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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 4 to 11 June 2022 regarding cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

At least three (3) people were murdered during this period in different parts of the country.

The report also deplores the case of one (1) CNL (National Congress for Freedom) party activist who was arbitrarily arrested by Imbonerakure in Bujumbura province.

1. Violations of the right to life

- On the morning of 4 June 2022, the lifeless body of Térencia Nahimana, aged 60, a sentry at Shekinah School, was found at the same school on the Nyamugari hill, in Rusaka commune of Mwaro province (central Burundi). According to local sources, his body showed no signs of violence. The circumstances and perpetrators of his death have not yet been identified.
- On the night of Friday 10 June 2022 at around 7 p.m., a man known as Pierre Ntahiho, aged over 70, was killed and decapitated with a machete by unidentified individuals on the hill of Rutegama in the commune and province of Gitega (central Burundi).

According to witnesses to the gruesome discovery, the victim's body was found about 50 metres from his home. The motive and perpetrators of the crime remain unknown.

- On 10 June 2022, the lifeless body of a woman named Aline Ngendahoruri, aged 45, who lived in the Gihwanya quarter in the capital of Rumonge province (south-western Burundi), was discovered near the Murembwe River on National Road No. 3 in the same province.

According to local sources, Aline Ngendahoruri was strangled by unidentified persons and had been missing since Tuesday 7 June 2022.

2. Violations of the right to liberty: arbitrary arrests and detentions

- On the night of Friday 10 June 2022 at around 7 p.m., Samson Nyandwi, leader of the CNL party on the Nyabunyegeri hill, Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, in Bujumbura province (western Burundi), was arbitrarily arrested at the Muzazi River by Imbonerakure led by a certain Nduwimana.

According to witnesses, at the time of his arrest, Samson Nyandwi, who works as a photographer, was coming from the locality of Maramvya where he had gone to deliver photos to his clients. The same sources said that after his arrest, he was taken to the CNDD-FDD (National Council for the Defence of Democracy-Force for the Defence of Democracy) party headquarters in Kirekura before being picked up by policemen who took him to their position in the same locality. Samson Nyandwi was taken the next morning to the headquarters of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in Bujumbura city by an agent of this service known as Djuma Ramadan in a double-cabin Hilux pick-up van with the registration number A3077.



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SOS-Torture/Burundi was initiated with the aim of informing national and international opinion about the serious human rights violations taking place in Burundi through monitoring reports, particularly on torture, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, sexual violence and summary executions.

This initiative to inform on the realities of the country followed the carnage of a hundred people killed during the day of 11 and 12 December 2015 by police and military under the pretext of pursuing rebels who had just attacked military camps on the outskirts of the capital.

The affected areas are said to be contesting the third term of President Nkurunziza, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga and Jabe, the last two being located in the centre of Bujumbura city.