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#### **The lifeless body of the Minister of Communication, Gabby Bugaga, found:**

***A new case illustrating a carefully thought-out mode of extrajudicial execution which adds to the 2248 cases already documented by the Iteka League.***

Since President Evariste Ndayishimiye came to power in June 2020, the Iteka League has regularly sounded the alarm about a phenomenon of lifeless bodies being found as a carefully thought-out operating procedure. This observation is based on the way, throughout the territory, the hasty burial of these bodies takes place in the same manner, with the facilitation of the local administration, the Imbonerakure of the CNDD-FDD party, and the police, without any investigation being carried out to determine the motives for the murder, the identity of the victim, and the perpetrators of the crime in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Indeed, over a period of five years, nine months, and two weeks, the Iteka League has already documented 2,248 lifeless bodies found, often with traces or signs showing that the victims were murdered after torture or raped in the cases of girls or women.

The Iteka League is very concerned about this phenomenon, especially since, it seems, no Burundian or resident can escape this operating procedure because even a member of the Government, highly secured, can be found dead in a palm field at the wheel of their vehicle, and paradoxically, the government spokesperson presents the accidental cause of their death before the judicial investigation.

The Iteka League reiterates its recommendation to conduct thorough and credible investigations whenever a dead body is found in order to punish this type of crime in an exemplary manner and strongly condemns the practices of the current authorities of determining the causes of these crimes without investigations.



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In the case of the death of the Minister of Communication, Gabby Bugaga, the Iteka League recommends an independent investigation so that both the national and international communities are informed about the true causes of his death.

Finally, the Iteka League extends its condolences to his family in particular and to the Government of Burundi.

***For more details on the 2,248 dead bodies found during Evariste Ndayishimiye's reign, please consult these links<sup>1</sup>***

***For Iteka League, Kampala, April 16, 2026***

***Anschaire NIKOYAGIZE***

***Président***

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<sup>1</sup> (From June 2020 to June 2025 (**1514 lifeless bodies found**) : <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/REPORT-ON-THE-5-YEARS-OF-NDAYISHIMIYE-GOVERNANCE.pdf>

From July 2025 to September 2025 (**37 lifeless bodies found**) : <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/QUARTERLY-REPORT-JULY-TO-SEPTEMBER-2025.pdf>

From October 2025 to December 2025 (**88 lifeless bodies found**) : <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/QUARTERLY-REPORT-OCTOBER-DECEMBER-2025.pdf>

From January 2026 to March 2026 : (**60 lifeless bodies found**): <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/QUARTERLY-REPORT-JANUARY-MARCH-2026.pdf>

From 01 to 06 April 2026 (**7 lifeless bodies found**) : <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Weekly-bulletin-iteka-n-ijambo-520.pdf>

From 06 to 12 April 2026 (**2 lifeless bodies found**) : <https://ligue-iteka.bi/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Weekly-bulletin-iteka-n-ijambo-521.pdf>