

## SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT N° 344 PUBLISHED ON 16 JULY 2022

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 9 to 16 July 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.

### **1. Violations of the right to life**

- On the night of Friday to Saturday, 9 July 2022, an activist of the CNL party (National Congress for Freedom) known as André Ndagijimana, from the hill of Ruyumpu in Kiremba commune of Ngozi province (northern Burundi), died in the hospital of Ngozi as a result of ill-treatment inflicted by the head of the central prison of Ngozi.

According to witnesses, André Ndagijimana had been asking for permission to go outside the prison for a month to receive medical treatment, but the prison official had flatly refused to allow him to enjoy his inalienable right to health because he was simply a CNL activist. It should be recalled that André Ndagijimana was imprisoned with 15 other militants of this party following clashes on 24 April 2022 with members of the CNDD-FDD (National Council for the Defence of Democracy- Forces for the Defence of Democracy).

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the judicial authorities to conduct credible and impartial investigations to establish responsibility for this death and to punish the person in charge of the Ngozi central prison in accordance with the law. It asks those in charge of the prisons to treat all prisoners equally, without exclusion based on their political or ethnic affiliation.

- On the morning of Tuesday 12 July 2022, a decomposing lifeless body of an unidentified girl was discovered on the hill of Kizingoma, in the commune and province of Makamba (southern Burundi).

According to witnesses to the discovery, the body of the victim was immersed up to his chest in stagnant water at the foot of Kizingoma hill. The victim's body was buried on the spot by Red Cross workers.

- On the night of Friday 15 July 2022 at around 7 p.m., a girl named Aline Kaneza, aged 34, was killed in the locality of Gatanga, not far from her home on the hill of Mugozi, in the commune and province of Bururi (southern Burundi).

According to local sources, Aline Kaneza had left Bururi town centre with a young man and when they separated, the girl was killed and decapitated with a machete by unidentified individuals.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the police and judicial authorities to conduct impartial and independent investigations to identify the perpetrators of these murders and bring them to justice.



## SOS - Torture/Burundi

*Monitoring sur les cas de torture, les arrestations arbitraires, les disparitions forcées et les exécutions sommaires au 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 town hall.