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GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI: SPEECHES OPPOSING ACTIONS.

After the elections held in May 2020, a new Burundian government was implemented and its members sworn in on June 30, 2020. The President of the Republic announced that the new Government will be a mother and laborious government. The president's speech was echoed by some members of the government and provincial governors and the Burundian population hoped for an improvement in their security and the fight against impunity.

Yet, their very positive speech is far from materializing, today when the new government of Burundi has totaled one month in power, the signals seem red and the breath of the population seems to be off. The manhunt remains a sad reality: assassinations, abductions, SGBV, torture and arbitrary arrests continue to worryingly. Thus, during this one-month period of the regime in power, Ligue Iteka documented 47 people killed including 27 corpses, 3 reported missing persons, 9 victims of GBV, 4 people tortured, 32 people arbitrarily arrested and dozens of CNL party members candidates for the hill elections scheduled for August 2020 removed from the electoral lists or forced to withdraw from the electoral race.

Considering the above, Ligue Iteka recommends that the Burundian government:

- Work for the promotion and protection of human rights in Burundi;
- Create a peaceful climate for the Burundian population;
- Ensure respect for civil and political rights for all.

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