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Communiqué of Ligue Iteka on the death of Célestin RURIBIKIYE.

The Burundian Human Rights League ITEKA announces to the family of defenders, friends and acquaintances the death of Célestin RURIBIKIYE, human rights defender, which occurred at KANOMBE Military Hospital on Friday, July 12, 2024, after a short sickness.

A human rights activist from young age since secondary school in a human rights school club of Ligue Iteka, Célestin RURIBIKIYE grown in Ligue Iteka section in Gatumba.

For his commitment, dynamism and courage despite his young age, he was appointed member of Ligue Iteka electoral commission in April 2014 by the executive committee of the organization. In May 2014, he was elected president of the Bujumbura Rural federation of Ligue Iteka and became a member of the executive committee of the organization on May 24, 2014.

In December 2015, following the political crisis in Burundi, like many other human rights defenders, journalists, politicians and many Burundians, he left for exile in Uganda where he continued his human rights fight with others defenders as assistant to the Iteka Ligue executive director in charge of communications.

Following threats linked to his work defending human rights, he left Uganda early January 2024 and lived successively in Kigali, Nairobi and Kigali where he has just ended his fight on earth, following a short illness.

May his commitment to justice for all, his dynamism, his courage and his kind heart be a model for Burundian and African youth.

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Ligue Iteka will remember his hard work and commitment to the promotion of human rights.

It is above all a tragedy for his family to which Ligue Iteka presents its most sincere condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

For Ligue Iteka

Anschaire NIKOYAGIZE



Président