



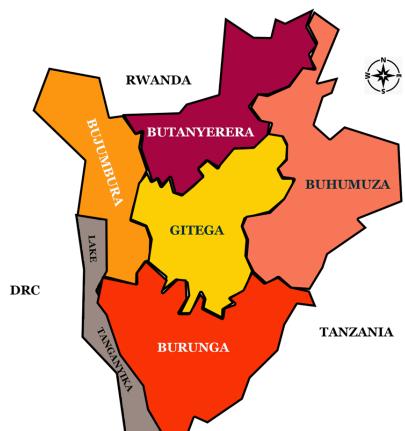
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In memory of Madame Marie Claudette Kwigera, treasurer of the Iteka League, who has been missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to January 4, 2026, at least 851 victims of enforced disappearance have been documented by the Iteka League, at least 86 victims have reappeared, and 767 victims are still missing. The UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) has already communicated at least 252 victims¹ to the government of Burundi.

¹<https://docs.un.org/fr/A/HRC/57/54>

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CNDD-FDD	: National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy
CNL	: National Congress for Liberty
DCE	: Communal Directorate of Education
EAC	: East African Community
ECOFO	: Primary School
FDNB	: National Defense Force of Burundi
FOMI	: Organo-Mineral Fertilizers
M23	: March 23 Movement
ONPR	: National Office of Pensions and Retirement
OTB	: Burundi Tea Office
PSR	: Special Traffic Police
RDC	: Democratic Republic of Congo
RN	: National Road
SNR	: National Enquiry Service
UPRONA	: Union for National Progress

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0. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin presents the human rights situation in Burundi during the week of December 29, 2025, to January 4, 2026. In this report, the Iteka League also examines the political, security, and environmental context. It also analyzes illustrative cases of violations of civil and political rights, economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as category-specific rights.

The human rights violations observed and documented by the Iteka League are as follows for this period: at least 12 people were killed, including 9 whose bodies were found, 5 victims of rape who are minors under the age of 18, and 1 person kidnapped. Among the victims are 8 minors, including 6 girls.

Members of Imbonerakure from the ruling CNDD-FDD party, SNR agents, police officers, and administrative officials are accused of being the main alleged perpetrators of these human rights violations.

I. CONTEXT

I.1. POLITICAL CONTEXT

Press conference of the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party in Ntahangwa Commune in Bujumbura Province

On January 2, 2026, at the national headquarters of the CNDD-FDD, the ruling party in Burundi, located in the Ngagara area, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province, the Party's Secretary-General, surrounded by members of the Political Bureau, party activists, journalists, as well as influencers and communicators, led a press conference that captured everyone's attention. The Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO took this opportunity to confidently announce an extraordinary party congress, scheduled for January 25, 2026.

According to him, this congress would be a crucial opportunity to renew the governing bodies of the CNDD-FDD. During this meeting, the Secretary General also addressed several political issues in the country,

emphasizing economic matters such as the currency shortage and the lack of fuel. He also raised security concerns, notably the deployment of Burundian soldiers to the East of the DRC and the management of fertilizers by the FOMI Company.

However, sources on the ground revealed a shadow over the picture: the Secretary-General did not mention issues concerning human rights, even as numerous bodies are discovered every day in various locations. This omission did not go unnoticed by observers, who described this press conference as frustrating. Many had expected it to offer concrete solutions to crucial problems, as citizens need answers, actions, and commitments, rather than empty speeches.

I.2. SECURITY CONTEXT

A grenade found in Cankuzo commune, Buhumuza province

On December 29, 2025, in a bush on Rujungu Hill, Gitanga area, Cankuzo commune, Buhumuza province, an offensive grenade was found by the local population. Gabriel Toyi, responsible for removing small-caliber weapons from people who are not allowed to carry them, went to the site to retrieve it.

According to sources on the ground, Toyi took the opportunity to raise awareness among the population about the dangers of carrying weapons without authorization at the Kigamba area headquarters, during a meeting

The heavy presence of Burundian soldiers worries the population in Bugabira commune, Butanyerera province

Since last week, the former commune of Bugabira, in Butanyerera province, has experienced a worrying situation. Heavy weapons and a large number of soldiers (two companies) occupied the entire border of Lake Cohoha with Rwanda on the night of December 27, 2025. The purpose of this action is unknown. But it is likely that the army is preparing to confront Rwanda if attacked. In the occupied areas, the population is

A police colonel shot and injured in Gihosha, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province

On January 2, 2026, in the Gihosha neighborhood, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province, an incident involving two officers of the Burundian National Police occurred. According to information reported by the victim herself, Police Colonel Emmanuel Nibizi narrowly escaped death after being targeted by one of his colleagues, identified as Police Colonel Célestin, also known as Ndarasa. The events reportedly took place around 7:30 PM at Bar Natal, located opposite the Kamenge Military Hospital (HMK).

According to the testimony of Colonel Emmanuel Nibizi, he was in the company of the head of the judicial police documentation

that was being held by the head of the Department of Territorial Administration and Community Development, Pastor Niyonzima, accompanied by the head of service of the Department of Territorial Administration and Community Development, Kanani Pie.

According to the same sources, this is the second device found within a span of 2 months. The previous one had been collected on November 4, 2025, on Gitanga Hill, in the same area, Cankuzo commune, in the same province.

Heavy presence of Burundian soldiers worries the population in Bugabira commune, Butanyerera province

quarreling because they are required to provide firewood and water to these positions. This is done on a rotational basis. Enclosures housing both school-going and non-school-going girls are threatened. Unspecified visits pose a danger to them. Fishing in Lake Cohoha is suspended despite the famine affecting the local population due to drought.

officers, in the context of handling a case concerning a woman who was incarcerated and had recently had an abortion, while she was the mother of a two-year-old child who was seriously ill. It was in this context that Colonel Célestin reportedly intervened, expressing his disagreement regarding the involvement of an officer he considered to be newly recruited.

The situation allegedly escalated, leading to shots being fired at Colonel Emmanuel Nibizi, who was hit and urgently evacuated to the Kamenge Military Hospital, where he is hospitalized and receiving treatment.

I.2. SECURITY CONTEXT (the following of page 6)

At this stage, no official communication has yet been made by the competent authorities regarding the exact circumstances of the

incident or the measures taken. An investigation is expected to determine responsibility and clarify the facts.

I.3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

Heavy rain and strong winds have caused massive damage in the Muramvya commune, Gitega province

On the night of December 29 to 30, 2025, heavy torrential rains and very strong winds caused significant damage in the Muramvya commune.

On Biganda hill, in the same area and commune of Muramvya, province of Gitega, corn plantations were damaged and 12 homes were destroyed.

On Musagara hill in the same area and commune, a large number of banana trees fell due to the strong winds.

In the administrative center of the commune, six wooden electric poles fell, causing a power outage for three days. The victims of these disasters are asking the authorities to come to their aid. It should be noted that there were no human casualties.

Human and material damage recorded following heavy rains accompanied by strong winds in the Bubanza and Muramba areas, in the Bubanza commune, Bujumbura province

Information received by the Iteka League on December 29, 2025, indicates that on December 27, 2025, there were human and material damages recorded following heavy rains accompanied by strong winds in the Bubanza and Muramba areas, in the commune of Bubanza, Bujumbura province. According to local sources, a 15-year-old child lost his life after being swept away by a river, while three other people were injured: one was struck by lightning, and the other two were buried under the collapse of their homes. More than 359 houses were destroyed. Three schools, including one housing the school administration office, were damaged. Agricultural fields, three churches, and numerous other infrastructures were also damaged.

These disasters occurred following heavy rains accompanied by strong winds, which struck during the night of December 27 to 28, 2025, in the Bubanza and Muramba areas, in the commune of Bubanza, Bujumbura province.

On the morning of December 29, 2025, the affected populations were trying to repair what they could and issued an urgent appeal for solidarity and aid from people of goodwill. The communal authorities indicated that they would take urgent action to rehabilitate the damaged schools, especially since students are currently on vacation, said Joachim Nduwumwami, Executive Secretary of the commune of Bubanza.

II. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

II.1. RIGHT TO LIFE

II.1.1. VOLUNTARY HOMICIDES

II.1.1.1. PEOPLE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

A police officer killed in Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province

On December 31, 2025, in Ruyigi commune, Buhumuza province, a police officer who was part of the team that provided security in the new Congolese refugee camp in Bikinga, in the said commune, was killed by unidentified people one kilometer from the camp. According to sources on the ground, the victim

was killed with a machete at around 9 p.m. as he was returning to his home post from the Nyakanyi center.

The body of the deceased was taken to the morgue of the Rema Hospital in Ruyigi by the vehicle of the Ruyigi Provincial Police Station.

II.1.1.2. PEOPLE KILLED AS A RESULT OF MOB JUSTICE OR SETTLEMENT OF SCORES

One person killed in Bisha, Muhanga commune, in Butanyerera province

Information received by the Iteka League on December 30, 2025, indicates that on December 28, 2025, around 7 p.m., a man named Mazibori, originally from the Bishuri sub-hill, Bisha hill, in Muhanga commune, Butanyerera province, was murdered by

Ntirakira Onesphore, son of Gasanira and Mbonimpa. He accused him of witchcraft and killed him with an axe. The neighbors intervened, apprehended Onesphore, and took him to the communal jail in the Rango area.

A person died following blows and injuries in Kampezi, Mahwa area, Matana commune, Burunga province

The Iteka League was informed on January 2, 2026, that a tragic incident had taken place on December 25, 2025, in Matana, in the province of Burunga, where Éric Nifasha lost his life due to violence. The events that led to this tragedy began on Christmas Eve, around 8 p.m., when uninvited people entered his home on December 24. Ndikuriyo Jean Marie and his son Bikorimana Bienvenue were accused. The next day, at 11 a.m., the security committee and local elected officials of Kampezi hill, in the Mahwa region, decided to take the suspects to the authorities after being informed of the situation. Not only had they attacked Éric, but

they had also stolen a solar panel, a battery, and a window from his house.

On December 25, Éric Nifasha died from his injuries. He had been taken urgently to Rutovu Hospital, but unfortunately his condition worsened. It is important to emphasize that Ndikuriyo Jean Marie was not alone in this tragic incident; his two sons, Bikorimana Bienvenue and Iradukunda Enock, were also present during this horrific crime. For now, the police officer investigating is preparing the case file related to this matter.

II.1.1.3. LIFELESS BODIES FOUND

A lifeless body of a man was found in Gitega commune and province

On the night of January 1, 2026, at around 11 p.m., on Kiyange hill, Makebuko zone, Gitega commune and province, the lifeless body of Eric Ntunzwenayo, 30 years old, married and father of 3 children, was found hanging in the goat enclosure inside his house. The alert was issued by his wife Violette Sabushimike, who called for help, claiming that it was a suicide.

According to sources on the scene, Eric had returned home around 7 p.m., while his wife had stayed in a cabaret until late hours. At the time of the report, the body had injuries

to the back and neck, and the neighbors reject the theory of suicide, claiming that the victim was beaten, strangled and then suspended to falsify the investigations. The chief of the Kiyange hill says that the victim was already on bad terms with his wife.

On the morning of January 2, 2025, the police arrested Violette (wife) as well as Donatien, Rodrigue, Apollinaire, and Nestor, all suspected of having accompanied the wife from the cabaret to the house. On January 2, 2026, the body was buried before noon on police orders in Makebuko.

The lifeless body found inside a house in Gitega

On December 3, 2025, at around 6 a.m., on Higiro hill in Gitega commune, a lifeless body of 28-year-old Jules Ndayikeza was found hanging inside a house with visible traces of strangulation on his neck. Family conflicts are

believed to be at the origin of this tragic act. According to sources on the spot, in collaboration with the local administration and the family of the deceased, funeral activities were organized and carried out.

A lifeless body found in Karera, Mungwa area, Ryasoro commune, in Gitega province

Early in the morning of December 29, 2025, the lifeless body of Claude Havyarimana, 40 years old, night watchman of the house of Asina Niyonzima, located on Masenga sub-hill, Karera hill, Mungwa zone, Ryasoro commune, in Gitega province, was found. Claude Havyarimana was originally from Masango, Muguya sub-hill, Muramvya commune, in Gitega province.

According to sources on the ground, he had been suffering from tuberculosis for a long

time and his health was weakened. Some sources say that he died as a result of this illness, while others claim that he was killed by unidentified individuals. They are requesting the police to conduct independent investigations to determine the cause of his death.

His family then decided to transfer the body to the morgue in order to organize the funeral.

II.1.1.3. DEAD BODIES FOUND (the following of page 9)

A lifeless body of a man found on the Avenue de la Mort, Nyakabiga zone, Mukaza commune, in Bujumbura province

On January 1, 2026, at around 7 p.m., a lifeless body of Abdoul Nzeyimana, who was known as a self-employed worker and businessman, residing in the Kibega district, Kinindo zone, Mugere commune, Bujumbura province was found in Mukaza commune.

According to the testimonies of his relatives, he used to get up early to do sports every morning. That day, he went out as usual but

never came back. It was later that his body was found on Avenue de la Mort, in Mukaza commune, Bujumbura province.

The victim's body showed signs that he had been tied up and then thrown into the water, his belly was swollen. At the level of the neck, visible traces indicate strangulation. The police have begun investigations.

A lifeless body of a fetus found in Mushikanwa, Mutaho area, Mutaho commune, in Gitega province

On December 1, 2025, around 7 p.m., in Mushikanwa, Mutaho zone, Mutaho commune, Gitega province, a lifeless fetus abandoned in the bush was found by the local population, according to the Mushikanwa hill chief of the zone and commune of Mutaho.

According to sources on site, this offense was committed by a woman named Nduwimana Edissa, aged 23. She left her native hill of Musagara, under Bisha sub-hill, Muhanga

commune, Butanyerera province, and came to terminate a pregnancy on Mushikanwa hill. The same sources indicate that she returned to her family without a child and without a pregnancy.

The authorities buried the fetus at that location and then informed the Kayanza officials to search for this woman so that she could be punished according to the law.

A lifeless body found in Karusi commune, Gitega province

On the morning of December 29, 2025, around 6 a.m., on the Nduru River, near Rwingoma Hill, Buhiga area, Karusi commune, Gitega province, the lifeless body of an unidentified man was found lying in a rice field by the river. According to local sources, he had no

scars and both the cause of death and his identity are unknown. The zonal administration, Emmanuel Niyongabo, and the communal administrator, Vanessa Butoyi, ordered his burial in the afternoon.

A lifeless body found in a commune in Gitega province

On January 3, 2026, at around 8 a.m., in a wooded area, on the side of the road, on Rwingiri hill, Kiriba zone, Gitega commune and province, a lifeless body of an unidentified man was found.

According to sources on the spot, no identity document was found on the victim. The body had visible injuries to the cheek as well as injuries to the feet and legs. According to the

same sources, it is a homicide, this man was killed in another place before being abandoned in this area, in order to distort the investigations.

The body was evacuated to the morgue of the Kirimbi Health Center, located in the commune of Bugendana, until the family of the deceased is identified.

II.1.1.3. LIFELESS BODIES FOUND (the following of page 10)

A lifeless body found in Gisagara commune, Buhumuza province

On the morning of January 1, 2026, on Kirehe Hill, Gisagara commune, Buhumuza province, the lifeless body of Jérôme Bizimana was found in a bush a few meters from the Mishiha road, near the Burundi-Tanzania border. According to local sources, the deceased was originally from the same hill

and had injuries on his face. The body was taken to Munzenze Communal Hospital before being buried in the cemetery on the same hill by his family. According to the same sources, the victim had spent the evening at the Kirehe center, sharing a drink with others.

A lifeless body found in Rutana commune, Burunga province

On January 02, 2026, at 10 a.m., on Ramvyia hill, Kivoga zone, Rutana commune, Burunga province, a lifeless body of a newborn female whose mother has not been identified was seen in a savannah. According to witnesses in

the locality, this body was buried on the order of the Kivoga zone chief, Guilaine Bukeyeneza and this administrative authority says that investigations are underway to find out the perpetrator of the crime.

II.1.1.4. KIDNAPPINGS AND/OR FORCED DISAPPEARANCES

A person kidnapped in Kirekura, Ntahangwa commune in Bujumbura province

On December 30, 2025, around 8 a.m., Bosco Nyandwi, nicknamed Ntaco, residing on the 12th cross street of Kirekura, Kirekura area, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province, was abducted by people presumed to be intelligence service agents, on the Bujumbura -Muzinda route. According to sources on site, Bosco had gotten up early to wait for a vehicle that was supposed to take him to Bubanza to appear in court. That day, he was supposed to appear in a land-related case.

Upon arriving at the scene, a double-cabin vehicle with tinted windows and no license

plate arrived. Individuals in civilian clothing got out, forced him into the vehicle, which then sped off towards Bujumbura. Sibomana, an Imbonerakure from the Maramvyia area, is being blamed by residents for orchestrating this act, as this Imbonerakure had been watching Bosco Nyandwi, known as NTACO, from his home to the place of his abduction. His family has taken steps to locate him through various authorities, but so far, no trace of him has been found. His relatives are concerned for his safety.

II.2. PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL INTEGRITY

II.2.1. RAPE

A young girl raped in Karusi commune, Gitega province

On December 30, 2025, at around 7 p.m., on Kibenga Hill, Gitaramuka Zone, Karusi Commune, Gitega Province, a 14-year-old girl named I. Y. was raped by Pascal Ntaconayigize, 24, a member of the CNDD-FDD.

According to sources on the spot, the facts took place in a stable where this boy works for a shopkeeper named Felix when he called her telling her that there is something to tell her and took him by force and raped him. When he released her, the girl went to tell her

parents who quickly took the girl to the hospital in Buhiga. A consultation was held and the results showed that she had been raped and given medication to prevent an unwanted pregnancy while the boy was tested for HIV/AIDS with negative results.

The boy's family requested an apology so that he would not be taken to the cell, which led to an amicable settlement. According to our source, the two families agreed on an amount of one million Burundian francs to be paid before January 10, 2026.

A girl raped in Rumonge commune, Burunga province

Information reached Ligue Iteka on December 30, 2025, indicates that on December 18, 2025, a 2-year-old A.B. girl was raped on the hill of Birimba, Rumonge commune, Burunga province.

According to sources on the spot, Anderson Niyomukiza, 19 years old, was arrested and taken to the dungeon of the Rumonge police

station, because he is the one accused of raping this girl, and it was the latter who told her mother when she questioned him about it after noticing that she had pelvic lesions and pain. She replied that it was Anderson who hurt her. She was taken to the hospital in Rumonge for medical care.

A young girl raped in Bururi commune, Burunga province

Information received by Ligue Iteka on December 31, 2025, indicates that on December 9, 2025, on Tongwe Hill, Bururi commune in Burunga province, a girl named N.N, aged 17, was raped by a hillside elected official, Leonidas Ndayikengurukiye, number 2 among the chiefs of Tongwe Hill, Bururi commune, Burunga province.

According to sources on the spot, the alleged perpetrator has been arrested and has been

taken to the jachot of the police station in Bururi for 2 weeks. The victim's parents fear that the police may release him since so far the witnesses for the prosecution have not yet been called to charge him.

At the police level, it is indicated that this case is already in the hands of the Bururi prosecutor's office for investigative reasons.

II.2.1. RAPES (the following of page 12)

A girl raped in Musongati commune, Burunga province

On November 21, 2025, in Musongati commune, Burunga province, a girl named L.M., aged 15, from the Kamaramagambo hill of the said commune was raped by Richard Irambona. According to sources on the spot, the victim came home from school in the morning as usual around 10 a.m., she did not feel well about her health and when she left school, when she arrived home, she went to rest in her room. It was then that Richard

Irambona, 25 years old, from Nyanza hill, Shanga zone, Musongati commune, Burunga province, who usually works in the hairdressing salon, entered the house and even the room of the young girl who was resting and starting to rape her. The young girl cried until the cry called out to the people around her. The neighbors intervened but the young man fled through the window.

A girl raped in Musongati commune, Burunga province

On December 24, 2025, on the hill of Kabingo, Musongati commune, Burunga province, a girl named C., 15 years old, a student of the 7th grade class at ECOFO Rubaho in the Butezi zone was raped by Wagaramye, 37 years old, known as the trader of fraudulent fuel from Tanzania.

According to sources on the spot, Wagaramye was caught around 2 p.m. in a hotel

nicknamed MUKUYENGE of Mr. Serges. The alleged perpetrator was arrested and detained in the jachot of the ancient province of Rutana for investigations. The victim was accompanied to the Giharo Municipal Hospital for medical care. On the medical prescription, the results approve that the act has been done.

III. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE

Fines deemed excessive are disrupting the economic situation of motorcycle taxis in Kayanza, in the Butanyerera province

Information received by the Iteka League on January 3, 2026, indicates that motorcycle taxi drivers operating in the city of Kayanza, Butanyerera province, are complaining about fines they describe as exorbitant, which, according to them, are disrupting their economic situation. These transport operators accuse certain police officers operating in Kayanza commune of demanding a fine of fifty thousand Burundian francs without providing a payment receipt. They believe that this practice is abusive and contrary to the rules in force. According to them, the

parking area officially reserved for motorcycle taxis is too small, and it is motorcycle drivers who regularly park there, making their work even more difficult.

The bicycle taxi drivers point out that the amount demanded is disproportionate to their low daily incomes and threatens their livelihoods as well as those of their families. They are calling on the Kayanza police commissioner to intervene and punish the involved officers, whom they accuse of practices akin to abuse against citizens.

III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE (the following of page 13)

According to our sources, Pascal Nshimirimana, police commissioner in Kayanza, stated that he was not aware of this situation involving fines collected without a receipt. Regarding the amount of fifty thousand Burundian francs, he specified that

this sum is not included in the current traffic code. However, he indicated that this amount would have been set by the Kayanza communal administration, noting that the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the communal administrator, Godefroid, who is expected to comment on the issue.

The rise in food prices and the shortage of certain drinks in Cankuzo commune, Buhumuza province

Information received by the Iteka League on January 4, 2026, indicates that to close the year 2025, the population of the Cankuzo commune, in Buhumuza province, celebrated like everyone else despite the exorbitant prices for certain basic necessities. For example, one kilogram of meat cost 30,000 FBU, one kilogram of potatoes 2,000 FBU, and one kilogram of peas 8,000 FBU. Beverages also did not help the situation; only 72 cl and 50 cl Amstel Bright beers were available in the bars.

There was a shortage of Primus-type beers and soft drinks.

The population of the hills surrounding the refugee camp fears that food prices will continue to rise, and they prefer to sell their products to the refugees at higher prices. In the camp, a bottle of Amstel Bright is sold for 8,000 FBU, whereas the normal price is 5,000 FBU, and Primus 72 cl is sold in the camp for 6,000 FBU, while it is normally sold for 3,300 FBU, to name just a few examples.

IV. CATEGORY RIGHTS

IV. 1. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Two children abandoned by their mother in the Karusi commune, Gitega province

As of December 29, 2025, a woman named Liduine Ningabiye, a 36-year-old member of the CNDD-FDD political party, from Magamba hill, Buhiga zone, Karusi commune, Gitega province, abandoned her two children, one aged 6 and the other 3. These children went to their paternal uncle's house around 6 p.m., saying that their mother

had left around noon, saying she was going to the Buhiga market but had not yet returned, which worried them. Night fell without any news, and as of January 3, 2026, she had still not returned, and no one knows her whereabouts, while the children remain with their uncle. Their father had gone to Tanzania a year ago.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Iteka League strongly condemns the ongoing deterioration of human rights in Burundi and denounces the impunity of the perpetrators of crimes.

It calls on the Burundian authorities to take all possible measures and recommends the following :

To the government of Gitega :

- ⇒ Take measures to prevent intentional killings, including settling of scores;
- ⇒ Conduct investigations into homicides, the phenomenon of bodies found in various localities across the country, and identify those responsible in order to punish them according to the law;
- ⇒ Take measures to protect victims of rape and provide them with adequate support.