

## **SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT N° 350 PUBLISHED ON 27 AUGUST 2022**

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 20 to 27 August 2022 concerning cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

At least one (1) person was murdered during this period in Ngozi province.

The report also deplors the cases of two (2) people who were seriously injured by bullets fired by the provincial head of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in Rutana province and two (2) other people who were also tortured by him. Finally, the report regrets the case of a young girl who was raped by a member of the Imbonerakure militia in Rumonge province.

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

- On Friday 26 August 2022, the lifeless body of a woman known as Astérie Miburo was discovered in the swamp of the Nyakijima River on Mivo hill in the commune and province of Ngozi (northern Burundi).

According to witnesses to the macabre discovery, the victim was killed and then decapitated by unidentified individuals. The same sources suspect that the deceased, Astérie Miburo, was the victim of a land dispute and state that the day before her murder she had proceeded to the final mourning of her husband.

### **2. Violation of the right to physical integrity**

- In the early hours of Saturday 20 August 2022, the head of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in the province of Rutana (south-east Burundi) shot and seriously injured two of the three motorcyclists who had been fraudulently selling

fuel from Tanzania on the Ngomante hill in Gakungu zone in the commune of Giharo, on the border between the two countries.

According to witnesses, the SNR officer in Rutana tried to arrest the three fraudsters who refused to comply and then fired several bullets at them, hitting two of them.

The same sources said that the bosses of the fraudsters, Vianney and Runyabuye, were arrested and tortured before being taken to the SNR prison in the capital of Rutana province. They were released the next day after having paid a sum of two million Burundian francs (2000000 FBU) jointly as a form of corruption.

### 3. Case of gender-based violence

- Information received by SOS-Torture Burundi on 20 August 2022 reveals that a young girl C. N., aged 14, was raped on Saturday 13 August 2022 by a member of the Imbonerakure militia known as Marc Ninteretse on the Rutumo hill in Minago zone, in the commune and province of Rumonge (south-west Burundi).

According to local sources, Marc Ninteretse, aged 33, deceived the victim by giving her a note of one thousand Burundian francs (1,000 FBU) after asking her to help him clean the area around his shop and then took advantage of the opportunity to rape her in a bush on the way home.

The same sources said that the victim was taken to the Magara health centre for appropriate treatment while the alleged rapist was arrested and taken to the provincial police station in Rumonge for a judicial investigation.



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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 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.