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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 3 to 10 September 2022 regarding cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

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

The report also deplores the case of two (2) people who were arbitrarily arrested and detained in the city of Bujumbura and in Makamba.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On the night of Saturday 3 September 2022 at around 11 p.m., 67-year-old Frédéric Burakuyve was killed by his son Alexis Tunayo on the hill and in the Gisimbawaga zone of Mutumba commune, in Karusi province (central-eastern Burundi).

According to local sources, Alexis Tunayo, an 18-year-old teenage farmer, first intervened in an argument between his parents over a lost chicken. As a result, he severely beat his father, who died on the spot after hitting his head against a wall.

According to the same sources, the perpetrator tried to escape, but was apprehended by police the next morning at the Karusi urban centre car park when he wanted to flee to another location and was taken to the Karusi provincial police station lock-up where he is being held pending trial in a flagrante delicto case.

2. Violation of the right to liberty: arbitrary arrest and detention

- For more than a week, a woman known as Floriane Irangabiye has been arbitrarily detained in the SNR (National Intelligence Service) dungeon in the city of Bujumbura (western Burundi).

According to local sources, on 28 August, Floriane Irangabiye left Rwanda, where she had been living for some time, for Burundi. She was arrested two days later by SNR agents after being accused of collaboration with armed groups and espionage. However, no information on the motive for her arrest has been released by the Burundian secret service or the police.

- On Saturday 3 September 2022, a CNL (National Congress for Freedom) party activist known as Léonce Sakubu was arbitrarily arrested by the Kayogoro communal administrator, Antoine Ndayiragije, on the Nyentakara hill in the commune of Kayogoro in Makamba province (southern Burundi).

According to witnesses, Antoine Ndayiragije summoned Léonce to his office and arrested him and detained him in the communal cell, accusing him of being the source of the arrest by the regional police commissioner of his two fraudsters of different products from Tanzania (Onesphore Nirera and a pastor named Hajayandi). The same sources said that the arrest of Léonce Sakubu was followed by a search by Imbonerakure sent by the local administrator at his home in Nyentakara during the same night at around 3 a.m.. He was only released after spending five days in detention after the intervention of the regional police commissioner in Makamba.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the country's authorities to punish the Kayogoro communal administrator in accordance with the law for violating the code of criminal procedure, which grants powers of deprivation of liberty to persons listed by law.



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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.