking for Thomas. These police officers arrested him and then taken him to Karusi police station cell. Police sources say he is accused of giving lessons to non-proficient professors, but his colleagues in FNL party say he is rather victim of his political affiliation to Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing.

A person arrested in Bwiza urban zone , Bujumbura City

On September 7, 2017, Sarah Rwaka, a resident of Jabe quarter, was arrested at home by SNR agents. She was accused of holding Rwandan administrative documents.

Seven people arrested in Rumonge commune and province

On 27 August 2017, seven young people from Busenge hill, Muhuta commune, were arrested by police and young Imbonerakure in Minago, Rumonge commune and province. According to local sources, these young people were heading to Tanzania for work hunting. Accused of leaving for armed groups, they were jailed in Rumonge police cell before being released on 4 September 2017. They returned directly to their commune of Muhuta and gave up their intention to go to Tanzania.

Two people arrested in Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province

As of September 4, 2017, on Rurambira hill, Mayuyu zone, Mukike commune, Bujumbura rural province, Jean Claude Nkurunziza, Didier Nimubona, all members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing

were arrested by the police. According to our sources, they were accused of holding an illegal meeting. They were jailed in Mayuyu police cell and denied any visit.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On September 9, 2017, Gilbert Ndikumana, Jimbi CDS manager and UPRONA member Charles Nditije's wing, was arrested by police in Kibago commune, Makamba province on a setup by a CNDD-FDD women's league lady accusing him of attempted rape. This manager spent one day in the cell. After he was released, he was beaten by Kibago post head after the setup failed.

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Five persons arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

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

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

Three people arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

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

A person arrested in Makamba commune and province

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

A couple arrested in Makamba commune and province

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

Four people arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura City

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

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

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

Two people arrested in Mwaro commune and province

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

A person arrested in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

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

Sixty-eight people arrested in Gitega commune and province.

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

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

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

the police cell. They accused him of bringing his grenades and magazines with his friends to Oswald.

Nine eight people arrested at Mutanga campus, Bujumbura City

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

Fifty people arrested in Kirundo province

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

Thirty-five people arrested in Ruhororo commune, Ngozi province

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

One person arrested in Vyanda commune, Bururi province

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

One person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On August 7, 2017, Stève Bishaza, a representative of AMOTABU in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested and taken by policemen to Nyanza-Lac police station cell, Makamba province. According to sources on site, he was transferred to Makamba prosecutor's office cell on 9 August 2017. The reason for his arrest remains unknown. The same source indicates that he was wanted by the SNR head in Makamba province.

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

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

Three people arrested in Matongo commune, Kayanza province

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

Two people arrested in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

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

Three persons arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

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

Sixty persons arrested in Gitega commune and province

On August 26, 2017, 60 people were arbitrarily arrested by the police in complicity with the administration in Nyabugogo quarter of Gitega city, near the Paramedical Institute. They are members of an association fighting against gender-based violence. They were accused of holding an illegal meeting while the head of Ntobwe hill, where the meeting was held, had been invited even if he was absent. They were released on August 28, 2017 by the Provincial Police Commissioner, Melchior, without being questioned.

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Two persons arrested in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On July 28, 2017, on Rukere hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Mvuyekure from Caratsi hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, was arrested by a policeman nicknamed Mapepe. According to sources on site, he accused him of buying a mattress from Rwanda. His son, who

went to see him to inquire on the situation was also arrested and tied up by CNDD-FDD party representative on this hill named Serges, accompanied by two Imbonerakure, Japhet and Nzoyisaba. Mvuyekure and his son were jailed in the commune cell.

A person arrested in commune and province Rumonge

On July 25, 2017, Balthazar Barutwanayo alias Sogo, a teacher at ECOFO Gatwe and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested by Louis Kamwenubusa, Kizuka zone head in Rumonge commune and province. Accused of contempt of the head of state, he is jailed in Buruhukiro zone cell. Information received indicates that he was released around 3:00 pm after paying a ransom of 250.00 Bif to Kizuka zone head.

Three people arrested in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On 27 July 2017, two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing Gérard Nsabimana, Theodore Nsegiyumva and a member of MSD party named Aimable Nibaruta were arrested in Buringa zone, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, were arrested by police. Their relatives say they do not know the reason for their arrest one week after they were acquitted by Bubanza High Court. They were released on 20 July 2017 after a year in prison in Bubanza Central Prison. Police accused them of possessing military equipment, in this case the motolora. Charges the court found unjustified and released them. Local sources say their release would not have pleased Bubanza province authorities who would be behind their new arrest. Police sources said the decision to release them would be irregular, the reason why they were arrested again. Families of these people are very surprised of the interference of province authorities in justice affairs. They indicate they were arrested without a warrant. No family member was informed of the reason or place of their detention. They claim that the three people were embarked on board a vehicle of the Governor of Bubanza province Tharcisse Niyongabo to an unknown destination.

One person arrested in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province

On July 15, 2017, in Muhanga commune, Kayanza province, Niriho, teacher in Rwanda and native of that commune was arrested by Imbonerakure and taken to police while he was at a party. They accused him of bringing from Rwanda traveling fees for young people wanting to go to Rwanda to be enlisted in rebellion. SNR agents came to take him the following day, July 16, 2017, and took him to an unknown destination. Information received indicates that he was released on 17 July 2017.

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

As of July 16, 2017, in Rango commune, Kayanza province, Floris Bigirimana, FNL member was arrested by Imbonerakure and taken to a police position while returning from a party. They accused him of coming from a secret meeting.

One person arrested in Rango commune, Kayanza province

On July 25, 2017, on Nyabibuye hill in Rango commune, Kayanza province, two Imbonerakure with policemen in civil dress arrested Félicien Nindorera, MSD member. They accused him of

participating in demonstrations against Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The latter was returning from Rwanda. He was imprisoned in the commune cell.

Three people arrested in Ngozi commune and province

On July 25, 2017, three FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing Charles Bizimana, chairman of MJP, Jérémie Ndoriyobija, member of MJP committee and Christian Citegetse, were arrested in Ngozi province by provincial commissioner Edouard Mukoko They were taken to PJ Ngozi cell. The reason for their arrest was not known.

One person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On July 28, 2017, Léonidas Niyukuri, SAHWANYA FRODEBU party member was arrested on Kabondo hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, while replacing his party flag at the commune office. An Imbonerakure named Juma informed the police who subsequently arrested him. He was taken to Nyanza-Lac police station before being released on 31 July 2017 after questioning. Sources on the spot indicate that this FRODEBU activist was accused of raising SAHWANYA FRODEBU party flag while high personalities were passing.

Four people arrested in Rutana province

On 19 July 2017, around 8:00 pm in Bwiza quarter of Gihofi city in Bukemba commune, Rutana province, four FNL members, Agathon Rwasa's wing, including Ntakarutimana, Claude, Buregeya and Ingabire, were arrested and detained at Gihofi police station cell and were accused of disrupting public order. As for them, they say that the police found them together and were suspected of being in a party meeting.

One person arrested in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On July 19, 2017, Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested by police on Ruhwa River, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province. Doctor Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested by the head of the Immigration Police (PAFE) position in Ruhwa and taken to Rugombo commune police cell, sources said. These sources add that she was arrested while from Rwanda where she would be accused of visiting the exiled demonstrators against President Nkurunziza's 3rd term. The head of Rugombo police station indicated that Nadine Ndayisenga was arrested for investigation reasons. Sources from Rugombo commune indicate that Nadine Ndayisenga was transferred to Bujumbura on the evening of 21 July 2017, though her destination was not specified.

Two people arrested in Songa commune, Bururi province

On July 16, 2017, Jean Claude Nizigiye and his son Constantin Nkamicaniye were arrested by Imbonerakure youths of Songa commune. According to sources on the spot, they were accused of stealing an amount of 250,000 Bif. The same sources stated that the Imbonerakure carried out a search at Nizigiye's home. He and his son were taken to Songa police cell. They were released on 18 July 2017.

One person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 21, 2017, Samson Ndayegamiye, known as Samandari, was arrested by police in Kiyange zone, Kibago commune, Makamba province. It was upon the testimony of an Imbonerakure who accused him of upraising students on holiday against participation in labor camps organized by the administration. He was jailed at Kibago commune police station cell.

One person arrested in Bujumbura downtown

On 21 July 2017, around 3:00 pm, Richard Ukwitegetse alias Blanco was arrested by SNR agents in front of 'face à face' restaurant in Bujumbura downtown. He lived in Nyakabiga I quarter, No. 17 in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City. Information received indicates that Richard was released the day after his arrest.

Two people arrested in Makamba commune and province

On July 20, 2017, Minani and an unidentified woman were arrested by Gad Niyukuri, Governor of the province accused of violating decency. The same source indicates that this woman was beaten up by this Governor. They were jailed in Makamba police station cell.

Ninety three people arrested in Bujumbura downtown.

On 14 July 2017, around 1:00 pm, police officers of GMIR and those of BAE have arrested 93 people in Bujumbura downtown. They were taken to BSR, some were released upon payment of 20,000 Bif and others were released afterwards.

Four people arrested in Kirundo province

On July 14, 2017, around 7:00 am, four people, including two taxi drivers, Kagara and Gilbert from Gasenyi, were arrested by SNR agents. According to sources on the spot, the other two people were not identified. They were accused of transporting people who do not have identification documents. Kagara was taken to SNR office while Gilbert escaped and fled into Rwanda.

Five people arrested in Kirundo province

On 11 and 12 July 2017, Anatole Karorero, Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing youth representative in Kirundo province, Salomon Nkurikiye, representative of this youth in Kirundo commune, Ezechiel Nduwayo and Deo Ndayizeye, province committee members, Elie Niyozima, representative of this party in Ntega commune were arrested by Kirundo prosecutor's office. Three of them were arrested by police on Yaranda hill, commune and Kirundo province. Two others were arrested while they were appearing before the prosecutor. According to sources on the spot, they are accused of wiring information to Humura and Inzamba programmes but in reality, according to the same sources, they were prosecuted because they prevented their members from keep contributing two kilos of beans as well as 2000 Bif per household to pay the Imbonerakure as well as 500 Bif to build CNDD-FDD office. According to the same sources, FNL party members of Ntega commune are threatened to death by the head of Imbonerakure Ntereke Alphonse as well as the administrator of the same commune. The five persons were all imprisoned in Kirundo prosecutor's office cell.

As of July 20, 2017, Ezechiél Nduwayo, Deo Ndayizeye and Elie Niyonzima, FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's were transferred to Ngozi central prison.

One person arrested in Ngagara urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 13, 2017, Germain Rukuki, a former ACAT-Burundi employee and legal representative of 'NJABUTSA TUJANE' association, was arrested at his home by Joseph Niyonzima alias Kazungu with policemen in quarter VI, block 10, Ngagara urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city. According to police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye, Germain is accused of breaching internal security of the state. His computer and his working documents were seized. He was jailed in SNR cell before he was transferred to Ngozi central prison on 26 July 2017, said the same source.

One person arrested in commune and Rumonge province

On 13 July 2017, Espérance Ndiwenumuryango alias Kinigi, a local elected at Minago zone, commune and Rumonge province was arrested at Minago hill by police in Minago zone. She was taken to the zone cell until she was transferred to police cell in Rumonge. She is accused by Minago zone administrative authorities for holding illegal meeting she was arrested for the third time since 2015. However, her relatives claimed she had gathered other women to talk on reproductive health.

The same sources say that Esperance Ndiwenumuryango plays the role of community outreach worker in health field in Rumonge commune. Some inhabitants of Minago zone declare she is victim of her membership to 'Amizero y'Abarundi' coalition as pro-Agathon Rwasa FNL member. She was released on 15 July 2017.

One person arrested in Mpanda commune, Bubanza province

On 13 July 2017, Marc Hatungimana, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwasa's wing, from Rubira hill, on 11th Avenue, Mpanda Commune, Bubanza Province, was arrested by Imbonerakure from Buringa zone, Gihanga commune of same province. According to our sources, he was first held in a secret cell at Joseph Nsabimana's, located in Buringa, a former SNR agent. On the morning of July 14, 2017, he was taken to Gihanga police cell. The victim was accused of organizing clandestine meetings according to the same sources.

Two persons arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On July 11, 2017, Savin Musugi and Jean D'amour Girenga, all Rwandan nationals were arrested in Mabanda commune, Makamba province, by police officers while on their way to the United Republic of Tanzania. The reason for their arrest was that they were in possession of small Burundian flags and were embarked by the SNR head in Makamba province.

Two people arrested in Ngozi province

On July 7, 2017, Charles Bizimana and Claude alias Magenge, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, were arrested by police in Nyamurenza, Ngozi province. Both are teachers at Kinyovu

Communal High School of the same commune. According to sources on site, they were arrested while from drink after the final deliberation at the Lycee.

Five people arrested in Cibitoke urban zones, Bujumbura City

On July 7, 2017, five people were arrested by soldiers and policemen during a search of Mutakura quarter, from 13th to 15th Avenue, in Cibitoke urban zone , Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura City. One of them was accused of trading hemp. Others had household notebooks without the signature of the quarter head or were not registered. They were released upon a ransom ranging between 2,000 and 5,000 Bif.

One person arrested in Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province

On July 6, 2017, Ntirampeba, a returnee from Buheka hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, was arrested by police on order of the province governor Gad Niyukuri. He was imprisoned in Nyanza-Lac police cell. He is accused of not respecting the agreements signed with the residents since he returned in 1991. The inhabitants of the commune demand that the agreements signed under CNTB supervision be not reviewed.

A person arrested in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura city

On 4 July 2017, Joseph Bananeno, Maria Burundi radio journalist, was arrested by SNR agents at home in Buyenzi commune Mukaza, Bujumbura city, and taken to the zone cell. According to sources on the spot, the journalist reported to the police a person who had a pistol when he was covering the Mass of July 2, 2017 at Saint Augustin's Church. This armed person wanted to kill the Archbishop of Bujumbura, Bishop Evariste Ngoyagoye, adds our source. A crowd of people ran to arrest the suspect but he was embarked in a police pickup waiting for him. After interrogation by a magistrate of Mukaza TGI prosecutor's office, the journalist was released on 6 July 2017 after payment of a fine of 50,000 Bif and must continue appearing as free. According to the police spokesman, Pierre Nkurikiye, he was prosecuted for disorderly conduct.

Three people arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 6, 2017, three house workers were arrested by police during a search to Jimbi hill, Kibago Commune, Makamba Province. According to sources on the spot, these people arrested were in possession of a pair of boots. The inhabitants of this area denounce almost daily searches targeting ex-FAB retirees.

Forty-four people arrested in Makamba commune and province

On July 5, 2017, forty-four people, including 30 minors and 14 women were arrested by Imbonerakure on order of the administrator, Japhet Ntungwanayo in commune and Makamba province. These women would be accused of prostitution.

II. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

SEPTEMBRE 2017

A girl raped in Makamba commune and province

As of 6 September 2017 Erisha Rukoto, elected to Makamba II quarter and member of Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party youth league in Makamba commune and province, who raped a girl named K was arrested and released under the cover of Makamba commune administrator Japhet Ntungwanayo. The alleged rapist would be HIV/AIDS positive.

A person raped in Kirundo commune and province

As of September 7, 2017, in Murama, Kirundo commune and province, Samuel, a motorcyclist was arrested in flagrante delicto raping a young girl named N, aged 15, the child of a trader named Cuma of Kirundo commune and province. According to sources on site, the perpetrator was jailed in the prosecution cell but people feared he would be released because he is Imbonerakure. The same sources say that Samuel was released while he was arrested in possession of a military Motorola but was not prosecuted.

AOUT 2017

A girl raped in Gitaramuka commune, Karusi province

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

A girl raped in commune and province Bubanza

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

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A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

As of 31 July 2017, on Kivogero commune, Bukeye, Muramvya province, a 7-year-old C. was raped by Liévin, aged 17, shepherd to the victim's family.

A girl raped in commune and Province Bubanza

On July 28, 2017, at about 10:30 am, B.D, aged 3 years and 11 months was raped by a 10-year-old boy named Kelly Vyizigiro on Giko hill, in the zone, commune and Bubanza province. According to our sources, the victim's parents were advised by Bubanza community health agent to take the child to Seruka clinic for medical care.

A girl raped in commune and province Muyinga

As of 11 July 2017, in Mukoni quarter of commune and Muyinga province, a girl named C. was sexually abused twice in the marital home by his tutor named Emmanuel Nkezabahizi, teacher at ECOFO Cumba. According to source on the spot, the victim attends the 7th form at ECOFO Saint André. The alleged rapist has fled his home.

A girl raped in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

As of 21 July 2017, a 13-year-old girl named B. was raped by an Imbonerakure named Harerimana on hill Kiyazi in Gishiha zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. The alleged perpetrator was jailed in Vugizo police station cell.

One person raped in Kiganda commune, Muramvya province

On July 12, 2017, on Ruvumu hill in Kiganda commune, Muramvya province, Egide, a 48-year-old farmer, has raped a student of ECOFO Rubumba named A.

A person raped in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province

On July 7, 2017, on Gahaga hill in Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, a 32-year old Anicet raped an 8-year-old girl named A.

A person raped in commune and province Bubanza

On 1 July 2017 around 1:00 pm, down town, zone, commune and province of Bubanza, a policeman named Côme of Bubanza police station raped DC, aged 38, after handcuffing her.

III. INTIMIDATION BY CNDD-FDD PARTY MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 2017

Night patrols of Imbonerakure in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

As of September 20, 2017, a group of young Imbonerakure on night patros on Mutaho hill, zone and commune, Gitega province prevented 6 people from traveling to Tanzania. According to sources on site, it was around 5:00 am when these young Imbonerakure barred the way and beat up these people.

Night patrols by Imbonerakure in Rutana province

As of 12 September 2017, around 3:00 am on Munyika hill, Kayero zone, Mpinga-Kayove commune, Rutana province, the Imbonerakure of CNDD-FDD party of that area night patrolled chanting party slogans and insults against the opposition parties they consider as rebels.

Demonstration of the Imbonerakure in Bujumbura City

On 16 September 2017, around 10:00 am, the CNDD-FDD party demonstrated in Bujumbura city. In this event, there were police pick-up vehicles without plates and SNR ones with CNDD-FDD party flags. A double cabin vehicle with loudspeakers sounded songs like "*Genda Niyombare warahemutse*" (go Niyombare you were dishonest). The demonstrators brandished slogans like "*turuzuye 2020 ntimukorako*" (we are strong in numbers 2020 we cannot be defeated). During these demonstrations, all activities and traffic were paralyzed (people passing nearby them were forced to leave and the Imbonerakure remained in the avenues to guide pedestrians and vehicle traffic. In his speech, the CNDD-FDD ruling party General Secretary, Evariste Ndayishimiye, urged these activists to stand up, fear nothing, have a hard heart, love their country and be ready to die for the nation because the baby they waited a long time was to be born soon.

Forced contributions to the Province of Rutana

As of 13 September 2017, on Mungwa, Musagara and Munywero hills of Ngoma zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, the population of these hills was forced by CNDD-FDD ruling party representatives on these hills to contribute 2000 Bif each to build this party office but the population laments saying this is not a contribution. It is forced recovery as a contribution is voluntary.

Forced participation in the torch of peace provincial ceremonies in Cankuzo

As of September 13, 2017, the torch of peace ceremonies in Cankuzo took place from Ruvubu River separating Cankuzo and Muyinga to Ruru Bridge separating Cankuzo and Ruyigi. According to local sources, forced mobilization was observed at all levels of the hill, commune and province. All those responsible at all levels, whether of the ruling CNDD-FDD party or not were present, including those in charge of security, defense, justice, traders, private sector employees, etc. All government vehicles and NGOs were mobilized.

Paramilitary training of the Imbonerakure in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 17 September 2017 indicates that in Murehe Nature Reserve near the Rwandan border, a movement of the Imbonerakure has resumed since the rumors on the social networks of a list of authorities would be incriminated by the ICC. According to sources on site, this movement had ceased for lack of supply. This movement is supported by Salvator Muvunyi who is CNDD-FDD party commissioner in Busoni commune and transports them in his probox vehicle under the orders of the MP Jean Baptiste Nzigamasabo alias Gihaha.

People manhandled by Imbonerakure in Bugenyuzi commune, Karusi province

On September 11, 2017, around 3:00 pm, on Nyagoba hill, in Bugenyuzi commune and commune, Karusi province, the ruling party representative on this hill named Blaise Riyazimana ordered the Imbonerakure to enter all the households living in common-law unions and fine them in case of resistance. After the hill head knew it and asked to stop this upheaval. A conflict between two responsible occurred. The bashingantahe intervened and fined 20,000 Bif this ruling party chair.

Arrests and torture by Imbonerakure in Bururi province

Information received by the Iteka League on 16 September 2017 indicates that in Bururi province Imbonerakure beat and arrest people and then take them to the police cell. As illustration, since the beginning of September 2017, three people, Dieudonné Nimubona, Eric Havyarimana and the nicknamed Sete of Gatohe sub-hill, Mugozi hill, Bururi zone were beaten by the Imbonerakure and Dieudonné Nimubona was taken at Bururi hospital for treatment. The same incident occurred in Musebeyi area where two people were beaten by accusing them of selling a local beverage known as "Igiti". According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure are sent by CNDD-FDD party leaders and if they succeed in arresting them, they earn 20 000 Bif at the rate of 10 000 Bif before leaving to search for the people to be arrested and 10 000 Bif after bringing these people. The Imbonerakure involved in these despicable acts are Diomedes, Gitara, Aimable, Minani and others. Most of these Imbonerakure are domestic workers.

A person aggressed in Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City

As of 7 September 2017, around 10:00 pm, the policemen guarding General Gervais Ndirakobuca, alias Ndakugarika, physically aggressed that general's neighbor named Innocent Nduwayo, an RTNB employee, living in Kinanira IV quarter, Musaga urban zone, Bujumbura City. They ordered him to sit down, guns to the head and asked him to call his son to come and release him and his wife soon arrived. Threats asking them to flee like others were uttered. He was afterwards released.

Suspension of a hill elected in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

As of September 4, 2017, Anaclet Ndimurwanko, Cashi hill leader, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province, was provisionally suspended by the commune administrator, Joachim Manirakiza for insubordination, lack of collaboration with the joint security committees and low level of mobilization of the population for development. Anaclet says he was dismissed for political reasons as he is a FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing. He has recurrently refused to join CNDD-FDD party and has opposed night patrols by young Imbonerakure of this hill. His political family denounces political intolerance and accuses the regime to monopolize the administration.

Forced contributions in Kirundo province.

Information dated September 9, 2017 indicates that since August 15, 2017, all motorcyclists in Kirundo province are obliged to pay 500 Bif per day for contribution to CDD-FDD party. According to sources on site, he who does not pay the contribution is arrested and his motorcycle confiscated at the police station.

Motorcyclists manhandled in Kirundo province

As of 2 September 2017, motorcyclists were obliged by the head of Imbonerakure in the province, Ahishakiye Abel to make the procession of his friend named Sagatwa who married and the police arrested those who refused to attend this procession.

People beaten by Imbonerakure in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On the night of 3 September 2017 a group of young Imbonerakure from Kibago hill, composed of Denis, Emmanuel and Rufyikiri from Rubimba hill, beat up bar owner of Rwahirwa sub hill in Kibago commune, Makamba province. The latter came to close the bars they accused of exceeding closing hours. In addition to bar owners, an Imbonerakure named Leonard who tried to prevent them from beating them without any reason was also beaten.

Two people beaten and fined in Nyabikere commune, Karusi province

On September 7, 2017, Gaëtan and Claver were beaten and fined 200,000 Bif by Imbonerakure youths on Mazita hill, Gatonde zone, Nyabikere commune, Karusi province. According to sources on site, the reason is that Gaëtan and Claver would have found a dead goat of their neighbours in the bush and shared it.

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A show of strength in Rumonge province

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

A person aggressed in Rumonge commune and province

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

Night patrols at Mutanga campus

Imbonerakure students of the University of Burundi, Mutanga Campus beat and mistreat their colleagues not members of CNDD -FDD party. Campus sources say there is a climate of tension caused by these Imbonerakure. These CNDD-FDD militants beat any passer-by as well as their colleagues who return at night mainly coming from Nyakabiga urban zone. According to the same sources, there is an example of a student who was arrested on 14 August 2017 from Nyakabiga and who was forced to walk on his knees from Tropicana I to Tropicana II. The sources indicate that the most targeted are Tutsi. The Imbonerakure pointed are Melthus Nsengiyumva of the Faculty of Law and who is representing the students, Pasteur Nkeshimana and Hermes all from the faculty of psychology at Kamenge campus but residing at Mutanga campus, Désiré Nimenya of the Faculty of Law BacIII, Obede of the faculty of Biology BacIII and Rubin of the Faculty of Economics and Administration who, according to our sources, coordinates these ill-treatment acts.

A house burnt in Busoni commune, Kirundo province

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

Forced participation in community work in Cankuzo province

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

A citizen intimidated in Cankuzo province

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

Intimidation of people in Makamba commune and province

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

Manhunt in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

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

The population mistreated in Ntega commune, Kirundo province

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

wing, was denied by CNDD-FDD party chair in Ntega commune and the Imbonerakure to buy one kg of palm oil.

Gunfire in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

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

A person injured in Gitega province

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

Eight people injured in Ruyigi commune and province

On August 7, 2017, Reverien Manirakiza alias Kamoteri, an Imbonerakure from Gasanda quarter in Ruyigi province city has wounded eight people, including five policemen, with a machete. According to sources on site, this incident was due to the refusal to execute an order from this Imbonerakure who asked them to go douse a bush fire that had broken out on Mpungwe hill. According to sources on site, Kamoteri escaped on 6 September 2017 from hospital where he was admitted.

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Two persons injured in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

On 23 July 2017, around 11:00 pm, Tharcisse Bangirinama, SAHWANYA FRODEBU party member was attacked by a group of Imbonerakure armed with machetes and clubs in Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. Alexis Habonimana and Jean Claude Nsengiyumva were wounded on the arms and heads while attempting to defend themselves. These Imbonerakure were searching Chadrack Niyonkuru, brother of Jean Claude and Alexis. These two young wounded were rushed to one of Bujumbura hospitals while Tharcisse Bigirimana was arrested and taken to Mpimba Central Prison. The latter is accused of having accompanied his son in Rwanda and participated in demonstrations against President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

A person injured in Kanyosha urban zone, Bujumbura City

On the night of July 26, 2017, around 9:00 pm, a nicknamed NONE, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was found lying on the ground bleeding in Busoro quarter, Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. On-site sources indicate that NONE was injured by people wearing long coats armed with machetes and clubs. Imbonerakura youths from Busoro quarter are singled out by locals as the authors of these burrs. The same inhabitants add that these Imbonerakure patrol at night to steal or rape all passing people.

Intimidations by police in Kirundo province

Information received by Iteka League on 30 July 2017 indicates that passersby are tortured by police on a road in Bushaza quarter of Kirundo province, where CNDD-FDD party chair and the prosecutor live. According to sources on the spot, every night, these policemen guarding these two authorities stop and beat up all the passersby telling them that they are spying on them and come back to attack them with rebels.

On July 5, 2017, Niyongabo and Ndizeye, all drivers were arrested and traumatized while they had just dropped their colleague to Mutwenzi. An amount of 180,000 Bif was stolen by these policemen in the presence of CNDD-FDD party chair. Every time, the population hears noises of unidentified people arrested because people are afraid to go out.

Intimidation by local authority in Cankuzo

On 22 July 2017 at Cankuzo stadium, after community development work, Christophe Nyamiye, Cankuzo zone head, intimidated people who did not participate in the work, saying he will correct them in these words: "*nukubakorerako*". According to sources on site, the low participation is due to the fact that these community works are confused with those of CNDD-FDD ruling party. All officials of this party including young Imbonerakure had organized an opening of the party office on the hill and zone Shinge, Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province before continuing their journey to Rujungu hill of the same zone border with Tanzania where they demonstrated in support to President Pierre Nkurunziza for visiting Tanzania on 20 July 2017. According to sources on the spot, Imbonerakure from all the communes were present on this hill.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure in Cankuzo province

On July 27, 2017, a motorcyclist named Igiraneza alias Kiwi, was intimidated by Anicet, the provincial head of Imbonerakure, accusing him of transporting enemies of the country. According to sources on the spot, this motorcyclist has transport from Cankuzo province city to communes, two VOA women journalists in search of information.

Paramilitary training of Imbonerakure in Mwakiro commune, Muyinga province

Paramilitary training of young imbonerakure is organized on 3 hills of zone and Mwakiro commune in Muyinga province in the north of the country. They are supervised by Mwakiro zone head, the surrounding inhabitants say they fear for their security. Kimbwigwa, Muyange and Mutombwe are the three hills where these trainings take place, according to sources in Mwakiro. The population claims it began observing the presence of Imbonerakure in the afforestation of eucalyptus on Wednesday 26 July 2017 in daytime. These trainings are led by the area chief Mwakiro nicknamed Kajisho. This worries the inhabitants of the area because in June 2017 a man was killed around and 2 Imbonerakure were arrested. No investigation was carried out. The inhabitants of the three hills demand the cessation of these paramilitary training.

Paramilitary training in Karusi province

On July 27, 2017, on Kiranda hill, in Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karusi province, an Imbonerakure team of about 50 young were reported performing military training on this hill. According to sources on site, these trainings are supervised by a CNDD-FDD demobilized known as Faustin Manirakiza. During these training, they chanted slogans insulting President Pierre Nkurunziza 3rd term opponents.

Deprivation of freedom of movement and paramilitary training in Kirundo province

Information received by our office dated 23 July 2017 indicates that since June 2017, the population of Kirundo in general, civil servants and traders in particular were banned from doing sport on historically known hills of Shinge and Rugero. According to sources on the spot, every weekend, the police, the Imbonerakure and the provincial authorities block all ways. The same sources point out that on these Shinge and Rugero hills, training and grenade and gun demonstrations are carried out by Imbonerakure often at night and end the following day around 11:00 am.

One person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On the night of July 20-21, 2017 Serges Nibizi was wounded with machetes by young Imbonerakure in night patrols on Mparambo I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province. According to our sources, the victim was going to fetch water.

Demonstration of the Imbonerakure in Muramvya province

On July 15, 2017, the Imbonerakure from all communes of Muramvya province met the province town to publicly protest against opponents to the regime. They chanted songs denigrating the opponents and also songs to the glory of CNDD-FDD party and President Pierre Nkurunziza chanting that he must run for a 4th term. On their banner, it was written "*Twebwe Imbonerakure zo muri komine Muramvya, haduga, hamanuka, hanyerera kirazira kurekura ico wafashe*" (We the Imbonerakure of Muramvya commune, we will never give up power whatever happen).

Imbonerakure threatens the population in Rango commune, Kayanza province.

On July 8, 2017, on the hill and Rango commune, province Kayanza, Patrice Mpawenimana, the head of Imbonerakure of this hill, accompanied by CNDD-FDD party representatives of this commune held a meeting for the population of the area. They warned them that anyone who will be caught listening to Humura of RPA Radio will have to pay a fine of 50,000 Bif.

People mistreated by Imbonerakure in Makamba province

Information received by our office on July 16, 2017 indicates that girls and women suspected of being prostitutes were mistreated by young people from CNDD-FDD party in Makamba commune and province. The kick-off was given on 12 July 2017 by Japhet Ntungwanayo, administrator of Makamba commune. He ordered the Imbonerakure to carry out searches. During this search, these CNDD-FDD youth arrested 14 women and about thirty young boys. The Imbonerakure beat up any woman or girl alleged to be a prostitute. The leaders of this group of Imbonerakure are Fwadi, Shabani and Murisho nicknamed Kimura.

Forced contributions in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On July 4, 2017, forced contributions were reported on Ngoma hill, Musongati commune, Rutana Province. According to sources on site, the head of CNDD-FDD party in Ngoma zone named Gérard Nibigira in collaboration with Imbonerakure youth is collecting an amount of 3 000 Bif per household and per kiosk. According to the same source, this amount will be used for a CNDD-FDD party feast without specifying what feast it will be.

Paramilitary training reported in Makamba province.

On July 8, 2017, on Nyabutare and Kabo hills of Nyanza-Lac commune, two young Imbonerakure platoons walked in this area with binoculars. According to some officials, trainers are from Cibitoke province. These officials said the training intensified after security meetings held in Nyanza-Lac reporting the presence of rebels in the United Republic of Tanzania and the DRC, ready to attack the country.

The leading communes are Makamba and Nyanza-Lac. On Gatabo hill in Kayogoro commune, paramilitary training is carried out every Saturday morning. As of July 8, 2017, dozens of young Imbonerakure have walked the whole zone chanting slogans hostile to the opposition in these words: "*Petero Nkurunziza tuzogutora twongere tugutore. Niyombare! Niyombare muduhe*

tumurye! (Pierre Nkurunziza, we will vote and re-vote for you, trouble-makers who are not voting for you, we'll show them what we showed to Niyombare!) Give us Niyombare to kill him!

Forced contributions to the province of Makamba

July 2017 was a hard time for public workers in this province following the collection of forced contributions to community development. The month of June was characterized by a broad awareness of a forced monthly contribution of 5000 Bif for all public and private civil servants and this will continue until December 2018. Currently, school principals who implement this collection are circulating the list of contributions in all communes.

On July 5, 2017, the provincial advisor, Gérard Hakizimana, made a visit to assess the work in Nyanza-Lac commune. School principals who implement this collection are circulating the list of contributions in all communes. At the communal Lycée, which has many teachers, 4 out of 35 would have already implemented this decision, the secretary of the Lycée said.

IV. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

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Attack of gunmen in Gitega

As of September 27, 2017, a group of gunmen attacked the prosecutor's home in Gitega province, Thérèse Niyongabo in Nyabututsi quarter of Gitega city. Sources on site say these criminals on board an unregistered black vehicle broke into Therese Niyongabo's house and ordered them to give them money. An amount of 300,000 Bif, a laptop, a radio set, two cell phones and various service documents were stolen. Apart from the stolen material, this information says no one was killed or wounded by these perpetrators.

Child trafficking in Rutana province

As of September 27, 2017, on Mabawe hill, Shanga zone, Musongati commune, Rutana province, 8 children were abducted and caught in Bukemba commune when they were heading to Tanzania, according to sources on site. They say that Abel, 37aged, told them they were going to look for work in Tanzania. Abel was arrested by Musongati police station police and taken to Musongati police station cell.

As of September 28, 2017, in Musongati zone and commune, Rutana province, there were more than 10 children who were caught in Bukemba commune when they were heading to Tanzania for work search.

Forced repatriation in Cankuzo province

On 27 September 2017, in a meeting of heads of services, Jothan Nikora, deputy commissioner for migration office in Cankuzo province, reported that out of the 118 Burundians repatriated to Burundi via Gasenyi II migration office, Mburi hill, Camazi zone, Gisagara commune, only 65 individuals who do not have or go are left. Most of them are children and their mothers, others have left one by one, no one knows if they have returned home or returned to Tanzania or have

requested accommodation in households of Gasenyi small center, to ask province authority to facilitate the remaining 65 to return home. The Governor, Desire Njiji, with a harsh tone, uttered these hate words: *"You must hit them hard, what did they flee? How did they arrive in the country? They should be beaten up, whoever wants can go back home or to Tanzania."* The deputy commissioner added: *"These people were whipped in Tanzania side and were loaded into trucks by force."* Many participants criticized these comments with hatred towards these returnees.

Proliferation of small arms and light weapons in Bururi commune and province

On September 26, 2017 at 5:00 pm, a grenade exploded near Kabuye stadium in Bururi commune. According to sources on site, no human and material damage was recorded. The same source indicates that there is a proliferation of small arms and light weapons and may be the distribution of weapons by SNR services in Bururi province.

In the morning of October 27, 2017, on Burunda hill, Bururi commune, and province, 3 Kalashnikov rifles were found hidden. Information from administration says criminals would have hidden them to attack at night.

Appearance of 18 ex-FAB soldiers at Ngozi Court of Appeal

As of 29 September 2017, eighteen soldiers were prosecuted in the case of the attack on Mukoni military camp in Musinga in January 2017, appeared before Ngozi Court of Appeal, assisted by their lawyers and supported by the Legal Aid Project of the Ministry of Justice. After a short hearing, the case was postponed to October 12, 2017.

Suspension of the activities of an ASBL in Rumonge commune and province

As of September 30, 2017, Rumonge province governor, Juvénal Bigirimana, suspended the activities of "NIHAGACIRO" association composed of 2,700 women, mostly widows and the divorced. The latter prepared meals for fishermen and had just received funding from the French Embassy in Burundi. This suspension would be linked to the speech of the ambassador, Laurent Delahousse, at the official launch of the project saying their funding no longer passes through the government but directly to the beneficiaries.

A person ambushed by Imbonerakure youth in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

On September 20, 2017, around 7:00 pm, on the hill, zone and Buhiga commune, Karusi province, a trading woman named Nzeyimana was ambushed by 3 young Imbonerakure Kiki, Jean and Ncuti when she returned from the market. According to sources on site, these Imbonerakure took her money equivalent to 3 million Bif. One of these Imbonerakure was recognized, prompting the police to arrest them the next day before being taken to Buhiga police cell

Four persons wounded in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

As of September 22, 2017, on the hill, zone and commune Rusaka, in the commune city, a grenade was thrown by an unidentified person in front of Bigirimana Alexis' shop alias Oussama and 4 people including Serges Sindayihebura, Jean Claude Habonimana, David Ntahonkuriye all CNDD-

FDD party members and a policeman named Ferdinand Bakundumuhari, , were injured. According to sources on site, Bakundumuhari cooperates a lot with Imbonerakure. The military and police searched on the morning of September 23, 2017, but no weapon was found.

Persecution of a MSD party family member jailed in Mpimba Central Prison

On September 19, 2017, Dieudonné Ndikumasabo, living in Kinindo urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city, who was in charge of the Gym and swimming at King's conference center, was abducted by police officers while he was at Mpimba central prison to visit his relatives, according to sources on site. Dieudonné Ndikumasabo had 400.000 Bif and was accused of supplying prisoners who had been prosecuted for breaching internal security of the State and participating in uprising movements. The same sources add that the amount that Dieudonné Ndikumasaba had was meant for the preparation of his wedding planned as of November 4, 2017. Dieudonné Ndikumasabo is the brother-in-law of Nathal Ndayongeje, MSD influential member (Movement for Solidarity and Democracy) jailed since 8 March 2014 and the brother of Nathal Ndayongenje's wife, Niyonzima Godeberthe, also arrested as her husband. This is persecution against detainees and their families. He was released on 21 September 2017 but his money was not returned.

Aid diversion in Kirundo province

As of 20 September 2017, an aid of rice and hoes distributed by the Oumbousman in Rusarasi, Busoni commune, Kirundo province for the new returnees and vulnerable was given to Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, each family should get 25 kg of beans but had only 10 kg. The distribution of this food was made by the technical adviser of Busoni commune administrator named Jean Kabaka and the commune administrator, Marie Claudine Hashazinka.

Attack on OHCHR offices in Rohero urban zone , Bujumbura City

As of 13 September 2017, an armed group broke into OHCHR offices in Burundi before hijacking PSG security agents in INSS quarter, Makamba Avenue, Rohero urban zone, Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, the perpetrators had prefabricated keys. Police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said police were not informed of the attack while General Prosecutor Sylvestre Nyandwi confirmed the attack was carried out by six people, including one armed on September 14, 2017. He added that investigations are ongoing.

Fire of a market in Gitega province

As of September 16, 2017, a fire devastated Giheta market in Gitega province. Half of the market went up in smoke and the other was saved by a fire truck. The origin of the fire is unknown but sources on site say the fire came from a kiosk near the market.

Weapons found in Mugamba commune, Bururi province

As of 15 September 2017, on Gakaranka and Mukike hills, in Nyagasasa zone of Mugamba, Bururi province, three Kalashnikov-type rifles, three grenades, 255 rounds of ammunition, one bayonet and military pants were found by soldiers on patrol in an afforestation. According to sources, the military reportedly received information that paramilitary training was taking place in

the area, but no one was arrested. The same sources add that a rifle was discovered on 14 September 2017 on Kiroha hill, Gisarenda zone, Matana commune. According to the population of Mugamba and Matana communes, it is a setup to arrest people without just cause.

Attack on a household in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

On the night of September 14, 2017, around 11:00 pm, in the quarter called Darfur, on Maramvya hill 15th street, Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province, an old man named Pierre Rurakengereza was attacked by a group of Imbonerakure headed by Nshimirimana alias Shimwe. According to our sources, the victim had sold his plot and these Imbonerakure stole his money. These Imbonerakure ordered this Rurakengereza to say nothing or risk execution. The next morning, Pierre Rurakengereza complained to the Maramvya zone head named Moise Bucumi but these Imbonerakure were not prosecuted.

Simulation of a suicide in Rumonge police cell

On September 7, 2017, Domitien Nyabenda, police officer, service number APN 18968, was found dead in his cell. According to source on site, Domitien Nyabenda was arrested after attempting to murder the public prosecutor in Rumonge, Donathe Niyonsaba and an economic operator named Ildephonse Ntirandekura. According to the victim's family, a blur hangs over Domitien's death that police qualified as suicide because they do not understand where the mosquito net and cans used to commit suicide came from. Furthermore, this family did not see the testament written by the victim before committing suicide as announced by Rumonge province governor in a brief speech to the population in front of the police cell. Some sources indicate that the police officer was part of a criminal network and had begun citing some of them. These sources add that Domitien would have been killed by the SNR to erase all traces. The victim was to appear on September 7, 2017 in a flagrancy file.

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

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

One person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

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

A house of returnees destroyed in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

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

A person injured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke Province

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

A mass grave found in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province

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

Six people injured in Gitega commune and province

On August 19, 2017, six people were injured, one severely wounded, in a bar in Gitega urban center called Butezi Bar, around 10:00 pm, when a grenade exploded among clients having a drink. This grenade may have exploded from the neighbouring plot. The six people were rushed to Gitega Regional Hospital for first aid. The reasons of this attack are not yet known, but some think of a jealousy because this bar was much frequented. Gitega police did not identify the perpetrators of the attack due to darkness. A watchman of this neighbouring plot was arrested and jailed in Gitega police cell for investigation reasons.

Grenade explosion in Cankuzo province

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

A grenade launched in Ngozi commune and province

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

Armed attack in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On August 15, around 8:00 pm, on the RN 5, between the 5th and 6th avenue, in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Bubanza province governor's vehicle, Tharcisse Niyongabo, was

attacked by unidentified gunmen while returning from a security meeting. According to our sources, these men run away into Rukoko forest after a short gunfight with the governor's police guard and no damage was reported.

Two children wounded in Buhiga commune, Karusi province

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

A person wounded in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

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

Three persons wounded and another fractured in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

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

Sixteen people raided in Buyenzi urban zone , Bujumbura City

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

A person injured in Cibitoke urban zone , Bujumbura City

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

Twenty-one person injured in commune and province Rumonge

On August 3, 2017, twenty one persons were wounded in clashes between prisoners in Rumonge prisons. Among the wounded was Colonel Adrien Kadende, ex- FAB, was shot and wounded on kidneys by a policeman nicknamed Mayaya in Rumonge central prison during clashes between detainees pro and anti CNDD- FDD. According to sources on the spot, this fight was due to bad

distribution of food. Jailed in Rumonge Central Prison from September 2016, Colonel Kadende is accused of breaking internal security of state and was not among those who were fighting. Being in critical condition, he was transferred to Kamenge military hospital for treatment but was directly taken to Mpimba central prison. Information received indicates that Colonel Adrien Kadende was not operated to remove a bullet from the kidneys.

A person wounded in Mugina commune, Cibitoke province

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

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

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

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A person wounded in Muha commune, Bujumbura City

On the night of 23 to 24 July 2017, Egide Niyonsaba alias Mutegetsu, CONAPES union representative in Rumonge province and teacher at Lycee Iteba in Rumonge, was wounded with machetes by unidentified persons near his home in Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura city. On July 28, 2017, CONAPES union member teachers had a general assembly and asked for investigations to clarify the attempt to assassinate Egide Niyonsaba.

Attempted assassination in Kirundo province

In the night of 27 July 2017, an unidentified group threw a grenade to Ruvugho's, aged 45, CNDD-FDD party member of Kibonde hill, Gisenyi zone, Kirundo province. According to sources on the spot, he was accused of sorcery. The same sources indicate that two cohabitants all named Butera were jailed in Busoni commune cell, Kirundo province for investigation reasons.

A grenade found in commune and province Cankuzo

As of July 22, 2017, on Karago hill, Minyare zone, commune and Cankuzo province, a grenade was found in bush, according to Toyi Gabriel, provincial officer of the national commission on small arms and light weapons. This information was confirmed by the prosecutor Leonard Sindayigaya in a meeting of the heads of services to the Governor's office.

A person wounded in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province

On the night of July 29 to July 30, 2017, around 1:00 am on Kibuye hill in Bukirasazi commune, Gitega province, a grenade was thrown into a family of an ex FAB, Gahungu Pascal alias Kiroso by a group of criminals, according to information on site. In this attack, the head of the household was injured and was admitted to Kibuye hospital for first aid. The reasons of this attack were not known and no one of these criminals was arrested.

Search in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On July 20, 2017, a search without warrant was carried out at Jean Bosco Ntakirutimana's, ex-FAB on the hill and commune Kibago, Makamba province. The police did not find anything compromising and wanted to embark by force this retiree had it not been the resistance of the neighbors. Jean Bosco had been acquitted by the Court of Appeal of Bururi for participation to armed movements.

Two persons wounded stabbed in commune and province Rumonge

On the night of 16-17 July 2017, a widow named Baratakanwa, aged 60 and her son, aged 24, were wounded stabbed by unidentified persons on Karonke hill, Minago zone commune and province Rumonge. Land disputes were at the origin of this despicable act. They were rushed to a local hospital.

Discovery of two mass graves in Makamba province

On July 20, 2017, two mass graves were discovered in Makamba province, one in Mabanda commune and the other on Karonge hill in Makamba commune. Makamba Provincial governor, Gad Niyukuri, mentioned the existence of several mass graves in his province. He added that that the one of Mabanda contained more than 100 corpses.

Attempted assassination in Gisozi commune, Mwaro province

On 23 July 2017, around 4:00 pm, Thomas Ntunzwenimana, a driver of ISUZU vehicle, loaded with charcoal was halted by a policeman named Niyonkuru, assigned to Gisozi commune police station. According to sources on the spot, the incident occurred on the RN7, Musimbwe hill, Nyakararo zone, Gisozi commune, Mwaro province. This police officer asked the driver to transport him but the driver refused because of lack of space. The driver started his vehicle and then the policeman fired on the tires and the vehicle stopped. The provincial commissioner rushed in the spot to make the finding and jailed the policeman in Gisozi commune police station cell. The driver demanded his vehicle documents seized by the commissioner, in order to continue his work, but he was not regained his rights.

Three policemen wounded in grenade attack in Bwiza, Bujumbura city.

On the night of July 11, 2017, unknown persons aboard a pickup threw a grenade in Bwiza quarter of Mukaza commune in Bujumbura city according to sources on the spot.

Immediately after the attack, the police spokesman Pierre Nkurikiye said that terrorists aboard a van launched a grenade near Bwiza zone around 9:00 pm wounding three policemen. The perpetrators of this attack were not identified.

At least ten people injured in Bwiza urban zone, Bujumbura city

On July 16, 2017, a grenade was thrown into a bar commonly known as "Kubajandarume" located at the 2nd avenue in Bwiza urban zone, Bujumbura City, wounding seven persons including one serious case. Police spokesperson Pierre Nkurikiye confirms the facts and indicating that investigations are under way.

Nine households burned in Buganda commune, Cibitoke province

Information received by Iteka League on 15 July 2017 indicates that since 7 July 2017 nine households were burnt on the hill and Ndava zone, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province. The owners of the burnt houses are Elias Ndabarushimana, Yacine Nkorerimana, Jean Claude Nitanga, Nibaruta, Anatole Minani, Fidele Nizigiyimana, Isaac Hatungimana, Kangoye and Joseph Iritonda. According to our sources, a person named Christophe is imprisoned in Buganda Brigade for investigation purposes.

Two persons expelled in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

On July 11, 2017, Henri Ntanyungu alias Masharubu and Jean Bosco were expelled by Paul Rwajekera, Bigina hill head and Apollinaire Habonimana, Gasenga hill head, in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province. There are cascading expels of people in Gatwe in Bigina zone. In less than a month and a half, the Bigina hill head has totalled 6 expelled people. All the expelled persons are not allowed to take their belongings. Paul Rwajekera said in a public meeting on July 13, 2017 that these assets will be in the hands of the government. Four women had been expelled in similar circumstances and had not even had time to take their children.

Tensions between residents and returnees in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

Hot tensions are observed between residents and returnees following land disputes in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province. These tensions provoked clashes between these two camps on Kiderege hill, Kazirabageni zone of this commune. A bridge on Mukengerezi River leading to this hill was burned as of July 11, 2017 during these clashes. Nine people from both sides were arrested and jailed at Nyanza-Lac police station cell.

Search in commune and province Rumonge

On the evening of July 4, 2017, a search was carried out by police in Mugomere quarter in Rumonge city to Etienne Bizimungu's. The latter is an ex-FAB soldier ranked corporal, battalion of the 510th brigade in Buyengero commune. Police kicked in the door of his house and came out with 4 grenades without any neutral witness. This soldier denounces a pure setup aimed at harming him because he was not in good terms with the Imbonerakure of the quarter. He appeared on 5 July 2017 with his brigade commander. He was released but investigations continue.

One person wounded in Musongati commune, Rutana province

On July 2, 2017, around 4:00 pm, on Nyabigozi hill, Musongati commune, Rutana province, a 31-year-old Léonard was beaten up by the local population, accusing him of theft. He was rescued by the police that intervened and was taken to Musongati CDS for treatment. The alleged perpetrators were not harassed.

Two people injured in Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province

On the night of July 4, 2017, in Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province, a group of unidentified people armed with a Kalashnikov and a machete, have ambushed three people from Kabuyenge market between Kabuyenge and Kavumwe hills in Ruyigi province. According to sources on the spot, two of three people who were aboard a motorcycle were wounded shot. The 3rd person was a money exchanger and escaped but was robbed of an amount of 11 million Bif. The defence and security forces, local government and the population said they were pursuing those perpetrators who had withdrawn into the United Republic of Tanzania.

Land disputes in Vugizo commune, Makamba province

On July 3, 2017, Paul Nkeshimana was violently beaten by his neighbor named Nshirimbere following land disputes on Mazuru hill, Mpinga zone, Vugizo commune, Makamba province. This incident occurred after the administrator of Nyanza-Lac commune gave two different messages on CNTB's decisions. As of June 13, 2017, the Administrator said that returnees and residents will continue occupying their lands as before without considering the CNTB's measures to safeguard peace. Two days later, he changed up his mind to the same audience saying that CNTB decisions will be implemented as soon as they would be issued.

RECURRING PHENOMENA

In this report, the following recurring phenomena are observed:

1) Identity of victims:

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

2) The means used:

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

3) Locations:

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

4) The alleged perpetrators:

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

V. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

Killings, abductions followed by enforced disappearances, torture, arbitrary and illegal arrests targeting members of opposition parties and civil society associations are also reported.

Repression on ex-FABs in service or in retirement continues to manifest in the country.

Corpses and mass graves found in some places indicate insecurity in the country.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure youth and administration officials, paramilitary training and forced contributions were mentioned in this report.

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

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

A) To the Government of Burundi :

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

- Protect GBV victims and punish the perpetrators in compliance with the law ;
- Halt contributions set by the administration and collected by the Imbonerakure youth;
- Stop hate speeches and incitement to violence

B) To the AU

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

C) To the EU

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

D) To the United Nations Security Council

- Take all resolutions likely to restore peace in the country and guarantee the protection of human rights;
- Implement the decision to send a protection force for Burundians.
- Adopt new individual sanctions against Burundian officials and any individual contributing to violence and/or hindering the resumption of political dialogue process.

E) To the Mediation

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

F) To the EAC

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

G) To the population

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

H) To the ICC

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