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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to 26 january 2025, Iteka has documented at least 719 cases of enforced disappearances

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ACRONYMS

ADISCO	: <i>Support for integral development and solidarity on the Hills</i>
BBN	: <i>Burundian Standardization Bureau</i>
BRARUDI	: <i>Brewery and Lemonade of Burundi</i>
CDS	: <i>Health Center</i>
CNDD-FDD	: <i>National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy</i>
CNL	: <i>National Congress for Liberty</i>
OPJ	: <i>Judicial Police Officer</i>
DRC	: <i>Democratic Republic of Congo</i>
SNR	: <i>National Intelligence Service</i>
TGI	: <i>High Court</i>

0. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin provides an overview of the security and human rights situation in a recent period. It addresses in particular civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights, and ends with a conclusion.

The main highlights of this period are as follows: at least 7 people lost their lives, including 2 found

dead, 2 victims of gender-based violence, and 1 person arbitrarily arrested. Among the victims, 1 member of CNL party killed. The Imbonerakure, administrators, police officers and soldiers are suspected of being the perpetrators of most of these human rights violations.

1. CONTEXT

Security tensions and human rights violations have been reported in Burundi over the past week. Several violent incidents have been recorded, including bodies discovered in the provinces of Rutana and Cankuzo. Three people died and others were injured in Ngozi commune following non-compliance with the traffic code by people from CNDD-FDD party crusade. Cases of non-compliance with the poor governance of administrators and measures punis-

hing administrators wanting to establish order were taken against the zone head and a commissioner in Cibitoke province.

Price increases on various products are very noticeable in the country and measures aimed at punishing those who try to import fuel from neighboring countries.

1.1. POLITICAL CONTEXT

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, the President of Burundi, Evariste Ndayishimiye, participated in a mass at Cœur Immaculé Cathedral in Ngozi, marking the start of a three-day thanksgiving crusade organized by the ruling party, CNDD-FDD. During the mass, Bishop BIZIMANA Georges called on the party to assume the responsibility of leading the country to the right way and stop injustice.

Despite the miracles that God performed for them, the Israelites began to lament and complain about their situation. They even regretted having left Egypt, where they at least had food and shelter. This episode is cited as an example of the weakness of faith and the temptation to complain and lament in the face of difficulties, rather than trusting in God and his providence.

In the afternoon, the crusade continued at Agasaka stadium, with the participation of the President, the First Lady, as well as several high authorities. A parade of members of CNDD-FDD nursery also took place. During this crusade, religious leaders were invited to preach the assembly present. Thus Reverend Denise Bucumi, former first lady, and Mbayahaga challenged the participants to no longer lament over things that are lacking, but rather to keep hope of a bright future, referring to the biblical episode of the crossing of the desert by the Israelites under the leadership of Moses where after leaving Egypt, the Israelites found themselves in the desert, where they had to face many difficulties, including hunger, thirst and attacks from enemies.

In his message, President Ndayishimiye reminded his party members of the bad times of the past, *"when Burundi and the Burundians could not live peacefully. That time, we were in total denigration, we could not cultivate our fields during the day, we waited for night to go to the fields and God kept us and we harvest despite everything. Let's thank God for all the blessings, and globally, only Burundi has no problem except one: Lack of fuel; several signs show that Burundi is with God,"* he urged party members to remember the faithfulness of God, who has always supported the party since its beginning. This is only the lulling of the population who languish in misery and persistent fear as Iteka reports have always illustrated.

We should note that Burundi is indeed facing a deep economic and social crisis that goes far beyond simple fuel shortages. Hospitals are seriously lacking in medicines, farmers are unable to get the necessary inputs to cultivate their fields, and galloping inflation is crushing the already very low household incomes¹.

Civil society including the Iteka League and international organizations have already sounded the alarm, calling on the authorities to take urgent measures to resolve this crisis². It is time for Burundi's

leaders to realize the gravity of the situation and act to improve the lives of millions of citizens who are suffering.

It should be noted that the general secretary of the ruling party was absent during this crusade. Several reports say that he fell ill unexpectedly and did not leave the hotel room, and that he was rushed on the night of the first day from Ngozi to Bujumbura, the economic capital, then to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where he was hospitalized.

1.2. GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

A communal commissioner and a zone head jailed in Mugere, Bujumbura province

On January 10, 2025, communal commissioner Célestin and zone head Raymond Nsengiyumva left for Ramba hill in Mugere to stop an illegal construction of a fence in a prohibited area near the RN3. Despite the revelation that the builders were for the children of the Head of State, the authorities kept their position and stopped the works. However, the following day, January 11, 2025, the zone head Raymond and an Imbonerakure named Ildephonse were arrested and jailed at the National Intelligence Service. Ildephonse was beaten and his communication tools were confiscated. The victims were released the same day.

Following this incident, the Minister of Interior ordered, through Decision No. 530.03/45 of January 17, 2025, the suspension of the zone head, and the commissioner was fired on January 21, 2025, replaced by Police Colonel Manariyo Jean Claude. The zone head is currently untraceable, while the commissioner and the Imbonerakure Ildéphonse are jailed at Buyenzi police station.

Search and seizure to Félicien Nzisabira's home, a police non-commissioned officer, suspected of possession of weapons and other military items and fraudulent goods in Mutimbuze commune, Bujumbura province

On 23 January 2025, a search was carried out at Félicien Nzisabira's home, a logistics officer at Buganda Training Centre, conducted by the police and local authorities. The operation resulted in the seizure of various items, including police uniforms, military signs, belts, bayonets, berets, AK47 magazines and cartridges, as well as a pistol and a Kalashnikov.

The police also discovered Brarudi products sold at exorbitant prices in a bar run by Félicien Nzisabira, who was operating without an operating license. Customers reported abusive business practices, with alcoholic beverages selling at prices well above market rates.

Félicien Nzisabira and his wife, Régine Nahabandi, a police officer and driver at the General Directorate of Administration and Control of Public Services (MIDCSP), were taken into custody at Rubirizi police station. They are suspected of having attempted to conceal evidence of their offence by moving some of the seized items and spilling fuel on the ground.

¹<https://ligue-iteka.bi/> different reports on the situation of Burundi and human rights

²<https://ligue-iteka.bi/>

Cheating in communal councilors for the 2025 elections in Muramvya province

Allegations of cheating emerged after the publication of the lists of candidates for the communal councilor elections in Muramvya province on 22 January 2025. Specifically, irregularities were noted in the lists of CNDD-FDD party candidates.

Some candidates provided incorrect information about their place of birth. This is the case of Girukwishaka Victor, a 69-year-old senator, who allegedly stated that he was born on Kanyami hill, Kiganda commune, when in reality, he was born on Ruvuno hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province.

1.3. JUDICIAL CONTEXT

Arrest of an administrative agent and a Judicial Police Officer (OPJ) for complicity with an alleged rapist in Rumonge

According to information received by Ligue Iteka on January 22, 2025, a case of rape and complicity broke out in Rumonge province. On January 14, 2025, Placide Nshimirimana, judicial police officer (OPJ), and Alexis Hamenyimana, hill head, were arrested for their alleged involvement in the release of Onésime Kagoma, a man accused of rape.

According to witnesses, the two men helped free Onésime Kagoma, who raped a 16-year-old girl, Jeannette Ndayisenga, in October 2023. The victim, who suffers from mental health issues, subsequently gave birth to a child on August 2, 2024.

The facts are particularly disturbing because it appears that the hill head took advantage of the victim's family's vulnerability to organize a mediation, which resulted in the release of the alleged attacker. The victim's mother accepted a sum of 50,000 Burundian francs to withdraw her complaint.

Community leaders have since filed a complaint with the Rumonge prosecutor's office to request

vince.

Another irregularity was noted concerning Nduwayezu Espérance, a 46-year-old administrator of Muramvya commune. She allegedly stated that she was born on Rwuya hill, Mbuye commune, when in reality, she was born on Kanyami hill, Kiganda commune.

These allegations of cheating raise concerns about the transparency and credibility of the electoral process. It is essential that the relevant authorities investigate these allegations and take the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of the electoral process.

alimony for the child and her mother. This case raises important questions about justice and the protection of rape victims in Burundi.

Three men sentenced in Rumonge commune and province

On January 21, 2025, three men including Innocent Hatungimana, fisherman and Emmanuel Nkurunziza, driver were arrested in possession of 2980 liters of gasoline from Tanzania by soldiers in Gitamba, Kigwena zone, Rumonge commune and province. They were sentenced to 5 months in prison and a fine of 500,000Bif for harming the national economy. The Rumonge High Court, which sat in this flagrante delicto trial on January 23, 2025, ordered that this fuel be used for the general interest. The money should be paid into the public treasury. A vehicle on board which was located should be returned to its owner. The court sentenced Terence Nkurunziza to 3 months in prison and a fine of 50,000 BIF for failing to comply with the measures of the Burundian Bureau of Standardization BBN prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages prohibited from being sold on Burundian soil. His store contained 152 boxes of unlabeled prohibited drinks packed in Heineken boxes. The court ordered that these drinks be dumped.

1.4. SECURITY CONTEXT

1.4.1. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

A person killed in Ndava commune, Mwaro province

On 21 January 2025, at around 2 a.m., a tragic event occurred on Fota hill, in Ndava commune city, Mwaro province. Désiré Hatungimana, a 38-year-old watchman at ADISCO Cooperative, was killed by as yet unidentified criminals.

According to eyewitnesses, the thieves attacked ADISCO cooperative's stock and stole bean seeds intended for farmers in the neighbouring hills for the B (impeshi) growing season which begins in February. It is particularly worrying to note that a position of the police officers from Ndava communal centre was located only 300 metres from the scene of the crime, but they did not intervene.

This case raises serious questions about the security and protection of property and people in the region. It is essential that the competent authorities conduct a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of this crime and bring them to justice.

A body of a member of CNL party found in Cankuzo commune and province

On January 22, 2025, around 9 a.m., on Muyaga hill, Cankuzo commune and province, in a cornfield at the home of an old man named Mvuyekure, a body of Evariste Ntaherezo, aged between 55 and 58, hill representative of CNL party of Agathon Rwasasa's wing on this hill, was found. The victim was a farmer at the same time a watchman on the kiosks of traders located along the RN 13 road in Nyamparahara quarter, on the outskirts of Cankuzo commune city. According to the victim's neighbors, he was strangled on the night of January 21, 2025 and then thrown into this field and there were traces on her throat. He was killed elsewhere and dumped into this field because there was no blood. Traces of

people's feet were visible in this cornfield. The victim's wife was informed by neighbors who saw the body and this body was taken to Cankuzo hospital mortuary. The victim was buried on January 25, 2025 because it was starting to decompose. No one has been arrested for investigation.

A body found in Rutana commune and province

On January 21, 2025, on the bridge separating Gitaramuka and Kivoga hills, Rutana commune and province, a body of Salvator Gateka, a native of Gitaba zone, a farmer, aged 36, was discovered in Muyovozi River.

According to witnesses on the scene, the victim was strangled at night by unidentified people who wanted to steal an unknown sum of money from the sale of bricks. His tormentors attacked him as he was returning home. The victim's body was finally recovered by agents of Rutana Red Cross.

One person killed in Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province

On January 24, 2025, on Nyarusebeyi sub-hill, Muhungu hill, Butahana zone, Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province, Berchmans Sinzobakwira, aged 64, was killed with machetes and clubs by unidentified people.

According to witnesses in the locality, a group of individuals in long coats burst into the victim's household around 10 p.m. and ordered everyone to lie down on their stomachs and slashed him before leaving. According to the same witnesses, those around him believe that Berchmans Sinzobakwira is the victim of suspicion of sorcerer. Jeanne Izompora, administrator of Mabayi commune, said that 4 people have already been arrested for investigation purposes.

1.4.2. PEOPLE KILLED FOLLOWING MOB JUSTICE

An unidentified man killed in Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province

On 19 January 2025, around 7 pm, an unidentified man was murdered by an angry mob on Batye hill, Muriza zone, Butaganzwa commune, Ruyigi province. The man was accused of stealing bicycles from Batye market.

According to witnesses, the victim was caught trying to open bicycle locks with keys. After being chased by people who were watching him, he was caught and tried to defend himself. However, a crowd of people came and beat him to death. Rémy Ndarufatiye, communal Administrator of Butaganzwa and Gentil, provincial police commissioner in

Ruyigi intervened on the scene and took the body to the of the Butaganzwa communal hospital mortuary. The victim was buried the next day.

It is important to note that this case is linked to a series of bicycle thefts on the same hill, with more than 20 bicycles stolen in less than two months. The

1.4.3. OTHER SECURITY FACTS

Information received by Ligue Iteka on January 20, 2025 indicates that since early January 2025, in Ruyigi commune and province, no night goes by without hearing a household robbed.

For example, in Sanzu quarter, on the night of January 15, 2025, the General Commissary of the Diocese of Ruyigi was robbed where the thieves entered the reception of the General Commissary Reception Center, looting valuable goods: wines, liquors, money, mobile phones, etc. The value of the goods that were stolen is estimated at more than 5 million BIF. The security guards who were on guard are imprisoned at the provincial police station in Ruyigi for investigation reasons. Again, on the night of January 25 to 26, 2025, three households in the same quarter were robbed of 4 goats, 1 pig and a solar panel.

According to sources on site, the inhabitants of this quarter do not understand how in a country where there is the administration and the police, these inhabitants are robbed of their property and while the police are there without in-depth investigations to unmask the alleged perpetrators.

Imprisonment of pastors on the basis of sorcery in Kirundo commune and province

Since January 18, 2025, Domitien Nshimirimana, ex-DCE Kirundo, member of CNDDFDD and of Pentecost church has been jailed in Kirundo PJ cell ac-

local population was already angry with the thieves, and the case escalated into violence.

The authorities announced that investigations will be carried out to identify the victim and the people responsible for his murder.

cused of poisoning their pastor Gatari who is currently hospitalized in Kenya for the 2nd time because each time he returned after treatment he was poisoned. On January 19, 2025, another teacher Oswald was arrested accused of the same case.

Other 5 pastors were summoned for investigations because a group of pastors members of CNDD-FDD who have the mission of destabilizing and dismissing former pastors so that the church is led by pastors of CNDD-FDD to have the influence from CNDDFDD.

A person almost killed in Bururi commune and province

According to information received by Ligue Iteka on January 20, 2025, on January 15, 2025, Faustin Nkunuzimana, aged 35 and a member of CNL party, was the victim of a brutal attack on Nyavyamo hill, in Bururi commune and province. His attacker, Noël Niyungeko, his 50-year-old uncle and member of CNDD-FDD party, clubbed him. The reason for this attack was that he accused him of stealing bananas. Faustin Nkunuzimana was taken to Nyavyamo health center, then transferred to the emergency department of Bururi regional hospital on January 21, 2025. Despite the seriousness of the attack, Noël Niyungeko is still free, which has provoked the indignation of the victim's family. They demand that the perpetrator of this torture be arrested and take charge of the medical expenses, food and the nurse.

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 has taken 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 gua-

ranteed by the regularly ratified international texts are an integral part of this Constitution, implementing texts are put in place, in particular the penal code of December 29, 2017 and the code of criminal procedure of May 11, 2018 and other institutions for the protection of human rights in Burundi have been created.

II.1. RIGHT TO PHYSICAL INTEGRITY

II.1.1. SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in Ngozi commune and province

On January 25, 2025, on Rusuguti hill, Ngozi zone, commune and province, A. D aged 10 was raped by an adult not yet identified. The child was found in a cornfield and was taken to the hospital for health care. The alleged perpetrator deceived her with donuts and took her to the field to rape her.

Doctors say that the victims of this rape can suffer serious consequences including sterility or other disabilities. Since early 2025, three children in Ngozi province have been raped by adults. Two of these rapists were arrested are in prison

A girl raped in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on January 22, 2025 indicates that in September 2024, on Musenyi hill, Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province, C. N, aged 16, a 9th grade student at ECOFO Musenyi was raped by Ezéchiél Havyarimana, a member of CNDD-FDD party, residing in Musenyi in Nyabiraba commune, Bujumbura province. According to an eyewitness, the crime was committed in a house under construction about four months ago, as evidenced by the victim's pregnancy. Eyewitnesses, including children, witnessed the scene and accused Havyarimana Ezéchiél. The accused also admitted the facts during the hearing on January 8, 2025. The TGI Kabezi sentenced Ezéchiél Havyarimana to a 27-year prison.

II.2. RIGHT TO FREEDOM

II.2.1. ARBITRARY ARRESTS

One person arrested in Kirundo commune and province

On 19 January 2025, Nsengiyumva Tobias, a trader from Rupfunda hill, was arrested by the head of Kirundo SNR for insulting the President of the Republic and the secretary of CNDD-FDD party. The arrest took place while he was sharing a glass of liqueur with friends, including the communal commissioner Moise, who recorded his voice and sent it to the head of SNR. According to witnesses, Nsengiyumva Tobias said: "Yemeye vyinshi ntanakimwe

yashoboye vyamuyangaranye, abazungu twiyamirije reka bigumanire ifaranga ryabo", which approximately means: "He has failed in all domains, let the colonizers we have rejected keep their money".

On January 23, 2025, Kirundo prosecutor's office sentenced Nsengiyumva Tobias to 4 years in prison and a fine of 50,000 Burundian francs. During the trial, he admitted the facts, but claimed that his remarks were made in the context of an informal discussion in bar and that he did not know how he ended up in the cell.

II.3. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION TO POLITICAL LIFE

A family forced into exile following intimidation in commune Gisuru, Ruyigi province

On the night of January 20, 2025, a group of young Imbonerakure, led by Joél Bizimungu, threatened and intimidated Mohamed, a member of CNL party, and his family on Kabuyenge hill and zone, Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province. The attackers de-

mandated that Mohamed leave CNL party to join CNDD-FDD party, or face exile with his family.

These threats and intimidations led Mohamed's family to exile. It is important to note that this type of aggression and intimidation is unfortunately common in Burundi, where the persistent repression of civil society and the media is a reality.

III. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE

Rising food prices on Cankuzo market

Information received by Ligue Iteka on January 20, 2025 indicates that statistics from INSBU (National Institute of Statistics in Burundi), formerly Istebu, show that there is a rise in the prices of some products on Cankuzo market. For example 1 kg of potatoes costs 1,500 BIF while it was 2,000 BIF 2 weeks ago, a bottle of kinju honey (1.5 liters) costs 38,000 BIF today while it was 22,000 BIF 2 weeks ago, 1 kg of improved corn flour (isembe) costs 6,000 BIF while it was 4,500 BIF 2 weeks ago, 1 kg of meat at the slaughterhouse is 30,000 BIF while it was sold for 15,000 BIF 6 months ago. A goat that was bought for 200,000 BIF a year ago is now sold for 600,000 BIF. A cup of peanuts is bought for 4,800 BIF while it was bought for 2,500 BIF 3 months ago. This increase is justified by the lack of fuel to facilitate transport and the unfavorable period (non-harvest period) except for potatoes in harvest.

Exaggerated increase in transport fares with the complicity of the police, in Cankuzo province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on January 20, 2025 indicates that in Cankuzo province, the transport of people via Probox vehicles is becoming increasingly complex and complicated following the complicity of the police. According to sources on site, on Cankuzo-Muyinga road, 60 km, the passenger pays 30,000 Bif today, or 60,000 round trips,

while the real price is 6,000 Bif. Therefore, the transport fare has multiplied by 5. Worse still, this same vehicle with only 4 seats does not hesitate to transport 20 people and this vehicle passes on a tarmac road controlled by police officers. According to the same sources, Probox drivers pay bribes in the morning to the police to do whatever they want for the rest of the day. The police only collect money instead of securing the place, the goods and people. These cases have reached Boniface Banyiyezako, Governor and when he reported it to the Commissioner of Police Colonel of Police Célestin Habimana, the latter only self-defended himself by rejecting the acts committed by these police officers.

Seizure of 25 cans filled with fuel in Ruyigi commune and province

On the morning of January 21, 2025, on the RN13 linking Ruyigi and Cankuzo, on Ngarama hill, 5 km from Ruyigi commune and province city, 25 cans filled with fuel such as gasoline were seized by the police. The driver Yared Hatungimana, native of Gisuru commune, Ruyigi province who was transporting this fuel from Tanzania was jailed at the police station in Ruyigi and this fuel was kept in this police station. The police are fighting against fraudulent trade in these days when the fuel shortage is observed. The driver Yared Hatungimana was released on payment of a fine of 2,000,000 Bif and the fuel was confiscated.

III.2. RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Question and answer session of the Minister of National Education in the Burundian Senate

On 21 January 2025, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, François Havyarimana, appeared before the Senate of Burundi to answer senators' concerns on the education sector. Key topics discussed included selection criteria for scholarships to study abroad, regularization of salaries for primary school principals, measures to improve the quality of education, and access to school materials.

With regard to scholarships, senators asked the Minister on the priority given to provincial balance over academic excellence. The Minister explained that, as long as learning conditions remain unequal, it is necessary to consider both provincial balance and excellence to ensure some equity in access to international educational opportunities.

The Minister also responded to the issue of salaries of primary school principals, which have decreased following the adoption of the new salary policy. He assured that the majority of cases have been regularized, but acknowledged that some isolated cases are still being processed.

In addition, the Minister presented the reforms undertaken as part of the vision "Burundi emerging in 2040 and developed in 2060", which focus on technical sectors to provide opportunities in the job market. However, he admitted that the lack of school materials and the lack of teachers are major challenges affecting the education sector in Burundi. Finally, he stressed that the State must provide a sustainable solution to these challenges so that the education sector can progress.

Worrying school dropouts in Rumonge commune and province

A worrying school crisis is underway in the Peace Village of Mayengo, Kigwena zone, Rumonge commune and province. Since the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, 50 schoolchildren under the age of 14 have dropped out of school. School offi-

cials and parents attribute this phenomenon to several factors, including the lack of school fees, uniforms and food.

The village of Mayengo was created to receive the victims of the 2022 Lake Tanganyika floods. However, the inhabitants of this village continue to live in precarious conditions, without access to arable land or means of subsistence. Children are forced to leave school to work or to join the nets of child trafficking to Tanzania.

Parents and school officials are calling on the administrative authorities of Rumonge commune to take measures to help families bring their children back to school and to prevent this phenomenon of school dropouts. The administrator of the commune, Augustin Minani, promised to take measures to solve this problem and to punish those who hire children under the age of 18.

IV. CATEGORICAL RIGHTS

IV.1. WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A woman mistreated in Gatara commune, Kayanza province

Information received by Ligue Iteka indicates that on January 15, 2025, Manirakiza Boniface, aged 42, destroyed the house in which his wife lived on Shinya hill in Gatara commune in Kayanza province. According to Simeon, the director of the communal office of family and community development in this province, this man abandoned his wife and four children since 2020 when he went to Cibitoke province in search of work as a laborer in the fields and that he had not returned to the family since then be-

cause he had another wife in Cibitoke. The same information says that his wife was impregnated by one of his neighbors and that, angry, her husband came on January 15, 2025 saying that he was going to kill his wife. Gretta fled and Boniface destroyed the entire roof of the house and left with two of his four children, one aged six and the other eight. Gretta contacted the communal authorities in Gatara where Donatien Ndiokubwayo informed him that this man will be sought where he lives in Cibitoke to be arrested and punished in accordance with the law.

V. CONCLUSION

Ligue Iteka notes and denounces the persistent deterioration of human rights throughout the country. It condemns the impunity of the perpetrators of crimes and launches an urgent appeal:

- ⇒ To the Government of Gitega to put an end to impunity by bringing to justice and holding accountable for their actions the perpetrators of human rights violations;
- ⇒ To the same government to take measures to improve the security situation in the country, including by combating violence and crime;
- ⇒ To the government to restore a peaceful political climate to allow free and transparent elections to be held;
- ⇒ To the government of Burundi to take adequate measures to guarantee the right to education for all and equal access to opportunities.