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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to 6 April 2018, Iteka has documented at least 487 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CDS	: <i>Health Center</i>
CNDD-FDD	: <i>National Council for the Defense of Democracy</i>
CNI	: <i>National identity Card</i>
CPVV	: <i>Provincial Committee for Validation and Verification</i>
ECOFO	: <i>Fundamental School</i>
FAB	: <i>Burundi Armed Forces</i>
FNL	: <i>National Liberation Front</i>
FRODEBU	: <i>Front for Democracy in Burundi</i>
MSD	: <i>Movement for Solidarity and Democracy</i>
ONG	: <i>Non-Governmental Organization</i>
OPC	: <i>Chief Police Officer</i>
PJ	: <i>Judiciary Police</i>
PM	: <i>Military Police</i>
SNR	: <i>National Intelligence Service</i>
UPRONA	: <i>Union for National Progress</i>
VOA	: <i>Voice of America</i>

0. INTRODUCTION

During the period covered by this bulletin, allegations of violations and human rights violations were recorded: at least 33 people killed, including 3 bodies found, 19 tortured and 23 arbitrarily arrested.

The phenomenon of bodies found continues to be observed.

This bulletin notes cases of killings, abductions, torture and arbitrary arrests of opponents and alleged opponents of President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime.

A wave of arrests based on verification of household notebooks has become a means of ransoming the population by police officers. Cases of assassination, torture and arrests related to participation in the campaign for the constitutional referendum have been observed in different provinces of the country.

In this *bulletin*, cases of violation of the right to education have been identified.

Acts of intimidation and hate speech related to the constitutional referendum are reported in this bulletin.

Young people from the Imbonerakure militia are singled out as the perpetrators of most of these human rights violations.

The Ligue Iteka protests against the impunity of the crimes enjoyed by youth members of the Imbonerakure militia affiliated to CNDD-FDD ruling party, police officers, SNR agents and administration agents involved in various violations under the complicity of public authorities.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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

I.1.1. PEOPLE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

A body found in Ntawangwa commune, Bujumbura City

On May 7, 2018, in the morning, a body of a man was found in rice plantations in Buhinyuza in Kinama urban zone, Ntawangwa commune of Bujumbura City. According to sources on site, the victim, who was not identified, was killed decapitated by people not yet known. According to the same sources, a manuscript in Kirundi saying "UrunwaRurahanwa" (*leaking secret is punishable*) was left on his body.

A body found in Kirundo commune and province

On May 13, 2018, a body of a boy of at least 12 years, tied up, was found 100 meters from Kanyinya Parish, Kinyinya hill, Kirundo commune and commune, 20 meters from Calcutta sisters' community. According to sources on site, policemen came in Kanyinya hospital vehicle and transported the corpse to the mortuary.

A dead body found in Muyinga commune and province

On May 11, 2018, on Kwibuye hill, Muyinga commune and province, a body of an unidentified young man, about 18 years old, was found 1 kilometer from the same province. According to sources on site, this young man was killed elsewhere and his body thrown on this place. The social advisor of the communal administrator and the zone head ordered the burial of the corpse without any investigation.

Twenty-eight people killed and eight others wounded

On 11 May 2018, at about 10:00 pm, on Ruhagarika hill, Buganda commune, Cibitoke province, unidentified men armed with rifles grenades and machetes killed 28 people including Sankiri, Abdul and his wife, Rusuku, Mujosi, Vianney and his mother, Shombanyi, William and his child, Thomas and his children. According to our sources, eight others were wounded by these gunmen. Ruhagarika's chief ranked Major was disarmed by his superiors accusing him of not having intervened on this attack, according to the same sources. According to the minister of security and catastrophe management, the perpetrators of the killings withdrew into the DRC.

1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY IMBONERAKURE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

Two people killed in Ntega commune, Kirundo province

On May 13, 2018, around 3:00 pm, in Ntega commune, a group of Imbonerakure armed with sticks led by Damascene Karuhura, CNDD-FDD party representative at the communal level wanted to bar Amizero y'Abarundi meeting scheduled in Kigari by forcing them to turn back but they continued and held the meeting. On their return, arriving to Gisitwe hill, they faced another group of Imbonerakure accompanied by the communal deputy chief of Imbonerakure, Felix Nshimirimana and fought. According to sources on site, Raphael Barengwanabi, Amizero y'Abarundi member, was killed in this fight and 12 people including Elie were wounded. Five people captured were taken to Philippe Ngabonziza, Ntega commune administrator, who thanked the Imbonerakure act. He then beat the captured and one of them named Nkurunziza alias Rutwe died straightaway.

1.2 PERSONS ABDUCTED AND REPORTED MISSING

A person abducted in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city

On May 11, 2018, around 11:00 am, MP soldiers arrested Major Sergeant Serges Kubwayo, a retired ex-FAB, a mechanic on the presidential plane, at his workplace at Gakumbu Camp. According to sources on site, these soldiers brought him to his home in Kiyange in Buterere urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura city for a search, nothing was found there. They went with him to an unknown destination and they said: "Arateba avyemere!", *He will end up with admitting.*

1.3. PERSONS TORTURED BY IMBONERAKURE AND POLICE

A person tortured in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City

On May 8, 2018, around 11:00 pm, Fulgence Ndindiriyimana, student at the University of Burundi at Mutanga Campus, Baccalaureate III in the Faculty of Economics, was beaten up by a group of young Imbonerakure on patrol. According to sources on site, he escaped the first group of Imbonerakure

wanting to take him to the football field located inside Mutanga campus and he fell into another group of Imbonerakure including Désiré, representing students, Merthus of the Faculty of Law, Social Affairs Commissioner, Viateur of the Faculty of Law and Emmanuel nicknamed Emaus who immobilized him before beating him up. According to the same sources, the university authorities do not react to threats from militiamen Imbonerakure of this campus against non-CNDD-FDD students.

A person tortured in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

On May 11, 2018, in village 6, Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, Alexandre Ndaruhagaye alias Kintu, Amizero y'Abarundi coalition member, was beaten up by young Imbonerakure whose leader is known as Ciza. According to sources on site, the victim was accused of having held propaganda documents against the constitutional referendum. The victim was stolen money by these young Imbonerakure who wanted to throw him into a hole they had prepared. According to the same sources, he was saved thanks to the intervention of other Amizero y'Abarundi coalition members and his money was returned. The victim complained to Gihanga police.

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

On May 9, 2018, about 6:00 pm, in a bar located in Rwibaga center, three Imbonerakure named Terence Manirakiza, Liévin Manirakiza and Christian Nkurunziza, all from Rwibaga hill, Jenda zone, Mugongo-Manga commune, Bujumbura province, a policeman named Emmanuel Kavunja from Rwibaga police station beat up a young named Dieudonné Ndiokubwayo, a trader from Rwibaga hill. According to sources on site, they accused him of not being registered in the electoral referendum. Furthermore, these Imbonerakure, in complicity with two elected of Rwibaga hill named Franck Bigirimana and Ferdinand Njongo both from CNDD-FDD party, constrained him to pay a ransom of 3 crates of beer.

A person tortured in Rango commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 6, 2018, on Nyabibuye hill in Rango commune in Kayanza province, Jean Harerimana was beaten by two Imbonerakure Joachim and Philbert Bigirimana because he said that Agathon Rwasa is a brave man. He went to seek treatment at Gasenyi CDS in the same commune.

Eight street children tortured in Ngozi commune and province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 2, 2018, at Ngozi provincial police station, 8 street children, including 14-year-old JN, were tortured by police officers. According to sources on the spot, a child J.N was broken fingers and this torture is done by some police authorities to remove them from the street. They are arrested in Ngozi City streets and escorted by a service vehicle to the police station by the regional police commissioner named Gahitira. They are then beaten with iron wires and often broken arms or legs, and let them leave after signing not to return into the streets and not talking to anyone about what happened to them, add the same sources.

A person tortured in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

Information received on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 4, 2018, on Rukere hill in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Sicaire from Songore hill was arrested, beaten up and wounded by Imbonerakure, Ntakarutimana, Elissa, Daniel and Nzoyisaba. They accused him of selling coffee into Rwanda. They tied him up and took him to the commune administrator. The latter instructed to untie him and took him to the province city where he was jailed in the province police post.

A person tortured in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

The information received by Iteka League on May 8, 2018 indicates that on May 6, 2018, on Kigoma hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karuzi province, a young man named Godefroid, MSD member was arrested and beaten up by Imbonerakure, including nicknamed Muganwa led by their provincial chief named Nestor alias Benurire. According to sources on site, he was taken to Karuzi provincial police station cell. He was accused of throwing stones on Nestor's car, which the victim denies and denounces fabrication linked to his political affiliation.

Two people tortured in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On May 12, 2018, Nicaise Habineza and Gaspard Kabura, all retired ex-FAB, were arrested before being beaten by a group of more than one hundred young CNDD-FDD party Imbonerakure in night patrol. According to sources on site, these ex-FABs were awakened by a noise from these Imbonerakure and went to inquire about the situation around their households. The group was led by communal council chairman and CNDD-FDD party communal secretary Jeredie Hatungimana, accusing them of promoting the "NO" during the night. According to the same source, the victims were taken to Kibago communal police station prison in critical condition.

Two people tortured in Musinga commune and province

On April 10, 2018, on Cumba hill and zone, Musinga commune and province, a couple of Claude Ndashimiye and Annonciate Himbazimana, both "Amizero y'Abarundi" coalition members were beaten by Claude Rivuzimana and Bernard Shemezimana, all Imbonerakure youth league leaders respectively in Cumba and Gitwe in Cumba zone. According to local sources, the couple was a victim of their political affiliation.

A child tortured in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

On May 7, 2018, at about 5:00 pm, in Cibitoke center, at the 8th street, in the social quarter, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Pascal Nibasumba, 3rd form pupil of primary school, aged 8, son of Oswald Miburo, aged 41, was beaten by a police officer named Moussa. According to sources on site, this little boy was heading home from school with two other boys, more or less older than him. They went marauding maize in a field located a few meters from the road. Suddenly people claimed that

children were stealing maize. The other two boys were able to escape but Pascal, who had not even started to pick a single ear of maize, stayed by the field. When the policeman Moussa, owner of the field arrived, he beat him on the ribs, on the feet and in the palm. Pascal's parents came to pick him up but the policeman refused and went across the eighth street, showing people the thief of maize and saying he must kill him, according to the same sources. This police officer only gave the child to the parents around 9:00 pm. The child's father, Oswald Miburo, claims his son was traumatized because he is crying at all times and is being treated for the pain he suffered on the coast.

1.4. PERSONS ARRESTED BY POLICE, IMBONERAKURE, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND SNR AGENTS

A person arrested in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura City

Information received by Ligue Iteka on May 7, 2018 indicates that on 6 May 2018, at about 6:00 pm, Balthazar Nzeyimana was arrested at his home on the 21st avenue of Buyenzi zone, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura city by SNR agents. According to sources on site, Balthazar had welcomed at his home, as usual, of St Augustine's parish members in Buyenzi for an evening prayer and he was accused of holding an illegal meeting. He was jailed in SNR cell, according to the same sources. He was released on 9 May 2018.

Twelve people arrested in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city

On May 11, 2018, in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura city, on 12-15 avenues on Kanyoni Avenue side, police officers carried out a control of household notebooks. According to local sources, twelve people were arrested during this operation and were taken to the zone office and then released after each gave a ransom whose amount was not précised.

A person arrested in Kayogoro commune, Makamba province

Information received on May 7, 2018 indicates that as of April 27, 2018, Leonidas Ntakirutimana, CNDD-FDD member and elected on Mudaturwa hill, requires men to participate in night patrols to break into their homes to rape their wives. According to sources on site, on 27 April 2018, he entered a Gerard's household on 9:00 pm after he ordered him to participate in a night patrol. Leonidas Ntakirutimana returned to rape I.J. his wife. The latter called for help and neighbors surprised this elected in the master room. Gérard was arrested and spent a whole week in Kayogoro commune police station cell. He was released on May 4, 2018. According to the same source, the alleged perpetrator confided to the communal administration pretexting that he wanted to carry out a search for prohibited drinks and was not worried.

A person arrested in Kibago commune, Makamba province

On May 12, 2018, Pierre Claver Havyarimana, Evangelist at Kigara Pentecostal church, was arrested by CNDD-FDD youth on Jimbi hill, Kibago commune, Makamba province. According to sources on site, the communal secretary of this party ordered the young Imbonerakure to arrest him. He was jailed in Kibago police cell until the evening of May 13, 2018. Some Christians of the Pentecost denounce the

behavior of some pastors who do not want to confide in the official services if there is a misunderstanding.

A person arrested in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza province

Information received on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 5, 2018, at about 6:00 pm, on Kigarama hill in Butaganzwa commune, Kayanza Province, Melance Ndayishimiye, FNL member of Agathon Rwasa wing, teacher at Musema High School, was arrested by Imbonerakure at his workplace on the order of Epitace, head of Imbonerakure of this commune, and was jailed in the commune police post cell. They accused him of having taught people to vote for NO in the constitutional referendum. According to information received by Iteka League, the victim was still jailed on 13 May 2018.

A person arrested in Bururi commune and province

On May 8, 2018, Nephtalie, a teacher at Gasanda communal college and FNL member of Agathon Rwasa's wing, was arrested by police in Gasanda zone, Bururi commune and province. According to sources on site, he was taken to the province police station cell, accused of having publicly assumed that he will vote for "NO" for the next referendum of May 17, 2018.

Two people arrested in Rumonge commune and province

On May 12, 2018, two FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing, Nduwimana and Ntunzwenimana, were arrested by Imbonerakure militia youth in Minago commune, Rumonge province. The sources on site indicate that they were boarded by a vehicle of the CNDD-FDD party provincial representative and taken to Rumonge police cell. These members of the "Amizero y'Abarundi" coalition are accused of sensitizing the population to vote for "NO" in the referendum elections scheduled for May 17, 2018.

Three people arrested in Musigati commune, Bubanza province

On May 11, 2018, at about 2:00 pm, on Buhurika hill, Musigati zone and commune, Bubanza province, Donatien Niyonsaba, Venetia Niyongabo and Method Ndagijimana, all Amizero y'Abarundi coalition members, were arrested by Imbonerakure in collaboration with police officers. According to sources on site, they are accused of having taught to vote for "NO" in the referendum scheduled for May 17, 2018 and were taken to Musigati commune police station cell.

A person arrested in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 2, 2018, Vincent Minani, son of Ernest Nsengiyumva, aged 20, from Mukubano hill, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province was arrested by Nyanza-lake zone head accompanied by a group of young Imbonerakure. According to sources on site, Vincent Minani was arrested in November 2017 for robbery and personal injury, jailed for one month before being released in December 2017 by Makamba Prosecutor's Office for lack of evidence of his guilt. The same sources indicate that the zone head and the Imbonerakure group do not understand why this man was released while he is a repeat thief. He reportedly spent a week in PJ

Nyanza-Lac cell without being heard before being transferred on May 8, 2018 to Makamba Prosecutor's Office where he is jailed.

1.5. VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Politics in school in Ngozi commune and province

On May 10, 2018, at Mivo communal High School, Mivo zone, Ngozi commune and province, all the students were forced to participate in the referendum campaign organized by CNDD-FDD party. According to sources on site, students were in the last but one session of the day when they were taken out of class by CNDD-FDD director Eric Sikubwabo, forcing them to go to Karombwe field of the same zone where CNDD-FDD party meeting was to take place.

Politics in school in Makamba commune and province

On May 7, 2018, CNDD FDD party officials in the commune ordered all schoolchildren from the 6th to 9th form and their teachers at ECOFO Musanga, DCE Makamba, to participate in CNDD-FDD party referendum campaign held on Musanga hill. According to local sources, all activities were suspended and all the benches from the classrooms were sent to the campaign site.

Politics in school in Rusaka commune, Mwaro Province

On May 7, 2018, at Mwaro I High School located on Bisha hill, Makamba zone in Rusaka commune, Mwaro Province, Administrator Bernardine Nduwimana and CNDD-FDD Party Chairman in that commune and Makamba zone head, Athanase Mpawenayo all in CNDD-FDD party uniform gathered the students of this school to sensitize them to vote "YES" in the referendum. These administrators told students that those who will vote "NO" in the referendum of the revised constitution will have chosen a bad luck.

II. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

A man mistreated in Bugenyuzi commune, Karuzi province

On May 10, 2018, at around 6:00 am, on Muyange hill, Bugenyuzi zone and commune, Karuzi province, a young boy named Havyarimana, a 9th form pupil at ECOFO Gashanga, was arrested at his home by the hill head, Cyprien Hategekimana accompanied by Imbonerakure, accusing him of having written on facebook "Tora Oya" or voting NO. According to sources on site, he was released for a ransom of 50,000 Bif. According to the same sources, the governor of Karuzi, Calinie Mbarushimana and Bugenyuzi commune Administrator, Speciose Gakecuru went to pick him up again at around 1:00 pm but they did not find him at home. These authorities then ordered the hill head to search for him and take him to the commune office as soon as possible.

Forced contributions in Cankuzo province

Information received on May 7, 2018 indicates that before and during the referendum propaganda period, the CNDD-FDD party provincial leader, supported by provincial administrative authorities,

demanded forcibly contributions from the inhabitants of this province for referendum propaganda. The amounts required ranged from 5,000 Bif to 100,000 Bif depending on the grade, function, category or income of each. According to local sources, lists of officials, NGO staff, traders had been drawn up by Bakenyerarugamba and Imbonerakure, service by service, to collect the funds. As of May 4, 2018, for example, in the health service, the directors of the health districts contributed a sum of 100,000 Bif, the provincial doctor 80,000 Bif, the directors of hospitals 100,000 Bif, the CDS managers and CPVV 50,000 Bif, the caregiver 10,000 Bif to 20,000 Bif, drivers, caregivers and watchmen 5000 Bif. As of May 3, 2018, teachers who had not yet regularized these contributions were kicked out of schools to return with at least 5,000 Bif, this is the case of ECOFO Cankuzo I. According to the same sources, the collectors circulated with notebooks.

III. SECURITY FACTS

A young Imbonerakure in possession of firearm in Cankuzo province

On May 10, 2018, OPC1 Donatien Barandereka, alias Gikoko, from Cankuzo police station was arrested in Ngozi town. According to sources on site, he is accused of having given a rifle to a young Imbonerakure named Cleoplace Irankunda who had mainly a mission of watching the interests of his big brother, General Ndirakobuca alias Ndakugarika in Cankuzo. This young Imbonerakure was arrested in Masanganzira at Ngozi-Kirundo roundabout in possession of the weapon.

A family brutalized in Buhinyuza commune, Muyinga province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on May 9, 2018, indicates that on May 3, 2018, in Nyarunazi IDP site, Buhinyuza commune, Muyinga province, Anésie Nahayo and her two children Claudine Ndayisaba and Jeanette Nemeyimana were beaten by a group of people including Gérard Sahabo, Aubin Mahindagu, Salvator Masabararengwa, Anastase Gasamagera and Sinumva led by a teacher Jean Claude Ndayikengurukiye. According to local sources, the mother was taken to Muyinga Hospital. According to the same sources, this family is the victim of the words from Pacifique Ndiokubwayo, the communal administrator who, during meetings with the population, always announces that the sorcerers in his area must be uprooted.

Refusal of "Amizero y'Abarundi" coalition propaganda in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

On May 9, 2018, at Gihofi stadium, on Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, Rutana province, the propaganda activities of "Amizero y'Abarundi" coalition represented by Agathon Rwasa were disrupted and the coalition was refused to campaign for "NO" to the new constitution by Rutana provincial commissioner, Leonidas Ninganza alias facebook.

Confiscation of the material of a VOA journalist by SNR in Kirundo province

On May 7, 2018, an SNR agent confiscated Jean Bosco Ndarurinze's recorder, VOA journalist in North region. It was during CNDD-FDD party referendum meeting in Nyarunazi, Busoni commune, Kirundo province. According to sources on site, the SNR official later ordered Jean Bosco Ndarurinze to leave the place.

IV. INTIMIDATION ACTS RELATED TO THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

Intimidation in Kigwena zone, commune and Rumonge province

On May 12, 2018, on Karonda hill, Kigwena zone, Rumonge commune, the economic activities of the Karonda fishing port were disrupted by the zone head, Frida. According to sources on site, she required each passerby to show his voter's card before going to this known fishing port for the sale of the small fish, ndagala. The reason is that in this locality many voter cards would not have been withdrawn until that date. The individuals concerned came from the neighboring villages of Gatete, Busebwa, Mutambara, Buruhukiro, Kigutu and Gitsiro.

Failure to respect democratic rules in Cankuzo province

On May 7, 2018, FNL militants of Agathon Rwasa's wing who were going to participate in the sensitization meeting to vote for "NO" in the constitutional referendum were stuck in the hills near Cankuzo urban center. According to local sources, Governor Désiré Njiji ordered the transporters not to transport Rwasa's militants from the communes to Cankuzo province city.

The same provincial authority prevented all motorcyclists across the province from transporting Oscar Hatungimana, provincial representative of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, a resident of Cendajuru, to Cankuzo where Agathon Rwasa's meeting was to take place. According to local sources, lists of people who participated in this mobilization to vote against the referendum held in Cankuzo by Agathon Rwasa, were made by Imbonerakure including Christophe Nyamiye, Cankuzo zone head and Leonard Rutumo.

Violence linked to the preparations for the constitutional referendum in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

On May 13, 2018, around 5:00 pm, a procession of Honorable Agathon Rwasa of Amizero y'Abarundi coalition was taken on by young Imbonerakure in Buhiga zone and commune while he was coming from Karuzi city and went to that place to hold a meeting. Imbonerakure commanded by their leader Nestor Bashingwanubusa and Buhiga zone head Phocas Sindaruhuka threw them pebbles and bricks reaching a probox vehicle whose windshield was damaged. In addition, fights broke out between two parties and one of the Imbonerakure Anicet Citegetse was beaten up and hospitalized at Buhiga Hospital.

Intimidation in Mabanda commune, Makamba province

On May 11, 2018, residents of Mabanda commune, Makamba province, were terrorized by CNDD-FDD youth during the referendum campaign of the ruling party. According to local sources, slogans hostile to the opposition were chanted by these young people armed with clubs. Roads were blocked during the meeting by these young people while the police were present without reaction. A police source confirmed the facts but said that it is the responsibility of the electoral commission to regulate the behavior of political party activists. This CNDD-FDD provincial campaign was enhanced by CNDD-FDD party Secretary General Evariste Ndayishimiye.

FRODEBU party campaign disrupted in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

On May 12, 2018, Donatien Bihumugani, Sahwanya Frodebu party chair in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province, was arrested around 1:00 pm by Rusaka communal police commissioner accompanied by SNR head of the same province. According to sources on site, Donatien Bihumugani was accused of distributing leaflets on which was written 'NO'. Around 2:00 pm of the same day, he was released because they learned that he authorized by the commune administration for the referendum campaign of May 13, 2018. The militants held the referendum campaign in the street because the administrator had not granted a place for the meeting.

Intimidation by young people Imbonerakure in Bururi commune and province

On May 9, 2018, Imbonerakure youths patrolled in Bururi province city to find the location of "Amizero y'Abarundi" coalition delegation that came for the propaganda of May 10, 2018, to intimidate them. According to sources on site, the president of this coalition denounced the behavior of these young Imbonerakure who threatened and prevented some militants of this coalition who wished to go to Kabuye stadium to listen to Agathon Rwasa's speech.

Intimidation in Muhuta commune, Rumonge province

On May 8, 2018, the presidential party militants were in Muhuta commune, Rumonge province to campaign for "YES" for the next constitutional referendum of May 17, 2018. According to sources on site, the MP Leonidas Mukeshimana, elected in Rumonge province, took the floor and treated the "NO" supporters as misfortune. The same sources add that this MP has warned that opposition parties militants campaigning for "NO" will be hunted down to their last retrenchment.

Intimidations by Imbonerakure in Gihogazi commune, Karuzi province

On May 12, 2018, at Gihogazi commune, Karuzi province, Imbonerakure commanded by their communal leader named Rénovat crossed over Gihogazi trading center giving an ultimatum to the bikers that anyone who will participate in the "Amizero y'Abarundi" propaganda coalition represented by Agathon Rwasa or will transport a member of this coalition, will be severely corrected and his motorcycle will be confiscated. According to sources on site, it caused a panic to those people who gain their living through transportation.

Speech of intimidation in Rusaka commune, Mwaro province

On May 13, 2018, during the campaign held on Bisha hill, Makamba zone, Rusaka commune, Mwaro province, Athanase Mpawenayo, CNDD-FDD party communal representative informed the population that from May 15, 2018, the night security will be provided by Imbonerakure trained for this cause and throughout the country. He said that whoever will be caught campaigning for "NO" in the referendum will be corrected by these Imbonerakure before bringing him to the closest police.

Households marked with blood in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

On the morning of May 8, 2018, on Nyamugari hill, Buhinyuza zone, Buhiga commune, Karuzi province, five houses of Jean Ndayisaba, Isidore Bigirimana, Mireille, Alexis and Romuald, all from the Tutsi social component, found blood poured into the barzas except to Mireille's where the blood was put on the fence. According to sources on site, the perpetrators of this intimidation were not identified. The population of this locality accuses the Imbonerakure who patrol at night every day. No investigation has been initiated although the families concerned have seized the administrative and police authorities.

Death threat in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

On May 9, 2018, on Rwingoma hill, Buhiga zone and commune, Karuzi province, during the propaganda organized by CNDD-FDD party, Buhinyuza zone head of the same commune Félix Nkerandanga told the population that whoever dares to vote for "NO" will have chosen black as a curse and will immediately be a candidate for death that may happen to him even that day upon his arrival at home.

Paralysis of activities by Imbonerakure in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

The information received by Iteka League on May 7, 2018 indicates that on May 6, 2018, from 7:00 am, in Karuzi city, Buhiga commune, Karuzi province, Imbonerakure from Buhinyuza zone, commanded by their leader Mabosi, accompanied by Buhinyuza zone head, Felix Rukerandanga, crossed over the city center streets chanting words of intimidation to all opponents of the constitutional referendum and Nkurunziza's regime as well. According to sources on site, they closed Karuzi central market by force, some traders were beaten, their baskets spilled and their products damaged. The same sources indicate that these Imbonerakure forced all the population to participate in the campaign organized by CNDD-FDD party for the vote of the constitutional referendum to be held at Karuzi province stadium. Central market activities resumed around 3:00 pm after the meeting.

V. CONCLUSION

Violations of human rights and allegations of violations following the deterioration of the political context since the beginning of the challenge of the 3rd term of President Pierre Nkurunziza continue to be recorded in various parts of the country.

Cases of killings, abductions, torture, arbitrary and illegal arrests targeted of opponents and alleged opponents to CNDD-FDD party regime are reported.

Intimidation by Imbonerakure from CNDD-FDD party is a source of threats to the population.