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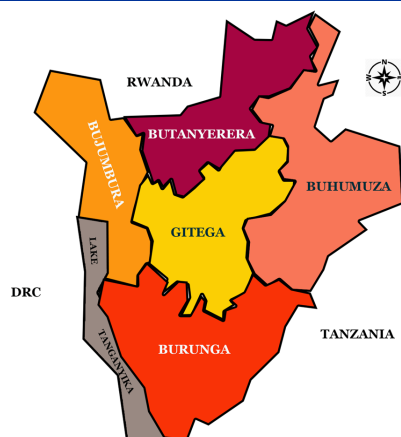
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In memory of Marie Claudette Kwizera, treasurer of the Iteka League, missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to November 16, 2025, at least 847 victims of enforced disappearance have been documented by the Iteka League, at least 86 victims have reappeared, and 762 victims are still missing. The UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGIDE) has already communicated at least 252 victims¹ to the Government of Burundi.

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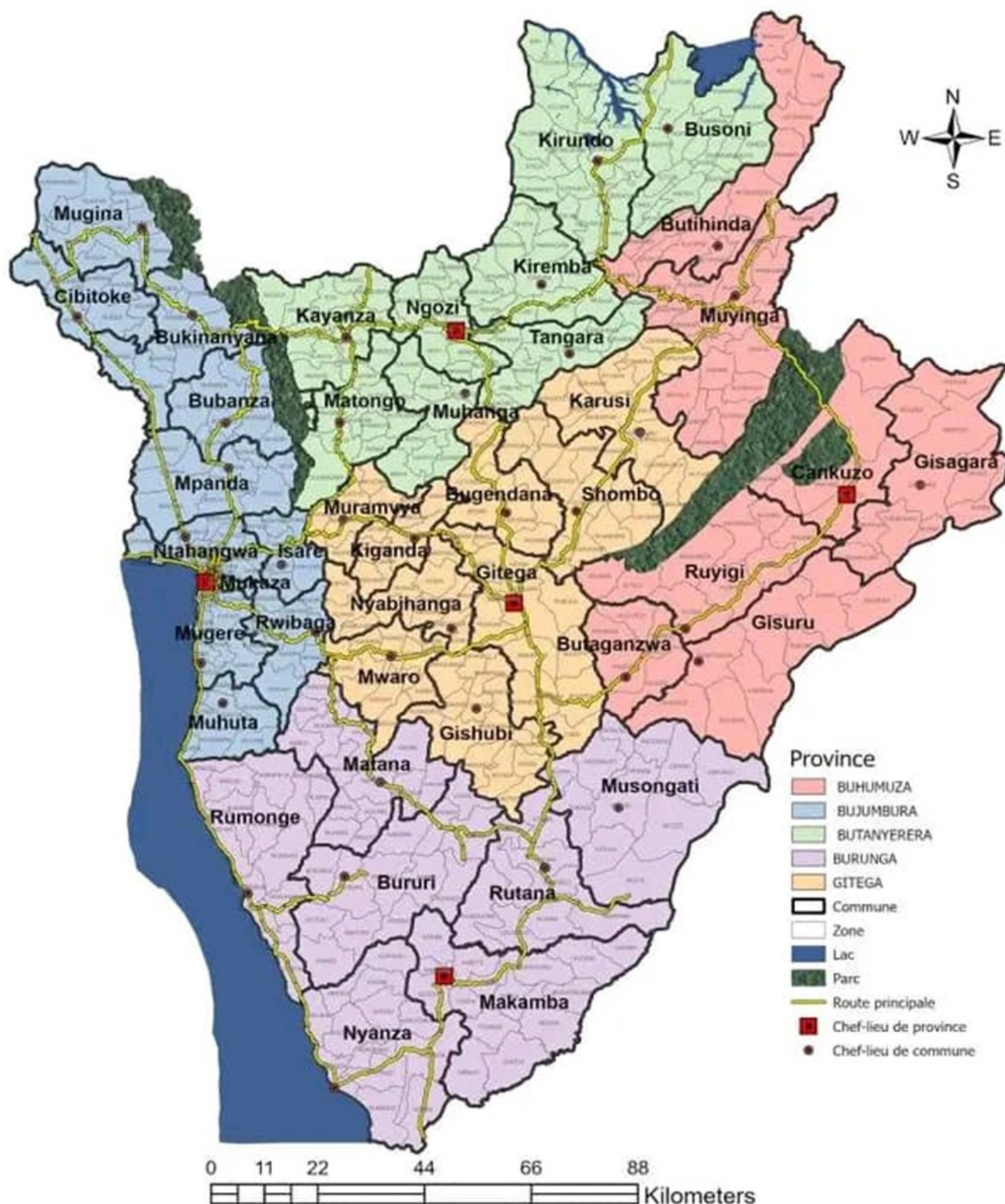
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ADMINISTRATIVE MAP OF BURUNDI

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BEPAE	: <i>Economic Affairs Expertise Office</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>
COOPEC	: <i>Savings and Credit Cooperative</i>
ECOFO	: <i>Primary School</i>
ETS	: <i>Secondary Technical School</i>
FOMI	: <i>Fertilizer Manufacturing Company</i>
M23	: <i>March 23 Movement</i>
OPJ	: <i>Judicial Police Officer</i>
PIDESC	: <i>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i>
RDC	: <i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>
RN5	: <i>National Road number 5</i>
RN7	: <i>National Road number 7</i>
SNR	: <i>National Enquiry Service</i>

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0. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin presents the human rights situation in Burundi during the week of November 10 to 16, 2025. In this report, the Iteka League also examines the political, security, judicial, governance, and environmental context. It also analyzes illustrative cases of violations of civil and political rights, economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as specific rights, in particular the rights of children.

The human rights violations observed and documented by Ligue Iteka are as follows: at least 16 people killed, including 15 found dead and one killed by state agents, six people arbitrarily arrested, and two children injured. Six other people died, four as a result of river currents, one as a result of storms, and two others as a result of suicide.

Among the victims, there is one case of a minor who committed suicide, one minor who was killed, one minor who was a victim of domestic violence, and one woman who was killed.

Imbonerakure, SNR agents, police officers, and administrators are accused of being the main alleged perpetrators of these human rights violations.

1.1. SECURITY CONTEXT

I. CONTEXT

A member of the CNDD-FDD party beaten by students after a theft at the Buhiga Zone High School in Karusi commune, Gitega province

On November 10, 2025, at around 4 p.m., on Rwingoma hill, in the Buhiga area of Karusi commune, Oscar Nibizi, an 18-year-old member of the Imbonerakure youth wing of the CNDD-FDD party, originally from Bugwana hill in the Ntunda area of the same commune, found himself in a delicate situation while attempting to steal clothes belonging to boarding students at Buhiga High School. This daring theft took place while the students were immersed in their studies in the afternoon. Taking advantage of a moment of inattention, Nibizi climbed over the fence.

Unfortunately for him, a vigilant student spotted him and quickly alerted his classmates. In the blink of an eye, they gathered around, surrounded the intruder, and quickly caught him. Anger took over, and they severely beat him until he fell unconscious. He suffered multiple injuries, affecting almost his entire body. After this violent incident, he was left at the scene and later taken by the school guards to Buhiga Hospital, where he is now receiving appropriate care, guarded by his family, who remain concerned about his condition.

Attempted murder of a police officer in Cankuzo, Buhumuza province

On November 16, 2025, around 2:00 PM, Toyi Thérèse, daughter of Bantiza Mathieu and Nderagakura Elisabeth, born in 1998 in Nyamunazi in the Gisuru commune, was arrested on Ndava hill in Cankuzo after attempting to kill her partner. According to witnesses, she was apprehended by O.P.J Alfred and other police officers after shooting

police sub-officer Adjutant Cinyeretse Charles in the left shoulder while he was in bed. The victim was taken to Cankuzo hospital and then transferred to Kibuye hospital in Gitega province. The suspect was brought before the O.P.J for interrogation. According to police sources, the adjutant's weapon had only 8 cartridges at the time of seizure, and the suspect fired just one shot.

1.1. SECURITY CONTEXT (the following of page 5)

A member of the Imbonerakure militia targeted in a grenade attack in Rugombo commune, Bujumbura province

On the night of November 10-11, 2025, at around 11 p.m., on Rubuye hill, in the Nyakagunda neighborhood, Rugombo area, Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province. Jérôme Bashingwanubusa, known as Nyamunini, a member of the Imbonerakure, is accused of a grenade attack right in front of his home. Fortunately, this attack caused no material damage or human casualties. The incident occurred in a climate of tension within the community, where Jérôme is a young man who is singled out and accused by some of his

neighbors of intimidation and extortion. The grenade was thrown at him as he was returning from a night patrol. The perpetrators fled immediately after the explosion. Residents perceive the police investigation as slow and lacking in genuine commitment. Many residents suspect Nyamunini of several crimes, including involvement in a recent disappearance. This attack could well be seen as a settling of scores or an escalation of tensions linked to local rivalries and security power struggles.

A gunshot that causes panic during President Ndayishimiye's visit to a gold cooperative in Mugina commune, Bujumbura province

On November 14, 2025, shortly after 2 p.m., at the Dukorere Ahabona gold mining site, located on Mageyo Hill in the commune of Mugina, Bujumbura province, a loud explosion occurred during a visit by President Évariste Ndayishimiye. This blast, followed by a flash, seriously injured three soldiers of the presidential guard and caused widespread panic. The cooperative, led by Vianney Musafi,

is considered to be under military control and has close ties to the presidency. Witnesses described the explosion as an exceptionally violent thunderclap. It was so powerful that it knocked people around, including the President, to the ground. The injured were quickly taken care of and transported to a hospital. Authorities have not provided any explanation for what caused the explosion.

Four individuals were swept away by the river current while participating in a collective prayer in the commune of Mugere, located in Bujumbura province

On November 13, 2025, near the Kanyosha River, in the Kâvya region, in the Kamesa neighborhood, near Kubenge Hill, in the Busoro area of the Mugere commune, Bujumbura province, four people lost their lives after being swept away by the waters of the Kanyosha River at that location.

The deceased were part of a group of more than thirty people who were participating in a night prayer at a place known for its spiritual

rituals. The accident occurred when these individuals approached a risky area near the river, believing that the water had purifying or protective properties.

After the prayer, the worshippers moved toward large rocks at the water's edge, a place known to be very dangerous. They were caught off guard and carried away by the strong current of the Kanyosha River. Local authorities are urging people to stop these risky practices to ensure their safety.

1.1. SECURITY CONTEXT (the following of page 6)

A man commits suicide following a marital dispute in Bugendana commune, Gitega province

On the night of Monday, November 10, 2025, Jean Cimpaye, aged 60, son of Gabriel Bandagiye, took his own life on Nyakeru Hill, Bugendana commune, Gitega province. The information gathered on site indicates that, upon returning from the field, a marital dispute reportedly broke out between Jean Cimpaye and his wife, Marie Goreth Niragira, aged 56. The man allegedly drove his wife out

of the house for the night, and she had to sleep outside. In the early morning, neighbors discovered that Jean Cimpaye had committed suicide using a rope attached to the roof of his house. Sources close to the matter indicate that this was not the victim's first suicide attempt, as he had reportedly tried twice before. His body was untied after being examined by an investigating officer.

Suicide of a 9-year-old girl following verbal abuse by other children in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province

Information received by the Iteka League on November 15, 2025, indicates that on October 30, 2025, around 7 p.m., a 9-year-old girl named Arfana Niyonzima, daughter of Aboubacar Niyonzima and Inamahoro Zainabu, committed suicide by hanging at her home in the Bukirasazi I neighborhood, Kinama area, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province.

According to the testimony of her older sister, the girl had just been verbally abused by other children who called her 'stupid.' She then went into her room and used a rope made from a sheet to hang herself from a board attached above her bed. The body was taken to the hospital so that the government doctor could determine the exact cause of death, and an investigation is ongoing.

1.2. JUDICIAL CONTEXT

Trial in flagrante delicto at the Rumonge High Court, Burunga province

On November 13, 2025, a trial took place at the Rumonge District Court involving two police officers, Emery Nikundana and Blaise Nduwimana, accused of killing a 36-year-old driver, Eric Irakoze, during a traffic stop in the Kanyenkoko neighborhood. The incident occurred the previous Tuesday, when the two police officers arrested Eric for drinking alcohol before the bars opened.

According to witness testimony, Emery Nikundana struck the victim on the hand and ribs, causing his death, while Blaise Nduwimana prevented him from escaping. Four witnesses confirmed seeing the two police officers strike Eric.

The verdict was announced that same evening: Blaise Nduwimana was sentenced to 20 years in prison, while Emery Nikundana, who admitted to the charges, was sentenced to 10 years in prison. The two convicted men will have to pay 40 million Burundian francs in damages to Eric's family, as well as interest and legal costs.

The trial sparked angry and incredulous reactions among the residents of Rumonge, who believe that the sentences are too lenient for such a serious crime.

1.3. GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

The interference of the CNDD-FDD in the management of ÉCO FO Kabonobono left the school without a principal for two months in the commune of Muramvya, Gitega province

The ECOFO of Kabonobono, located in the commune and zone of Muramvya, in the province of Gitega, has been without a director for more than two months. Indeed, the former director, Habonimana Remy, was promoted to Chief of the Muramvya zone at the beginning of September 2025. This appointment has left the CNDD-FDD party at an impasse, with members struggling to agree on the choice of

his successor, creating a climate of intense speculation. Numerous applications have been submitted, but each has been rejected by the party leaders, who seem determined to impose their own favorite. What is surprising in this situation is that Habonimana Remy continues to carry out his duties at the school, thus combining his role as zone chief and director, even signing school documents as if

Embezzlement in schools in the Muyinga Commune, Buhumuza Province

On November 7, 2025, Claude Nizigiyimana, a teacher at ECOFO Gasenyi I, was questioned by the Judicial Police of the Muyinga Commune Police Station for suspicion of stealing food from the school canteen stock of this school. According to witnesses, the alleged thief, who was also the stock manager, had informed the school principal, Madame Aline, that the padlock she had purchased was "hacked" (of poor quality). He had asked for permission to buy one himself, which the principal refused. According to the same witnesses, 20 out of 28 cans of cotton oil that were in stock were stolen. Claude Nizigiyimana expressed his concerns to the police regarding the padlock.

The principal was arrested and later released, and the two suspects are appearing in court today as free men.

It should be noted that similar cases of theft from school cafeteria stocks have been observed in other schools, notably at ECOFO

Mukoni II. This elementary school is run by two principals: Rutankabandi Thaddée (kindergarten through 6th grade and main manager of the school cafeteria) and Kwizigira Espérance (7th through 9th grade).

These two principals are constantly bickering over the management of the cafeteria, each seeking to profit from it. The school has a food shortage, with students going home and constantly asking for food, even though they are supposed to be fed at school.

Parents do not understand where the food provided by the WFP is going, nor the money they have paid to increase the quantity and quality of meals, i.e., 6,000 Burundian francs per student for the purchase of vegetables and 8,000 Burundian francs per student for firewood.

It should be noted that although basic education in Burundi is supposed to be free, parents are obliged to contribute financially to the running of schools.

I.3. GOVERNANCE CONTEXT (the following of page 8)

Teachers' strike threat in Muyinga commune, Buhumuza province

At the Mukoni High School, the teachers of the post-primary cycle find themselves in a difficult situation. Tired and frustrated, they are considering launching a strike. Their anger is directed toward the principal, whom they accuse of mismanaging the funds allocated for the purchase of school supplies, funds that the Ministry of Education grants to them every year. Each teacher is supposed to receive 17,000 FBU, an amount that would allow them

to improve teaching conditions. In response to this situation, the teachers have decided to call on the DCE of Muyinga to demand the return of their rights, especially since they note that their colleagues in other schools have already received these sums more than a month ago. They are therefore determined: without a quick solution, they continuously plan to go on strike.

The lack of transparency in public procurement in the Muyinga municipality, Buhumuza province

The former workers responsible for cleaning the market in the Muyinga commune are complaining about the termination of the contract they held with the commune. Previously, they carried out the cleaning for a monthly salary deemed 'meager' of 50,000 Fbu each. They had requested an increase in this amount but in vain. The commune then suspended them to grant this contract to a prominent merchant named Ananias Nyabenda, nicknamed Nkona.

The cleaning contract was awarded to a so-called association, 'AKEZA Zero Waste,' with the aim, according to the complainants, of 'collecting money from the commune.' This procedure is considered a violation of public procurement rules. Instead of granting a sufficient salary to the former employees, the commune preferred to suspend them. The beneficiary association is said to be run by influential members of the ruling party and is alleged to serve as a vehicle for embezzling communal funds.

I.4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

Storm and hail cause one death and 24 injuries at the Alliance Kayogoro School in Ngozi commune, Ngozi province

On November 3, 2025, at around 1 p.m., a severe storm hit the commune of Ngozi and caused damage to the Alliance Kayogoro School. A witness reported that the storm, with wind, heavy rain, and hail, resulted in the death of Dusabe Marie Tabita, an 8th-grade student aged 13, who was struck by debris.

Twenty-four people were injured, suffering wounds from falling objects and sheets of metal. The very strong winds tore off the roofs of 13 classrooms and the rest pavilion. These buildings can no longer be used, and equipment was destroyed. In addition, the heavy rains also damaged the crops in the surrounding area.

II. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

II.1. RIGHT TO LIFE

II.1.1. INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES

II.1.1.1. PERSONS KILLED BY STATE AGENTS

A person killed by police in Rumonge commune, Burunga province

Eric, a driver from Kigwena, in the commune of Rumonge, tragically lost his life on November 11, 2025, in a restaurant near the Coopec Rumonge, not far from the "Kwa Mogas" bar. This event took place in the town of Rumonge, located in the province of Burunga.

Everything began when the police stopped Eric

regarding a beer. When he refused to reveal the name of the person who had consumed it, the law enforcement officers reacted violently, stomping on his chest and accusing him of drinking alcohol outside of the permitted hours. Following this tragic incident, two of the policemen involved were detained in the Rumonge police station jail.

II.1.1.2. PEOPLE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS OR BODIES FOUND

A lifeless body found in the Nyamugari neighborhood, Gitega commune and province

The information arrived at the Iteka League, on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, the lifeless body of an 18-year-old man, named Enea Niyomukiza, was discovered hanged in a kitchen in the Nyamugari district.

According to witnesses, the victim was found suspended with a rope. However, initial findings suggest a murder disguised as suicide, a hypothesis confirmed by Majaliwa Ndayisaba, the chief of the district.

"The motives for the crime are not yet known,

but everything suggests that the victim was tied up and killed before being hanged to make it look like a suicide," he said.

The young man was suspected of having stolen cottonseed oil and was allegedly violently beaten before his death. Four suspects were arrested that same evening, including his employer, Cléante Iradukunda, as well as Claude Nduwimana, Jean de Dieu Iradukunda, and Kenny Nkurunziza, three of his colleagues. They were taken to the Gitega police lock-up. The body was transported to the morgue of the Gitega regional hospital.

A lifeless body recovered from Lake Tanganyika in Rumonge commune, Burunga province

On November 11, 2025, a lifeless body was pulled from the waters of Lake Tanganyika, in the Gatete hill and area, Rumonge commune, Burunga province. The victim is a fisherman nicknamed Bonane. The discovery of the body was confirmed by the head of Gatete hill, Hilaire Barandereka. He stated

that the deceased may have been bitten by a hippopotamus. The local administrator emphasized the seriousness of the situation, noting that at least ten people have been bitten by hippopotamuses in the same area since June 2025.

II.1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BODIES FOUND

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Three lifeless bodies found in two days in Bukinanyana commune, Bujumbura province

Information received by the Iteka League on November 15, 2025 indicates that in the Buganda area, Bukinanyana commune, Bujumbura province on October 24 and 25, three unidentified lifeless bodies were found by the citizens.

According to an eyewitness, on October 24, 2025, the first body, that of a naked man, was found by workers under a bridge under construction over the Rusizi River (Kaburantwa Hill). The body, taken to the

morgue, had no apparent injuries, but the authorities do not rule out the accident or the fact that the man was killed elsewhere before being thrown into the river.

On October 25, 2025, two other corpses, in an advanced state of decomposition and unrecognizable, were discovered in a cassava field on Gasenyi Hill by residents alerted by the smell. The local authorities, faced with the health risk, ordered their immediate burial on site.

A septuagenarian found hanging in Gitwenge, Matongo commune, Butanyerera province

On the night of Saturday, October 26 to Sunday, October 27, 2025, in the municipality of Matongo, Butanyerera province, the lifeless body of a man about 70 years old was found hanging from an avocado tree, not far from his home.

been revealed following the opening of a preliminary investigation.

Malicious individuals could be seeking to take possession of the land or livestock of elderly people, who are often vulnerable.

The exact circumstances of the tragedy remain unknown. No concrete leads have

Two lifeless bodies found in Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province

On November 13, 2025, two bodies of men, in an advanced state of decomposition, were discovered in an old gold extraction shaft on Gisaba hill, Buhindo zone, Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province.

emanating from the well. They immediately notified administrative and security officials.

Witnesses add that the victims have not been identified. The bodies were buried on the spot on the orders of Eloge Najeneza, communal administrator of Cibitoke.

According to local witnesses, farmers going to their fields were alerted by a foul smell

II.1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BODIES FOUND

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A lifeless body found and buried in a hurry in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura province

As of November 8, 2025, around 4 p.m., Joseph Ndayizeye, originally from Rugabano hill, Gishubi commune, Gitega province, was found dead at his home in the Buyenzi neighborhood, Avenue 6, No. 78, Buyenzi area, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura province.

His death occurred under unclear circumstances, with suspicion that he had been strangled.

According to an eyewitness, the victim was hastily buried the same day at the Mpanda cemetery. The neighborhood chief immediately sought people to carry out the burial. The act was completed in just two hours.

The neighborhood chief justified this rapidity for two reasons: the victim's membership in the Muslim community and the absence of identification of his family on site.

A lifeless body found in Makamba commune, Burunga province

On November 11, 2025, the lifeless body of a 25-year-old man named Boris was discovered at his home on Kizingoma Hill, in the commune of Makamba in Burunga province, in the morning.

A month earlier, another unidentified body had been found on Jimbi Hill. These successive tragedies have reignited fears of persistent insecurity in the region. A new tragedy has shaken the commune of Makamba, in Burunga province. Young Boris, aged around 25, was found dead early on Tuesday morning inside his home on Kizingoma Hill.

According to information gathered at the scene, it was his father, returning from the town of Makamba where the family had recently moved, who discovered his son's lifeless body.

According to relatives, the young man was preparing to start a family, which is why his parents had left their first home to give him the family house, a gesture of encouragement for his future.

The family suspects strangulation, as visible marks were found around his neck and his face showed signs of asphyxiation. Neighbors say they saw the victim during the day in good health and had no idea that such a tragedy was about to occur.

The communal administrator of Makamba, Prosper Bizimana, stated that the administrative and health authorities went to the scene to carry out the initial observations, but he specified that he has not yet received the investigation report. The police, for their part, confirm that investigations are ongoing to determine the exact circumstances of this death.



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II.1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BODIES FOUND

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A lifeless body of a child found in Nyanza commune, Burunga province

On November 13, 2025, on Buheka Hill, in the Nyanza commune, Burunga province, Mercie Niyonkizo, a 4th-grade student at ECOFO Rusesa, was found dead inside the family home. According to a family member, the child apparently took her own life after an

argument with her little sister, while their parents were away. According to the same source, Tabu Évelyne, the victim's mother, arrived at the scene and tried to take her own life in her bedroom. Neighbors and authorities had to break down the bedroom door to intervene urgently and save her.

A lifeless body found in Nyabitsinda commune, Buhumuza province

On November 12, 2025, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified man was found on the edge of the Rumpungwe River, on Nyabigozi Hill, Nyabitsinda commune, Buhumuza province.

According to a source on the ground, the body was discovered by farmers who were going to their fields, and who immediately informed the administration.

The victim had visible injuries to his face, suggesting that he was killed by a metal

object. In addition, as the victim is not known in this locality, it is likely that he was killed elsewhere and then thrown there. The communal administration of Nyabitsinda, in collaboration with the Red Cross, proceeded with the burial of the deceased.

Ndayizamvye Amos, administrator of the commune, said that investigations have already begun to find out the identity of the victim, identify the perpetrators and determine the motives for the crime.

A lifeless body of a man was found in the Commune and Province of Gitega

This Saturday, November 15, 2025, at around 7 a.m., a lifeless body was discovered in a coffee plantation on Rutegama Hill, Commune and Province of Gitega.

The victim was identified as Rucumuhimba Emmanuel, 70 years old, from the same Rutegama Hill.

According to information provided by his family, the deceased had left his home on Friday at around 5 p.m., indicating that he was on his way to pound rice. Relatives also report that the bag of rice and his bicycle

have disappeared, suggesting that the perpetrators of the murder took them away.

Early leads indicate that land conflicts are behind the killing.

According to Emmanuel Rucumuhimba's relatives, he had just won a case at the District Court against some members of his family. Unfortunately, no suspects have been arrested, and the search continues. The increasing number of dead bodies and the lack of results from investigations are sad realities for the province of Gitega. Residents and local actors are now demanding serious investigations and an end to impunity.

II.1.1.2. PERSONS KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR BODIES FOUND

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A lifeless body of a woman was discovered in the Commune and Province of Gitega

This Friday, November 14, around 8 a.m., on Macu hill, in the commune and province of Gitega, the lifeless body of a woman was discovered in a eucalyptus plantation. The victim was identified as Gakecuru Généroise, 45 years old, widowed and living alone in her house.

According to the information gathered, the body had been tied up with ropes, and the

mouth was blocked by a cloth belonging to the victim.

The same sources report that the victim had long been accused of witchcraft practices. No arrests have been made so far. The O. P.J. arrived on the scene and quickly ordered the burial of the body, without a thorough investigation being carried out.

Discovery of a lifeless body in Commune and Province Gitega

This Sunday, November 16, 2025, around 4 p.m., on Masenga Hill, Commune and Province of Gitega, a lifeless body was found in a house under construction.

According to the information gathered, the national identity card found on him indicates that the deceased's name was Nahimana Isaac, 27 years old, son of Ngurinzira and Sabuwanka, from Bukirasazi hill, in Shombo commune (former Karusi province), now in Gitega province.

Next to the body was a rope and a mark on his neck, while blood was visible in his mouth, suggesting a violent death, according to our source.

The body was transported to the morgue of the Gitega hospital, pending the arrival of the family for the organization of the burial.

The perpetrators of this tragedy have not yet been identified.

II.2. RIGHT TO FREEDOM

II.2.1. ARBITRARY ARRESTS

A man arrested in Mutaho commune, Gitega province

On November 10, 2025, Mutaho police arrested 78-year-old Nkundwanabake Jean, accused of attempting to poison his wife, Nicimpaye Marie.

According to a local source, the attempt was carried out using a toxic product called "Rocket Insecticide," which is used to kill insects on plants. The alleged perpetrator reportedly put the poison in cassava flour he had bought at the store.

In the evening, while preparing the dough, his wife noticed a suspicious smell. When she

asked her husband where he had bought the flour, instead of answering, he threatened to hit her with a stick.

Faced with danger, the woman immediately called for help, alerting the neighbors. When they arrived on the scene, they discovered a bag containing the insecticide.

When questioned by the police, the alleged perpetrator admitted that he had intended to poison his wife.

He was taken into custody at the Mutaho jail pending further investigation.

II.2.1. ARBITRARY ARRESTS (the following of page 14)

Two people arrested in Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province

The information received by the Iteka League on November 12 indicates that on the night of November 5, 2025, around 10 p.m., in the Gasanda neighborhood, Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province, Ildéphonse Haragakiza and Jean de Dieu Nduwayezu, both from the Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province, were arrested by Imbonerakure named Jean Paul, nicknamed Mwamba, Innocent, alias Kibaya, and Isaïe.

According to an eyewitness, the victims are part of the team of mineral exploiters working at the Rusobanya site in Ruyigi commune and were accused of not carrying their identification, as they were unknown in the neighborhood.

The victims spent a night in the detention cell of the provincial police station in Ruyigi before being released the next day after verification and investigation.

Two people arrested in Rumonge commune, Burunga province

On the night of November 9 to 10, 2025, around midnight, on Kanyenkoko hill, Rumonge commune, Burunga province, two people, including Kabura Bonaventure, a retired former soldier, and a civilian, were arrested.

According to local sources, the arrest was carried out by the hill administration, including the hill chief and the Imbonerakure chief, in collaboration with the communal

commissioner and his police officers. The two men were imprisoned in the detention cell of the Rumonge police station.

The former soldier faced contradictory accusations from several officials: the sector chief accused him of possessing the Head of State's seal, the zone chief added that he belonged to the armed movement M23, and a police officer from the communal station claimed to recognize him for having exchanged gunfire in Musaga in 2015.

Arbitrary arrest and detention of a Deputy Prosecutor in Kirundo Commune

Since 11/08/025, a deputy prosecutor of Kirundo named Nshimirimana Jean Paul has been imprisoned in the Ngozi central prison by the Ngozi attorney general, accused of releasing 2 people who had been illegally detained for a month in the Kirundo prosecutor's office jail. They were brought in by the head of the SNR of

Kirundo but without any charges. After submitting the case file to the prosecutor, he authorized their release, but later Jean Paul was accused of freeing the mineral thieves. The population laments his imprisonment while he was protecting the innocent.



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III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE

Conflict, corruption, and poverty around the lands of the former Rugofarm in Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province

The former public agricultural estate Rugofarm, renamed Nyakagunda, located in Rugombo, Cibitoke commune, Bujumbura province, is the scene of a land dispute and corruption scandal involving the misappropriation of public land and rents by political officials, resulting in the expropriation and impoverishment of farmers. The conflict pits two influential officials from the ruling party, Jean Pierre Niyimpa, BEPAE, and Déo Nsabimana, alias Muhumure, against each other as they fight over the spoils.

The main victims are the farmers of Rugombo, former landowners who are now deprived of their land and suffering from hunger. The Cibitoke Public Prosecutor's Office has been asked to investigate. The former Rugofarm public agricultural estate (Nyakagunda), located in the commune of Rugombo, Cibitoke

province. The conflict has been ongoing for several months, but the opacity in the redistribution of land began after the civil war, gradually transforming this common property into private property.

The two executives illegally appropriated large plots of the former estate without legal proceedings. They then leased this land to cooperatives or individuals, often leasing the same plot to several people, which led to violent clashes between farmers.

The dispute between the two accomplices over the distribution of millions of Burundian francs in rent exposed the scandal. The executives' motivation is personal enrichment and exploitation of institutional weaknesses (impunity). For the farmers, the demand is for the right to land, dignity, and survival.

Despair is growing among corn farmers abandoned with their tons of crops in Burunga province

In the province of Burunga, maize farmers are going through a severe crisis. Everywhere, houses have become makeshift storage units holding tons of unsold maize, harvested over a year ago and beginning to rot. Many claim to have followed government advice, which encouraged them to cultivate large areas with the promise of support like that received in 2023. Today, those promises have vanished, and the farmers find themselves alone in the face of a harvest that they cannot sell. Lacking adequate infrastructure and due to the high cost of preservation products, some of the corn spoils every week. Farmers say they have already lost part of their production. Many of them took out bank loans, convinced that they would be able to sell their crops to the National

Food Stock Management Agency (ANAGESSA).

With no buyers and no income, these loans are becoming a burden, and some still have to pay for drying or protecting crops that they risk losing completely. The ban on exports to Tanzania, where corn would sell at an attractive price, is a major problem. Attempts to sell at the border result in arrests, heavy fines, and confiscation of goods. During his last visit, the prime minister did not provide a solution, leaving a feeling of abandonment. Farmers are now asking the government to allow them to sell their corn where there is a market, before they lose their entire harvest. For them, it is a matter of survival and the possibility of farming next season.

III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE (the following of page 16)

Local residents are demanding a reassessment of the compensation deemed insufficient for the bridge work in Kaburantwa on the Rusizi in Bukinanyana commune, Bujumbura province

Information received by the Iteka League on November 15, 2025 indicates that residents of Kaburantwa hill, Bukinanyana commune, Bujumbura province, living near the RN5 highway, are in conflict with the authorities over compensation related to the construction of a bridge and road by a Chinese company, intended to connect Burundi to the DRC. The families, whose homes have been destroyed and land seized, consider the amounts received to be derisory and well below the real value of the property lost.

According to a witness on the ground, this is a social conflict over compensation deemed insufficient for the expropriation of land and

the destruction/damage of homes. The situation is exacerbated by suspicions of embezzlement of compensation funds and fears of a new wave of destruction for a possible widening of the road.

Residents have been ordered to vacate their plots in exchange for compensation that they believe has been assessed in an unfair manner. The amounts received are considered “symbolic” (a few hundred thousand Burundian francs), insufficient to enable reconstruction. Some witnesses report a reduction in the amounts between the office and the field, fueling suspicions of embezzlement.

III.2. RIGHT TO HEALTH

Medicine shortage in the Nyanza health district in Burunga province

Information received by the Iteka League on November 16, 2025 indicates that the health district of Nyanza commune, Burunga province, is experiencing a shortage of medicines.

This shortage has been going on for over a month. Patients, including children under five, are not receiving anything after being prescribed medication by doctors. The 15 public health centers are unable to meet the needs of the sick.

The main reason for the shortage is the non-reimbursement of funds intended to provide free healthcare for children under five and pregnant women.

At the same time, private pharmacies are well stocked, selling generic drugs and specialty medicines at prices double the normal rates.

It should be noted that the owners of these private pharmacies are reportedly very influential public CDS holders within the CNDD-FDD. These individuals are accused of stealing medicines from public stocks without fear of reprisal in order to supply their own private pharmacies. Patients are therefore forced to turn to these private pharmacies to obtain their treatments.

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III.3. RIGHT TO FOOD

FOMI compromises the agricultural season in Cankuzo

Information received by Ligue Iteka on November 16, 2025 indicates that the population of the commune of Cankuzo, Buhumuza province, is complaining about the lack of chemical fertilizers. Farmers are shocked by this situation because, after paying an advance for the fertilizer, they have still not been served and only have their payment receipts.

When they arrived at the FOMI factory warehouse, officials told them that there was no stock available.

The population fears that this delay in the distribution of chemical fertilizers will have a major negative impact on production during the A growing season.

The population is launching a passionate appeal to the administration to intervene in order to put pressure on FOMI factory officials and ensure the urgent availability of this product.

III.4. RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Negative impact on children's educational future after mass exodus of teachers due to high cost of living hits Butanyerera province

Between June and October 2025, the Provincial Directorate of Education of Butanyerera recorded a considerable number of 334 teacher departures. This wave of departures had significant repercussions on the functioning of the province's schools. According to local sources, about thirty teachers chose to leave the country to settle abroad, particularly in Dubai or Mozambique, in search of better living conditions, as reported by the DPE staff.

To make this journey, several of them had to take out loans from banks and microfinance

institutions. Additionally, following a new administrative restructuring in Burundi, one hundred and eight (108) teachers from the former DPE of Ngozi were reassigned to the territorial administration.

to hold positions as municipal or district councilors. The consequences of these teachers' absences are serious: in some schools, students are forced to group together or alternate their school days due to the shortage of available teachers.



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IV. CATEGORY RIGHTS

IV.1. RIGHT TO PROTECTION OF THE CHILD AGAINST VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

A 9-year-old girl burned by her foster mother in Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province

On November 5, 2025, in the Kavumu neighborhood, Kamenge zone, a 9-year-old girl, Murekatete Joselyne, was the victim of violence: her foster mother, Irakoze Adija, burned her arms with a hot knife. The author accused him of stealing food ("sombe") from the pot.

Despite the seriousness of the facts, the police

officer in charge of the case, Hakizimana Désiré, refused to imprison the author, justifying this decision by virtue of her status as a nursing mother. This refusal is contested by the victim's neighbours, who suspect a bribe paid to the officer to close the case.

A child assaulted and injured in the Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province

On November 10, 2025, around 9 a.m., on Gasanda Hill, Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province, Daniel Iteriteka, aged 10, was a victim of violence. Daniel Iteriteka, who had dropped out of school, was gathering grass for

his employer's livestock in the field belonging to ECOFO Karuyigi. He was beaten and suffered a broken arm by students from the same school. He was taken to Ruyigi hospital to receive medical treatment.



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V. CONCLUSION ET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Iteka League strongly condemns the persistent deterioration of human rights in Burundi and condemns the impunity of perpetrators of crimes. It calls on the Burundian authorities to take all possible measures and recommends the following :

The Government of Burundi should :

- ⇒ Take measures to prevent intentional homicides, including infanticide and revenge killings;
- ⇒ Investigate homicides and the phenomenon of bodies being found in different parts of the country and identify those responsible in order to punish them in accordance with the law;
- ⇒ Conduct an objective and transparent reassessment of expropriated property and pay fair and full compensation in line with market value, under strict anti-corruption controls;
- ⇒ Open a judicial investigation into the Rugofarm/Nyakagunda conflicts to recover public land illegally seized by political officials and return it to the state, prioritizing access to land for former farmers;
- ⇒ Increase transparency and control over mining cooperatives to avoid opacity and unregulated close partnerships;
- ⇒ Conduct information campaigns to warn of the risks associated with dangerous spiritual rituals practiced near rivers (drowning in Kanyosha) and promote safe religious practices;
- ⇒ Guarantee the protection of fundamental rights and put an end to the violence committed by the Imbonerakure.