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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 19 to 26 November 2022 regarding cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

At least four (4) people were murdered during this period in different localities in the country.

1. Violations of the right to life

- A report received by SOS-Torture Burundi on 20 November 2022 reveals that three lifeless bodies were discovered in the communes of Buganda and Murwi in Cibitoke province (north-western Burundi). The first body of an unidentified young man in his thirties, was discovered in the morning of 18 November 2022, naked, tied up and hung with a rope from a tree at 4th transverse on the Ndava hill in Buganda commune, some 500 metres from the Rusizi river separating Burundi from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The second body of an unidentified young man in advanced decomposition was discovered on 17 November 2022 on Kansega hill in the same locality of Ndava.

The third body of an unidentified young man was recovered from the Gitenge River on 14 November 2022 at the foot of the Buzirasazi hill and zone in Murwi commune.

SOS-Torture Burundi denounces the resurgence of crime in the province of Cibitoke, reputed to be a repository of murdered people whose bodies are then found abandoned in or near the Rusizi River. It calls on the judicial authorities to carry out thorough investigations to identify the perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice.

- On Sunday 20 November 2022, the lifeless body of Gamaliel Vyuname was fished out of the Malagarazi River, bordering the United Republic of Tanzania, at the foot of the Butezi hill and zone, in Giharo commune of Rutana province of (south-east Burundi).

According to local sources, a few days before his disappearance, Gamaliel Vyuname, a native of the same locality, had responded to an invitation from the former chief of the Butezi hill, Vincent Butoyi, who asked him to come to his house to recover a sum of money that he owed him.

The same sources report that the victim was ambushed by Imbonerakure youth who murdered him before reaching his destination.

We call for an end to the abuses of this militia and for investigations to bring to justice the perpetrators of this horrible crime.

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.