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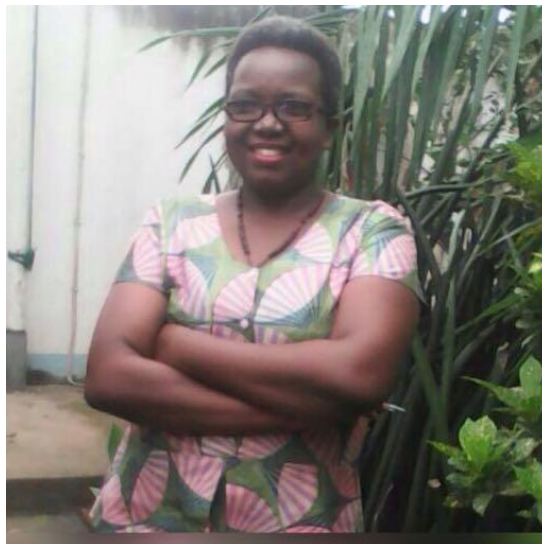
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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 9 June 2024, Iteka has documented at least 690 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS

ANAGESSA : *National Agency for Strategic Food Stock Management*

APC : *Chief Police Agent*

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

DRC : *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

ECOFO : *Fundamental School*

IOM : *International Organisation for Migrations*

OBUHA : *Burundi Bureau of Urban Planning, Housing and Construction*

ODECA : *Burundi Coffee Development Board*

OPJ : *Judicial Police Officer*

OBR : *Burundi Revenue Authority*

PMPA : *Parties and Armed Political Movements*

RED : *Resistance for the Rule of Law*

RN : *National Road*

SNR : *National Intelligence Service*

TGI : *High Court*

UPRONA : *Union for National Progress*

SGBV : *Sexual and Gender Based Violence*

0. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin covers the economic, judicial and security context that marked this period. It also deals with civil and political rights; economic social and cultural rights and ends with a conclusion.

Therefore, over this reporting period, the human rights and security situation was reported as follows: at least 11 people dead including 1 case of summary execution and 6 devoured by hippos, 5 victims of SGBV, 2 abducted as well as 1 person arrested arbitrarily.

Among the victims are 1 girl abducted.

Members of political parties were not spared. Thus, 1 member of CNDD-FDD party arbitrarily arrested.

Police officers, administrative officers, SNR agents and Imbonerakure are singled out as the alleged perpetrators of most of these human rights violations and assassinations.

1. JUDICIAL AND SECURITY CONTEXT

1.1. JUDICIAL CONTEXT

Presentation to the National Assembly of the report on the prison situation in Burundi prisons

On June 5, 2024, in plenary session, the Permanent Committee on Justice and Human Rights at the National Assembly presented its report to the latter on the prison situation prevailing in the country's prisons.

In fact, the members of this commission carried out, between January 22 and 24, 2024, a mission to the country's penitentiary establishments and noted an alarming situation in the prison situation, particularly prison overcrowding. The table below reflects this prison overcrowding as noted by the Permanent Commission on Justice and Human Rights:

Prison	Capacity	Current Number of prisoners	%
Bubanza	200	473	237%
Bururi	250	477	191%
Gitega	400	1640	410%
Mpimba	800	5037	630%
Muyinga	100	890	890%
Ngozi/Hommes	400	1771	443%
Rumonge	800	1233	154%
Rutana	350	556	159%
Total	3300	12077	366%

This survey reveals that out of the total capacity of the visited prisons of 3,300 prisoners, the prison population is 12,077, or an average of 366% prison occupancy.

The Permanent Commission on Justice and Human Rights has suggested solutions to relieve prison congestion, including the granting of provisional release to prisoners who have already served a quarter of their sentence and to those who have committed minor offenses.

Flagrance trial in Kayanza commune and province

On June 7, 2024, in a flagrant trial at Kayanza TGI, Jeannette Niyokwizera, aged 57 and living in Musave quarter, Kayanza commune and province, was accused of marketing narcotics after being caught in possession of 2 kg of hemp that she transported on June 2, 2024, to a customer she did not want to denounce. After deliberation, the TGI Kayanza sentenced her to 2 years in prison and 250,000 Bif to be paid into the public treasury.

A flagrance trial in Kayanza commune and province

On June 7, 2024, in a flagrant trial at Kayanza TGI, Jumapili Ngendakumana, aged 48, living in Mukoro I quarter, Musave hill, Kayanza commune and province, was accused of harming the country's economy for having been arrested on June 6, 2024, around 4 p.m., in Kayanza urban center, very close to OBR office, on board a Probox brand car in possession of 478 kg of coffee packaged in 10 bags. This coffee was handed over to ODECA and the car made available to the State. A sentence of one year's imprisonment and a fine of 1 million Burundian francs were the sanctions imposed on him.

Speech by the Speaker of the Senate, Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera in Cankuzo province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that since May 31, 2024, the Speaker of the Senate, Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera was in Cankuzo province. On June 1, 2024, he was in Gisagara commune to assess the state of Kavumu bridge, completely destroyed by the recent torrential rains of March 2024, whose rehabilitation was promised by PRODECI-TURIKUMWE, integrated community development project in Burundi, but in vain, according to the communal administrator of Gisagara, Gratien Nitunga, in his welcoming remarks. In his speech to the community, on Muhingamo hill, Gisagara commune, the Speaker of the Senate returned to the intimidation and other mistreatment of the population of the locality by the administrators, accusing them of fraud on Tanzania border. The Speaker of the Senate asked the communal administrator of Gisagara, Gratien Nitunga and the Governor's chief of staff, Pierre Claver Nakumuryango to clarify why the population is mistreated and accused of practicing fraud in beans and corn while this population travels with small bags not exceeding 50 kg on their back or head, the administrators said nothing. He recommended that they leave the population alone and peaceful in their activities.

1.2. SECURITY CONTEXT

1.2.1. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE

One person killed in Kirundo commune and province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on June 2, 2024, on Cewe hill and zone, Kirundo commune and province, Nganzamihigo, age 32, farmer was killed by his wife Malte Uwamariya, aged 29, farmer hit in the head with a hoe. According to witnesses, this repatriated family from Mahama had disputes linked to the sale of metal sheets granted by IOM. The victim died on the spot and the woman was arrested and detained at Kirundo police station for investigation.

1.2.2. OTHER SECURITY FACTS

Six people dead in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on May 17, 2024, on Samwe hill, Philbert Kubwayo and Patrick Nzeyi, on May 22, 2024, on the 1st street, Rukana II hill, Malin Nzokira and Shakiye Kana, dated May 25, 2024, on the 2nd street, Rukana I hill, Jacques Mukesha and on June 5, 2024, on the 1st street, Rukana II hill, Lézard Karenzo, all from Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, were devoured by hippos. According to residents near Rusizi River, all these victims were killed by hippos on different ways on Rusizi River, coming from the DRC from supplying fuel secretly and at night. Residents and bus drivers and motorcyclists are asking the State to find out how to solve the problem of lack of fuel for the country, especially as the consequences causing deaths are increasing.

A person died in Muha commune, Bujumbura Mairie

On June 3, 2024, in the evening, at the 1st avenue, very close to Gisyo market, Kanyosha urban zone, Muha commune, Bujumbura Mairie, an unidentified man died following a ravine overflowing with runoff water. According to local residents, this man fell into this ravine and died immediately. This ravine was dug by bricks makers. These residents are demanding the government to do everything possible to develop this dangerous place, particularly the commune and OBUHA which are in charge of construction.

Attempted murder in Bugabira commune, Kirundo province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on June 1, 2024, around 11 p.m., on Ntwago sub-hill, Kigoma hill and zone, Bugabira commune, Kirundo province, Cyprien Bukuru, aged 26 years old, member of CNDD-FDD party, farmer, was surprised by the police on night patrol in possession of a grenade and a bayonet. According to witnesses, he was running back from the fence of Claude Mbanzabugabo, aged 47, member of UPRONA party, farmer. During the interrogation, he confessed that he was seeking to kill Claude Mbanzabugabo, on a request by Didas Nzoyihera, member of CNDD-FDD and who was cultivating Claude Mbanzabugabo's properties, when he was in exile in Rwanda. Having been informed of the arrest of Cyprien Bukuru by the police, Didas Nzoyihera fled.

Attempted abduction of a journalist of Iwacu in Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura Mairie

On June 5, 2024, around 7 p.m., on Forces Armées Avenue, commonly called “Kurya Kanyoni”, Cibitoke zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura Mairie, Pascal Ntakirutimana, head of political service at Iwacu Press group, was victim of an attempted abduction by two police officers when he was returning home in Kinama zone. According to the journalist, when he was getting out of a taxi taken with other passengers, a white double-cabin pick-up with tinted windows, traveling at high speed, stopped alongside him. This sudden stop caused great fear among passers-by and other occupants of the taxi, who witnessed the scene. According to eyewitnesses, two police officers quickly got out of the vehicle and rushed to the journalist. They tried to force him into their pick-up to take him away. “It happened very quickly, I struggled, I had my smartphone in my hand and it fell down. I saw one of the police officers bending down to pick it up. I took the opportunity to enter the first half-open gate to hide there,” says Pascal. After a few minutes, he realized that they had not followed him and went out to ask if there was a passerby who could have seen the plate number in vain. According to Iwacu press group responsible, this journalist is being chased for an interview he conducted with political analyst Professor Julien Nimubona, on the political security situation in Burundi. The Iwacu press group managers and leaders of professional media organizations proclaim freedom of the press, independence of the media and the safety of journalists.

Intimidation in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

Since dawn on June 6, 2024, around 5 a.m., thousands of young Imbonerakure surrounded Nyanza-Lac commune urban center, Makamba province, as part of securing and honoring the visit of the secretary general of CNDD-FDD party, Révérien Ndikuriyo and the head of CNDD-FDD party, province of Burunga, Séverin. According to eyewitnesses, members of CNDD-FDD party were present from all the current communes: Vugizo, Kibago, Mabanda and Nyanza-Lac. This meeting did not exceed 45 minutes and the content was only that all party members gather into cooperatives or associations within the framework of rural development. Some who had come from remote areas, particularly Vugizo, Kibago and Mabanda, say that they had difficulty to attend the meeting due to lack of fuel and the rise in transport fares and regretted the content of the meeting. According to the same sources, as for the young Imbonerakure, it was rejoicing to see their leader Révérien Ndikuriyo and showed enthusiasm through their songs and the demonstration of force in their slogans and chants calling for political and ethnic discrimination “Where is the opposition, RED TABARA where are you? The elections are already over, the Tutsis no longer have place” which scared the local population.

Night visit of the general secretary of CNDD-FDD party to Karusi province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on June 1, 2024, the general secretary of CNDD-FDD party, Révérien Ndikuriyo, visited the new commune of Shombo where he arrived around 4 a.m. and around 7 a.m. these visits continued to the provincial headquarters of CNDD-FDD party in Karuzi. According to eyewitnesses, there was a movement of Imbonerakure in CNDD-FDD party T-Shirts heading to the provincial headquarters in the provincial capital since May 31, 2024, to secure the place.

II. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Burundi is one of the countries adhering to the international covenant on civil and political rights (1965) and its optional protocol (1976) without any reservation on May 9, 1990, which as part of its implementation, Burundi took measures in domestic legislation in particular in its constitution of June 7, 2018 (Main Law) in its article 19 which guarantees that all the rights proclaimed and guaranteed by regularly ratified international texts are an integral part of this constitution, implementing texts are put in place, namely the penal code of December 29, 2017 and the criminal procedure code of May 11, 2018 and other institutions for the protection of human rights in Burundi have been created. However, in reality, respect for human rights is a long and difficult path based on the volatile Burundian political and security context that undermines the rights and fundamental freedoms of the population.

II.1. RIGHT TO LIFE

The law guarantees it, human dignity must be respected and protected by the State and in the event of violation, sanctions should be applied to the alleged perpetrators, art 21 of the Constitutional Law of the country, as to the facts observed and convincing, political will overrides it

A person shot in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on May 28, 2024, around 7 p.m., very close to Kanyaru river, on Ryamukona hill, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Cleoplace Manirumva, aged 38 years old, married and father of 2 children, was shot by police officers from Kanyaru police station who were patrolling the area. According to eyewitnesses, the victim was carrying a bag of coffee and police believed he was trafficking it to Rwanda. Cleoplace was suspected of trafficking but no one had caught him yet. On the morning of May 29, 2024, Berchmans Nsanguye, administrator of Kabarore commune, ordered the population to bury Cleoplace without carrying out investigations.

A person shot in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province

On June 4, 2024, around 4 p.m., on Mukubano hill, Muyange zone, Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province, Jean Bosco Dukundane, aged 28, farmer, was shot and killed by APC Boniface Hakizimana, number 11245, police officer from Makamba police station, ex-PMPA of CNDD-FDD. According to eyewitnesses, the latter was part of the team of police officers who were on a mission to secure the examination centers for the national test in Muyange zone but afterwards they took advantage of the opportunity to confront the bikers who were violating the traffic laws. When APC Boniface began to impose a fine without receipt of 50,000 Bif on the first biker Elie Ntakirutimana, member of CNDD-FDD party, his colleagues revolted. So, these police officers imposed force by shooting live bullets into the air. As these bikers were also veterans, they decided to fight with police officer Boniface who responded by shooting two bullets into Jean Bosco's chest and he died immediately. His body was buried the next day and the alleged perpetrator was taken to Makamba police station cell. Biker taxis have always accused the police in Makamba province of carrying out brutal seizures of their motorcycles,

some without even wearing police uniforms, where there have even been injuries to passengers, bikers or police officers.

One person killed in Kabarore commune, Kayanza province

On June 8, 2024, on Mpungenge sub-hill, Mugoyi hill, Jene zone, Kabarore commune, Kayanza province, Joseph Habiyaremye aged 28, member of CNDD-FDD party, was killed by the communal police commissioner Moïse Arakaza nicknamed "Nyeganyega" accompanied by his two AT.

According to sources on site, these bodyguards went to Joseph's home around 6 a.m. to carry out a search without a warrant and they accused the victim of trading coffee to Rwanda but they did not find no coffee in his house. According to the same sources, he was beaten a lot when he was asked to show the bags of coffee that he fraudulently markets in Rwanda. Two of his neighbors, including Pierre alias Sunzu and Sindayigaya, were also beaten before being transferred by these police officers to the communal police station located on Bukanya hill.

Arriving at the police station, Nyeganyega then took Joseph Habiyaremye on a motorcycle into a forest of pinus trees at Karama hill where he killed him with bullets to the heart and head while Sunzu and Sindayigaya were kept in Kabarore communal police station cell in Bukanya. Arakaza Moïse then ordered his police officers to ensure that the body of the deceased was not taken by anyone from his family.

On June 9, 2024, the governor of Kayanza province, Rémy cishahayo, the police and the prosecutor went to Mugoyi hill and asked the victim's family to come to his funeral but the family refused to do so before the murderer is punished. The body of the deceased was taken to Rubura Health Center mortuary where it is kept today even though it does not have a cold room.

II.2. THE RIGHT TO PHYSICAL INTEGRITY

II.2.1. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Law on Gender-Based Violence adopted in Burundi in 2016 constituted a major step forward. It guaranteed better protection, notably by providing a definition of rape that took into account the question of consent and by prohibiting harmful traditional practices. However, cases of GBV are observed.

A girl raped in Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 5, 2024 indicates that on Gitanga hill and zone, Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province, A.N, aged 15, from Munzenze hill and zone, Mishiha commune, Cankuzo province, has been raped and impregnated by Pascal Birigusa, aged 41, married and father of three children. According to local sources, A.N has been working for 3 years as a domestic worker for the family of Pascal Birigusa, a teacher at ECOFO Kigaga, Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province. She was raped and impregnated by her employer Pascal. The wife of this teacher sent A.N back to her parents when she learned that she was pregnant. According to the same sources, Pascal conducted behind-the-scenes negotiations and gave the

girl's family a sum of 300,000 Bif to sort the matter out amicably. Having become ill, A.N went to seek treatment at Mishiha communal hospital, located on Munzenze hill. As she is pregnant, the doctor asked her to show her ID card and the girl said she could not get it because she had not yet reached the required age. The victim told the doctor that she was impregnated by Pascal Birigusa, her ex-employer. The latter was arrested and taken to Kigamba police station and does not deny the facts.

A woman beaten in Buhiga commune, Karuzi province

On June 5, 2024, around 4 p.m., on Rwingoma hill, Buhiga zone and commune, Karuzi province, Perpétue Maniratunga, member of CNDD-FDD party, aged 35, was beaten by her husband Molière Nsanzimpore, also member of this party, aged 48. According to eyewitnesses, the husband accused her of having confiscated 5 kg of rice after the harvest while she kept it for their children because the husband sold the entire harvest without worrying about the family. The victim specifies that her husband mistreats her and that she is the one who takes care of the children. The woman was kicked out of the house and filed a complaint with the hill head.

A girl raped in Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on June 2, 2024, around 9 p.m., on Ruvumu hill, Kayokwe commune, Mwaro province, A.N, aged 30 and with mental disorders, was raped by Innocent Kandanda and Emmanuel Nkunda, around 30 years old, all from the Twa social component. According to sources on site, the victim was returning home through a Batwa village of Gihinga, overlooking Ruvumu hill. The two boys followed her and raped her when she arrived in a eucalyptus forest located at the bottom of this village. According to the same sources, these alleged perpetrators fled when people from the surrounding area came running having heard the cries of this girl who was being raped. The victim then continued to home and the police are looking for these two boys.

A little girl raped in Matongo commune, Kayanza province

On June 6, 2024, around 10 a.m., on Bandaga hill, Matongo commune, Kayanza province, J.L.M, aged 5, was raped by Patrice Ntigwonza, aged 47, farmer. According to the victim, Patrice called her when he was in a coffee plantation promising to give her a donut then raped her. The child came home crying and told her parents what happened. The parents reported the case to Bandaga hill head, Amédée Ndimurwanko and he proceeded to arrest the alleged perpetrator. The child was taken to Musema Hospital for medical treatment. Patrice was jailed in Matongo commune police station cell.

A little girl raped in Bugendana commune, Gitega province

On June 3, 2024, around 8 p.m., on Kivuvu hill, Bugendana commune, Gitega province, D.M, aged 13, student in 5th year, at ECOFO Kivuvu I, was raped by Elvin Akimana, aged 33 years old, separated from his wife 5 days ago. According to the victim, he called her in secret, deceiving her that he wants to show her where he hides the keys to the house so that when he is away, she can supply grass to rabbits. Arriving at her house, he forced her to have sex,

intimidating her to kill her if she refused. According to the same victim, she returned home crying and told her mother what happened. Her mother immediately alerted the hill head to arrest this criminal. The next morning, the child was transported to Mutoyi Hospital for urgent care and the perpetrator was arrested and taken to Mutoyi zone police station cell to the OPJ, Aaron Gasore for interrogation.

II.3. RIGHT TO MOVEMENT

II.3.1. ABDUCTIONS AND/OR DISAPPEARANCES

The constitutional law of Burundi guarantees in article 38, to every individual, the benefit of a fair trial and that their case is heard and judged within a reasonable time. However, on the ground, alarming irregularities in this aspect are noticeable.

A person abducted in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mairie

As of June 7, 2024, in the industrial quarter, very close to the roundabout commonly called Chanic, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura Mairie, Jean Marie Bizimungu, native of Gihanga commune, Bubanza province, residing at the 7th avenue, Mutakura quarter, Cibitoke zone, Ntahangwa commune, was abducted by three individuals in Burundian police uniforms. According to eyewitnesses, the victim was put on board a Probox type vehicle with tinted windows which headed to Bujumbura downtown. The victim's family, friends and relatives do not know the reason for this abduction and are worried for his safety. His wedding godfather, Brice Irakoze, was found dead recently in Carama quarter, on the roadside with his vehicle parked very close to the body.

A person abducted in Bugendana commune, Gitega province

Since the night of June 6, 2024, on Rwingiri hill, Bitare zone, Bugendana commune, Gitega province, Sébastien Frediane, aged 24, has not been found. She was an orphan and head of household. According to Spès Ntiburahigobeka, Rwingiri hill head, her clothes, namely the loincloth, skirt and underwear covered with blood, were found very close to her home. This hill head adds that two men including Viateur Uwamuremye and Jean Ntunzwenayo, all members of CNDD-FDD party, were arrested and taken to Bugendana commune police station cell because their names were written on a piece of paper placed on the clothes covered with blood. This hill authority says that investigations are underway to find out where the victim is hidden.

II.3.2. ARBITRARY ARRESTS

International and national texts in Burundi recognize the principle of innocence until proven guilty, and that detention is an exception. The application of these principles leave a bit to be desired, as is evident in most cases.

A member of CNDD-FDD party arrested in Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on May 31, 2024, around 6 a.m., on the 2nd street, Munyika I hill, Rugombo commune, Cibitoke province, Jean Claude Bizimana alias Vyagizimana, trader and member of CNDD-FDD party was arrested by SNR agents in Cibitoke province. According to his family, Jean Claude was in his shop where he

carried out his commercial activities and these SNR agents arrested and handcuffed him then took him manu militari to the SNR cell in Cibitoke. According to his family, the reasons for his arrest remain unknown.

II.4. RIGHT TO PRESS FREEDOM

Warning letter sent by the CNC to the Iwacu press group

In an undated correspondence addressed on June 6, 2024 to the Iwacu press group, warning this newspaper against serious professional misconduct published through its various platforms, the CNC referred to three publications of this newspaper. “*Waiting for Eden*”, a post by journalist Antoine Kaburahe published on May 12, 2024, the article “*Burundi where are you*” by journalist Frank Kaze published on May 21, 2024 as well as the exclusive interview by this journal to Professor Julien Nimubona published on May 24, 2024.

Freedom of expression is guaranteed by national regulatory texts, notably the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi¹ and the press law². In accordance with these texts, the Iwacu newspaper, in its duty to inform public opinion, enjoys the freedom of expression that the CNC, the regulatory body, has the obligation to observe in the perspective of accomplishing these missions, notably respect for the pluralist expression of opinion³.

Note that this warning letter was sent to the Iwacu press group management the day after an attempted abduction of journalist Pascal Ntakirutimana on June 5, 2024, who had interviewed Professor Julien Nimubona.

III. ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Although Burundi approved accession to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on March 14, 1990, adopted in New York on December 16, 1966, its compliance in operational facts leaves much to be desired.

Stopping the purchase of corn by ANAGESSA in Karuzi province

On June 3, 2024, in Karuzi province, the ANAGESSA project had communicated that it was going to buy corn and the population dumped a lot of corn but were unable to sell. According to our sources, it followed a press release on national radio that the government no longer has packaging bags as well as protective products and asked all those who had dropped off their harvests at the purchasing sites to take them back and take them back home. Laments among population in general are being heard as transport costs multiply without any benefit.

¹ Freedom of expression is guaranteed. The State respects freedom of religion, thought, conscience and opinion. Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, article 31.

² Public and private communications companies enjoy freedom of expression. Law No. 1/15 of September 14, 2018 on the press in Burundi, article 56.

³ Law No. 1/05 of March 8, 2018, on the missions, composition, organization and operation of the CNC, article 5

IV. CATEGORICAL RIGHTS

IV.1. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The International Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by Burundi on October 19, 1990, guarantees the child the right to be protected from violence, mistreatment and all forms of abuse and exploitation. The Burundian constitution also states in Article 44 that “*every child has the right to special measures to ensure or improve the care necessary for their well-being, health, physical security and to be protected against ill-treatment, abuse or exploitations*”.

A child burned in Mutimbuzi commune, rural Bujumbura province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on June 3, 2024 indicates that on May 16, 2024, on Kinyinya I hill, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Jean de Dieu Ndayisaba, aged 5, was beaten and burned on the right foot by his father, Jean Marie Ndayisaba. The alleged perpetrator blamed his child for the prolonged absence at home. The child was taken to Magnus Hospital in Kajaga for treatment while the author was arrested by the police and then taken to Kabezi prosecutor's office cell.

V. CONCLUSION

Ligue Iteka notes a continued deterioration of human rights situation across the country.

It protests against the impunity of the crimes observed and asks the Minister of Justice to ensure the strict application of the law against the perpetrators of the crimes.