

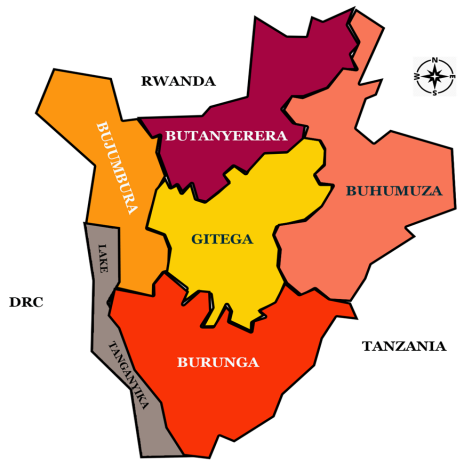


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In memory of Madame Marie Claudette KWIZERA, treasurer of the Iteka League, missing since December 10, 2015. From December 2015 to June 21, 2026, at least 875 victims of forced disappearance have been documented by the Iteka League, at least 87 victims have reappeared, and 788 victims are still missing. The UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) has already communicated at least 252 victims to the Government of Burundi.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MAP OF BURUNDI

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REDIVISION OF MARCH 16, 2023



ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CDS: Health Center

CENI: National Independent Electoral Commission

CEPI: Provincial Independent Electoral Commission

CNDD-FDD: National Council for the Defense of Democracy – Forces for the Defense of Democracy

CNL: National Congress for Freedom

CODIP: Collective of Organizations for the Integrated Development of the Population

DCE: Municipal Directorate of Education

DPE: Provincial Directorate of Education

ECOFO: Primary School

FARDC: Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo

FDLR: Rwandan Defense and Liberation Force

FDN: National Defense Forces

FNL: National Liberation Front

FOMI: Organo-Mineral Fertilizer Industries

M23: March 23 Movement

OBR: Burundian Revenue Office

OPJ: Judicial Police Officer

PADER: Party for Democracy and Reconciliation

RDC: Democratic Republic of Congo

RN: National Road

UPRONA: Union for National Progress

SNR: National Information Service

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0. INTRODUCTION

This bulletin presents the human rights situation in Burundi during the week of June 15 to 21, 2026. In this report, the Iteka League also looks at the political, security, economic, human rights, environmental, governance, and judicial context. It also analyzes specific cases of civil and political rights violations that occurred during this week.

The human rights violations observed and documented by the Iteka League are as follows: at least 8 people killed, including 6 bodies found dead, among which is the body of a 6-year-old child; 1 girl was a victim of rape, 2 cases of kidnapping, and 3 people were victims of arbitrary arrest and imprisonment. Among the victims, 3 girls and 1 woman were killed, and 1 girl was raped.

The main suspects of these violations are administrative agents, police officers, soldiers, and young Imbonerakure members of the ruling party, CNDD-FDD.

I. CONTEXT

I.1. POLITICAL CONTEXT

Field campaign activities of the CNDD-FDD party in Cankuzo Commune in Buhumuza Province.

Field activities conducted by the CNDD-FDD party in the Cankuzo Commune, within Buhumuza Province. From May 15 to 17, 2026, interventions were organized by members of the local party office in the areas of TWINKWAVU, CENDAJURU, and NYAMUGARI. To make organization easier, several hills were grouped into a single site for these activities.

The local party secretary, accompanied by the zonal secretaries from each of these sites, led a training session for the members and reminded them that the presidential elections are coming up, scheduled for May 3, 2027, from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with the goal of achieving a 100% landslide victory. He also stressed the importance of planting coffee and avocado

trees, stating that each household should have at least ten avocado plants and fifty coffee plants.

In conclusion, they welcomed new members from other political parties who joined the CNDD-FDD party. Additionally, a document in the form of a commitment regarding the expected number of votes in the presidential elections was handed over to the party's local secretaries, which was duly signed. Some observers described this move as intimidation and saw it as a preparatory step for possible electoral fraud. These activities spread throughout all the communes of the former Provinces of Ruyigi and Cankuzo.

Concerns about the label of one of the members of the CEPI in Ruyigi Commune, Buhumuza Province.

In the current pre-election climate, a curious situation has unfolded following the announcement of the members of the Independent Provincial Electoral Commission (CEPI) BUMUHUZA. It should be noted that one of the members was designated as a representative of the Catholic Church. However, this has sparked surprising reactions from the officials of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Ruyigi, who firmly stated that they do not know this individual within their community. They also clarified that no

representative had been appointed for the Catholic Church, either within the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) or in its various local branches. This denial highlights doubts regarding representation and the transparency of ongoing electoral operations, while also raising potential tensions that may exist between institutions and their perception by the general public as well as by religious organizations.

1.1. POLITICAL CONTEXT (the following of page 5)

Suspension of the Gashoho area chief from his duties in Butihinda Commune in Buhumuza Province.

The governor of Buhumuza province, Denise Ndaruhekere, suspended the zone chief of Gashoho in the Butihinda commune, Reverien Ndacayisaba, from his duties this Wednesday.

He is accused by the population of ordering the cutting down of their banana trees, which were their main source of livelihood, on the grounds that they were planted too close to the road.

The residents were shocked to see their chief destroy the food crops of the population he was supposed to lead. On the morning of June 15,

people began cutting down all the banana trees along the Masanganzira–Muyinga road.

According to the zone chief, these banana trees had been planted within the 6 meters reserved for electricity poles and water pipes, and he was merely enforcing measures related to hygiene and sanitation.

According to the governor's letter, he was suspended from his duties for misinterpreting the joint ministerial order No. 1041 of February 18, 2026, related to hygiene and sanitation.

1.2. ECONOMIC CONTEXT

Shortage of Brarudi products in Mwaro Commune in Gitega Province

For the past three weeks, small sellers of Brarudi products in the main town of Mwaro Commune in Gitega province have been struggling to get these drinks whenever a Brarudi trailer truck delivers them to Mwaro Mega SSD.

The reason for this situation is that the Brarudi delegate at Mwaro Mega SSD, Miss Dushime Darlene, favors the major beverage traders in central Mwaro, like Bukuru Audrick, Kwizera Fabrice, and Hôtel Gîte Gasumo, so they can get large quantities of these drinks.

In return, they give a bribe. Dushime Darlene, this Brarudi delegate, has set up a system over the past three weeks where a Brarudi beverage trader must first buy a carton of Heineken.

A box of Heineken drinks costs 260,000f. This isn't a problem for the big traders because they

usually sell this Heineken drink. But small sellers of these drinks (those with simple bars) mostly have a small capital. On top of that, they can't find buyers for this drink. A small bottle of Heineken costs 15,000 fbu.

The sources from the capital of the Mwaro commune say that these cartons of Heineken are brought in her work van by this delegate when she comes up from Bujumbura.

These small traders of Brarudi drinks in the Mwaro Commune filed a complaint with the Administrator of the Mwaro Commune. When this administrative official sent a message to this delegate to invite her to a meeting that will soon be held for all the sellers of this drink, the delegate replied that she works for Brarudi, not for the Commune.



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1.3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

Landslide in Cibitoke Commune, Bujumbura Province.

About 20 hectares of farmland were swept away by landslides on the twelfth crossroad in the Rusiga area of the Cibitoke zone in the Cibitoke commune. The owners of this land say they're facing huge losses at a time when they were relying on this land for their livelihood.

Within the administration, they admit being overwhelmed, especially since the trees planted to protect the land were also carried away by the landslides. Some geologists talk about soil aging, where water infiltration into the ground can trigger landslides.

1.4. SECURITY CONTEXT

A young man was beaten and injured in Rutana Commune, Burunga Province.

On June 18, 2026, on Bukemba Hill, Bukemba Zone, Rutana Commune in Burunga Province, around 9 p.m., Manirambona Didace, a 37-year-old farmer and member of the CNDD-FDD, was arrested by unknown persons on his way home from the local cabaret and wounded with

knives in the stomach, in the leg, on his arms by unknown people. He was dispatched to Rutana Hospital where he is being treated.

Attempted murder of a young girl Attack in Kibezi Commune, located in Burunga province

A young girl was seriously injured by her partner in the commune of Kibezi, located in the province of Burunga. Mugisha Inès, 17 years old, is a first-year language student at Ruhinga communal high school, also in the Kibezi area. She is the daughter of Jérémie, originally from Ruzibazi hill, in the commune of Rwibaga, Bujumbura province. This tragic event, which occurred on June 6, 2026, was reported to the head of the Kibezi area.

The alleged perpetrator, Ntirushwa Darcy, 20 years old, is the son of Ngomirakiza and Nibitanga, also from the hill and area of Kibezi, where the incident took place. He had previously dropped out of this school at the beginning of the third term, while he was in the third year of language studies, due to a significant drop in his academic results, as confirmed by the administrative officials and

the principal of Ruhinga communal high school.

According to administrative information, the victim was attacked on her way back from the home of her companion, who was accompanying her. The alleged attacker is said to have fled, convinced that she was already dead. She was transported to the Kibezi health centre by community members and then transferred to Bujumbura, where she unfortunately had an abortion. The latter is suspected of being the father of this pregnancy, but he refused to acknowledge it, according to the sources. While the zonal administration confirms that Darcy remains nowhere to be found, the victim's parents are demanding that the police arrest him and bring him to justice so that he can be held accountable in accordance with the legislation in force.

1.5. HUMAN RIGHTS CONTEXT

Prisoners are requesting their rights in the central prison of Ruyigi in Buhumuza province.

As of June 19, 2026, the ITEKA League was informed that inmates at the central prison of Ruyigi, located in the Buhumuza Province, are requesting the intervention of prison authorities due to acts of torture and inhuman

treatment they are subjected to. According to local sources, an individual named Sebushahu Augustin, elected as the president of the prisoners, is believed to be the cause of these malfunctions. According to this

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information, Sebushahu Augustin is described as a person with notorious indiscipline and is accused of multiple human rights violations.

Among the notable incidents, it is mentioned that in 2013, Augustin was arrested and imprisoned for strangling his wife to death in their home. Released in 2020, he was jailed again in 2021 for the murder of an albino, during which time he was appointed as the leader of the prisoners. Since then, these inmates have expressed their distress, claiming they live under a harsh and repressive prison

regime, to the point that some of them choose to pay fines to avoid further complications. They report incidents where prisoners were allegedly beaten and tortured by Augustin to the extent that they couldn't even sit.

It should be noted that these prisoners filed a complaint with the director of Ruyigi prison without receiving a favorable response to date.

1.6. GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

Urban cleaning that caused material damage in the Butihinda Commune in Buhumuza Province.

On the evening of Sunday, June 14, 2026, at a bar in downtown Masanganzira, the administrator of Butihinda commune, Honorable Carine Belyse Dukundane, gathered the local officials from the Gashoho area to urge them to clean up all along the main road Masanganzira-Gashoho-Muyinga in preparation for the visit of high-ranking officials who were coming to celebrate the 6th anniversary of President Évariste Ndayishimiye in power. These ceremonies were scheduled from June 18 to 20, 2026, at Umuco Stadium in the capital of Muyinga commune. To comply with the order from the administrator of the Butihinda commune, the Gashoho zone chief, Reverien Ndacayisaba, instructed the Imbonerakure of Gashoho to get up very early in the morning with machetes and cut down all the banana plantations along the Gashoho-Muyinga route to prevent resistance from the people who own these plantations. As a result, the morning of Monday, June 15, 2026, was marked by abusive cutting and malicious destruction of the plantations, mostly banana trees along the paved road. The local population is in total disarray since bananas are their main source of income when sold on the market, but also for consumption either dry or processed into beer. The governor of Buhumuza province, Denise

Ndaruhekere, took the step of suspending this delinquent zone chief, but the population sees it as just a token gesture because the acts should be punished according to the penal code. They are asking to be compensated and for the communal administrator to be suspended as well, since she is the one who ordered this crime. But there are concerns about her impunity because she is the wife of Charles Ndagijimana, former president of the constitutional court, who illegally legitimized the third term of the late Pierre Nkurunziza.

We should also point out that this administrator Carine Belyse Dukundane recently suspended the municipal accountant because he wouldn't deposit money into her account as she wished. She had ordered him to put 25,000,000 into her personal account, and the accountant refused. The next day, he found his office doors locked and no longer had access to work.

The preparations for the presidential crusade were marked by forced contributions to welcome the presidential family.

I.7. JUDICIAL CONTEXT

The Chadia Mukaremera case, CNIDH employee, closed without further action

On June 15, 2026, the public prosecutor at the Supreme Court closed the case regarding the disappearance of Chadia Mukaremera, a CNIDH employee, which had been missing since February 25, 2026. According to the deputy prosecutor, the decision was made due to a lack of evidence of any crime or identified perpetrator, under Article 104 of the CPP, without ruling out a possible reopening. In a letter dated June 12, 2026, signed by five CNIDH officials and sent to the President, they requested the indefinite suspension of Ms. BAKAMIRIZA Chantal's trip to Geneva from June 20 to July 1, 2026, citing her hearing by the PJ on March 31, 2026, and her last phone contact with Chadia on February 25, 2026, according to the PJP.

The main challenge for the CNIDH is handling a case involving its Secretary-General impartially and strictly applying the law in a sensitive matter just before Geneva. This case creates a gap between the institution's legal powers (UN Statute A - automatic referral, art.42) and the actions taken, which raises questions about its independence, diligence, and equal treatment regarding SDG 16. With just a few days before CNIDH's report is presented to the Human Rights Council by July 7, 2026, the handling of Chadia's case questions the institution's internal capacity and legal rigor, which Geneva will use to evaluate its global credibility.

II. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

II.1. RIGHT TO LIFE

II.1.1. VOLUNTARY HOMICIDES

II.1.1.1. PEOPLE KILLED FOR REASONS RELATED TO SCORE-SETTLING.

A teacher killed in the Commune and Province of Gitega.

On the night of Sunday, June 14, 2026, around 10:40 PM, Ndayumvire Léonce, a teacher at Notre-Dame de l'Espérance School in Shatanya and resident of Nyabiharage Quarter, Gitega Commune and Province, was killed in a grenade attack.

According to local sources, the victim received a phone call inviting him to leave his home. When he arrived at the gate, a grenade was thrown in his direction. Alerted by the

explosion, neighbors quickly rushed to help the victim but to no avail, as Ndayumvire Léonce succumbed to his injuries on the way to the hospital.

According to the neighborhood residents, what is confusing is the lack of a quick investigation, especially to identify the phone of the person who had called the victim shortly before the attack.

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

A man was killed in Cibitoke Commune in Bujumbura Province

On the morning of Saturday, June 13, 2026, in the commune of Cibitoke, Rugombo zone, Munyika hill, the neighbors of Fabien Manirakiza, a trader and gold trafficker, found his lifeless body at his home, mutilated with a machete.

According to several local sources, the main suspect is his son, Fidèle Yamuremye, who is 19 years old according to his identity card. The

latter is said to have fled immediately after the facts. The motive for this crime remains unknown, although close sources report family conflicts: the victim used to complain that his wife and children were stealing the proceeds from his gold trade. The local administration has announced the opening of an investigation.

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Rape followed by murder in Mugina Commune, Bujumbura Province

A young girl named Hafashimana, estimated to be between 17 and 20 years old, lived with her mother, a widowed farmer living on Kabere hill, in the Nkubara area, Mabayi zone, commune. The young girl was murdered after being raped around 7 p.m. by unknown people who allegedly chased her as she was coming back from the market. When her family waited for her in vain, her brother alerted the neighbors around 9 p.m. to start searching.

His lifeless body was found in a nearby banana plantation. The victim showed signs of choking with banana leaves and strangulation. She also bore signs of rape, her private part having been savagely mutilated, probably with a sharp object. According to some of the victims' neighbours, they describe the murder as a

ritual crime. For others, the attackers murdered her for fear of being denounced, either because the victim had recognized them or because they had stolen the money from her sale of coal.

Although the police and the administration have announced investigations, the inhabitants of Mabayi report that no serious means have yet been undertaken to identify the perpetrators. In addition, residents suspect that the culprits may be protected, who they believe to be Imbonerakure or Kinyarwanda-speaking men who have replaced the army and police in night patrols.

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

On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, around 6:45 a.m., the lifeless body of Ndayizeye Emelyne, 24 years old, was found on the banks of the Nyakijanda River, near Macu Hill, in the Gitega commune and province.

According to our source, the victim's parents said that their daughter had left home on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, around 3 p.m., saying she was going to visit a friend. They began to worry about her disappearance around 9 p.m.

because she wasn't used to coming home late. Her body was found the next morning.

The same source said that the body had its hands and feet tied with ropes and showed multiple injuries to the face and legs, and that she was also reportedly a victim of sexual violence since her underwear was found torn and left at the spot where her body was discovered.

A lifeless body of a 6-year-old child was found on Buheka Hill, Nyanza commune, in Burunga province.

On June 15, 2026, the lifeless body of a 6-year-old child was found on Buheka Hill, Kazirabageni area, in the Nyanza commune, Burunga province. According to information gathered on site, it was noted that the child did not return around 8:18 PM.

The alert was raised after the parents realized their child hadn't come back home. Children who were with him at the Rwaba River said they saw him disappear into the water.

According to local authorities, the child reportedly jumped into the dam built on the Rwaba River, which is used for irrigating the surrounding marsh fields. He was then

supposedly held by the mud collected at the bottom of the water.

The parents, accompanied by administrative and police officials, immediately started searching. The lifeless body of the child was eventually found at the bottom of the dam, standing upright according to information provided by the authorities.

The victim has been identified as BUCUMI Eliphaz, 6 years old, son of HATUNGIMANA Onesime and NIYONKURU Jacqueline. The body was then transferred to the morgue at the Buheka municipal hospital.

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The circumstances of this tragedy remind us of hydraulic structures and bodies of water that the importance of being extra careful around kids visit.

A lifeless body was found in Kinama, Ntahangwa commune, Bujumbura province.

Information received by the Iteka League on June 16, 2026, indicates that the body of a young woman was discovered on the morning of June 12, 2026, specifically in the Fifth Cell (cell 5) of the Bukirasazi Quarter, Kinama Zone, Ntahangwa Commune, Bujumbura Province.

The deceased was a young girl whose identity could not be established, as no identification

documents were found on her. Witnesses who saw the body state that her killers first allegedly raped her before strangling her, and then came to leave the body in that location. It is suspected that these criminals may have murdered her far from there before bringing the body to abandon it in this wooded area of cell 5 in the Bukirasazi Quarter.

Discovery of a dead man's body in the Commune and Province of Gitega.

On June 17, 2026, around 4 p.m., on Mirama Hill, Mubuga area, Gitega commune and province, the lifeless body of Daradangwa Emmanuel Damascène, 65 years old, was found hanging inside his home.

According to witnesses, the victim was suspended from a beam in the house's roof. His family members alerted the authorities, claiming it was a suicide. According to our source, after arriving on the scene, Officer Kabanyana Clarisse was informed by neighbors that there were doubts about this theory. They pointed out that the victim's feet were touching the ground, which, according to them, raises questions about the suicide hypothesis.

The neighbors requested a thorough investigation to determine whether the victim might have been killed before being hung to simulate a suicide. They also mentioned that the deceased had long-standing conflicts with some members of his family.

As part of the investigation, Ndereyimana Gaudence and Bayubahe Saphia, the deceased's wife and daughter respectively, were questioned and taken into custody at the Gitega Provincial Police Station to continue the investigations.

A lifeless body of a girl in the Commune and Province of Gitega.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, around 3 p.m., the lifeless body of Irankunda Bernadette, 24 years old, daughter of Habonimana Evariste and Ndereyimana Pascasie, was found hanging from a ceiling beam in her room on Muremera hill, Giheta area, in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to our source, the circumstances of this death raise questions. Witnesses say that the body was in an unusual position and that

the victim had injuries on her neck and back. They believe she may have been attacked before being hanged to make it look like a suicide.

Neighbors also say they are surprised that no family member has been questioned or investigated in this case.



II.1.2. KIDNAPPINGS AND/OR FORCED DISAPPEARANCES

A person kidnapped in Kirundo commune, Butanyerera province

On June 17, 2026, around 11 p.m., on the Murwa sub-hill, Ruhehe hill, Bugabira area, Kirundo commune, and Butanyerera Province, Nintunze Jean Claude, known by the nickname Bizuru, son of Miburo Emmanuel, was arbitrarily arrested and then taken to the Bugabira area jail accompanied by the area chief of Bugabira, Ildephonse Misago, the head of the youth league in Bugabira, Ndayikengurutse J Pierre, and the head of the youth league in Butanyerera.

Jean Claude lived in Bujumbura and worked as a truck driver transporting goods between countries in the sub-region, from where he came to Ngozi to renew his passport and took the opportunity to visit his family in Bugabira on June 15, 2026.

At his arrest on June 17, 2026, he was placed in the Bugabira zone cell, from where he was taken and loaded into a military pickup on June 18, 2026, around 5 p.m. Miburo Emmanuel, the victim's father, who lives 100 meters from the Bugabira zone police station, saw the people mentioned above surround his house and ask him to open up. The house was searched, but nothing compromising was

found. However, Nintunze Jean Claude was arrested and held in the Bugabira zone cell at the request of the zonal commissioner, Kwizera Annicet, who had been called by the victim's father. The victim was taken out of the cell and driven to an unknown location in a pickup surrounded by four soldiers and two others in civilian clothes.

Nintunze Jean Claude went into exile in 2015 in Rwanda and was then repatriated in 2021, but he faced many hardships, including searches, imprisonments, and phone threats from unidentified people, and he returned to Rwanda in August 2022. He was repatriated again in March 2023 and joined the CNDD-FDD party in September 2023 to gain trust, but without success. He noticed that Bizimana Emmanuel and Hatungimana Celeus, who were also repatriated, were information collectors and reported that Nintunze J Claude was a lieutenant in the RED Tabara rebellion, so Nintunze J Claude was always under surveillance. He left after receiving a job to convoy trucks carrying goods.

A retired soldier went missing in Mugere commune, Bujumbura province

Jean Claude Nduwimana, a retired soldier from Gitaba hill, Rutana commune and province, and living in the Busoro neighborhood, Kanyosha area, Mugere commune, Bujumbura province, has gone

missing. He left his home on the morning of June 20, 2026, to go exercise, but has not returned since. His family has had no news from him to this day.

II.2. Physical and/or Mental Integrity

II.2.1. RAPES

A young girl was raped in Kabezi, Mugere commune, in Bujumbura province

On June 16, 2026, a young girl named I. R, 17 years old, was a victim of rape on Kabezi Hill, Kabezi area, Mugere commune, Bujumbura province.

R. is a student at L.Co KABEZI. That day, she was coming home from school and on the way she met a biker she knew, named Gamariel, who usually gave her rides. While they were on the road, this biker suggested she come to his place to share a meal. The young girl agreed. When they got to his place, they ate, then the biker ordered some alcohol and they drank

together. She did not go back home and spent the night there with the biker.

The next day, when she woke up, she realized she had been raped. Her parents, having learned where she had spent the night, came to get her. When they arrived, they found her leaving, and the young man had already gone. She told them what had happened, and then they looked for the young man with the police, but he had already fled.

II.3. RIGHT TO FREEDOM

II.3.1. ARRESTS AND ARBITRARY DETENTIONS

Arrest of a man in Karusi Commune in Gitega Province

Since Wednesday, June 17, 2026, a teacher named KAZUNGU Fabrice, a member of the CNDD FDD over 35 years old from the Buhiga hill and zone in the KARUSI commune, has been jailed in the Buhiga cell. The reason seems to be that he refused to give his one-and-a-half-year-old (1 year 6 months) child to his wife Nshimirimana, also over 30 and a member of the CNDD FDD from the same hill.

The conflicts began on Tuesday, June 09, 2026 when they argued during the night and as the man was drunk, this woman injured him with a razor oar with several injuries and the man was taken to Buhiga Hospital where he spent 4

days hospitalized. In addition, the woman abandoned her one-and-a-half-year-old child with the man's parents. Thus, this Tuesday, 16/06/2026, after a week, this woman went to the area to complain to an OPJ and was given a summons to answer the next day, Wednesday, and when he showed up, he was arrested and incarcerated.

For the moment, the parents of this man are worried about this unjust arrest according to them but he was released this Friday but we have known the measures that have been taken.

A man arrested in Muyinga Commune in Buhumuza Province.

On Thursday, June 18, 2026, around 3 p.m., a man named NTWARI from CNDD FDD, 32 years old and originally from Bwica hill, Cumba area in Muyinga commune, was arrested on Rwingoma hill, Buhiga area in Karusi commune while riding a stolen bike from Muyinga that he was planning to sell in

Karusi. He was caught by some imbonerakure, who called their zone leader to come see the thief, and according to a source on the spot, he was beaten badly before being taken to their place in critical condition, although we don't know what happened to him afterward.

Imprisonment of a Bancobu agent in Mwaro Commune in Gitega Province.

A man named Claude, an agent of the Bancobu Bank Agency in Mwaro, has been held at the Mwaro provincial police station, located in Gatere, for a week (since the morning of Monday, June 15, 2026). This detention follows an incident that occurred between him and Uwayezu Claude, a prominent member of the ruling party in Mwaro, while they were at a nightclub on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

The origin of this clash comes from Claude (the Bank agent) refusing to congratulate Uwayezu Claude, who was recently appointed head of the Imbonerakure youth league of the ruling party in the Mwaro area. Uwayezu also serves as the

Health Service Chief within the commune of Mwaro, a position he has held since the country's new administrative division was implemented over a year ago.

The information gathered on site indicates that Uwayezu Claude filed a complaint with the police, accusing him of having attacked an official ("yakubise urwego"). Uwayezu has a reputation for provoking others in entertainment venues, relying on his affiliation with the ruling party.



Anyone should be respected

III. SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

III.1. DISRUPTION OF ECONOMIC LIFE

A new fertilizer shortage is worrying farmers in Matana and Bururi in Burunga province.

Farmers in the Matana and Bururi communes, in Burunga province, are facing a new shortage of agricultural inputs in the middle of the dry season. This situation is jeopardizing farming activities in several areas where growers are struggling to get the fertilizers they need for their crops.

In the Kajondi area, in Matana commune, residents are reporting a shortage of FOMI Imbura and Bagara fertilizers, which are essential for growing maize, beans, and potatoes. According to them, this shortage adds to previous backlogs of urea and dolomite fertilizers that they had paid for in advance for the A and B cropping seasons, but never received.

Farmers say that the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock had actually collected the receipts proving the advance payment for these fertilizers. Despite that, the products in question were not distributed.

The problem isn't limited to Kajondi. The Nyagasasa and Muramba areas in Matana commune, as well as Bamba-Muzenga in Bururi commune, are also affected. In these places, farmers say they are losing hope in the face of this situation that threatens their crops.

"We have no hope of getting these fertilizers. We're wasting our time farming in the marshes when there's no fertilizer," lamented some farmers on site.

The administrative and agricultural authorities of the affected communes confirm the shortage. They explain that the available

stocks were entirely distributed during the C crop season. However, FOMI has not yet restocked the provincial depots.

During a recent public show bringing together ministers and journalists, Prime Minister Nestor Ntahontuye acknowledged the existence of this challenge. He stated that the government has faced a significant increase in the number of farmers requesting fertilizer. According to him, FOMI has also been affected by a lack of foreign currency, which has limited the import of raw materials needed for fertilizer production.

The head of government nonetheless assured that measures are underway to resolve this issue and improve the country's supply of agricultural inputs.

Faced with this ongoing situation, some voices are calling for the liberalization of the fertilizer sector. Some farmers believe that allowing private operators to import fertilizers would help reduce recurring shortages and end FOMI's monopoly. For now, the government hasn't officially responded to this proposal.

As the farming season continues, growers in Matana and Bururi fear that this fertilizer shortage could lead to a significant drop in agricultural production, directly affecting their income and the region's food security.



IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

To the Government of Burundi:

1. Conduct systematic, transparent, and independent judicial investigations as soon as lifeless bodies are found to identify the victims and determine the motives of the murder.
2. Ensure that the families of the victims have the legitimate right to file a complaint and freely access the findings of autopsy reports and forensic examinations before any burial.
3. Implement stringent measures to put an end to the impunity surrounding these crimes, and ensure that all perpetrators of human rights violations are held accountable before an impartial justice system.