

SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT N° 343 PUBLISHED ON 9 JULY 2022

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 2 to 9 July 2022 regarding cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

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

The report also deplores the case of one (1) person who was seriously injured by bullets in Cibitoke province.

1. Violations of the right to life

- On the night of Sunday 3 July 2022, at around 11 p.m., Joseph Ndahabonimana, aged 85, and his grandson, Jean Pierre Kubwayo, were shot dead by a group of unidentified individuals who found him at their home on Kiramira hill in Rugombo commune of Cibitoke province (north-west of Burundi).

According to local sources, motives related to witchcraft and land conflicts are behind this double murder.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the police and judicial authorities to carry out impartial judicial investigations to identify the perpetrators of the double murder and bring them to justice in order to punish them in accordance with the law.

- On the night of Tuesday 5 July 2022, a taxi driver known as Jean Bosco Niyonkuru alias Nyarubwa was killed by unidentified individuals on the hill of Birarana, Bukuba zone, Vumbi commune, in Kirundo province (northern Burundi).

According to local sources, an unidentified person called Jean Bosco Niyonkuru to conclude a contract for the paid transport of luggage and, on the way, he was ambushed by unidentified men who killed him with knives. His body was left in his vehicle.

2. Violations of the right to physical integrity

- On the night of Sunday 3 July 2022, at around 11 p.m., Goreth Gakobwa, aged 68, was seriously injured by bullets fired by a group of unidentified individuals on the Kiramira hill in Rugombo commune of Cibitoke province (north-western Burundi).

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 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 December 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.