

SOS-TORTURE BURUNDI REPORT N° 384 PUBLISHED ON 22 APRIL 2023

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 15 to 22 April 2023 regarding cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

At least six (6) people were murdered during this period in different parts of the country.

The report also deplores the case of a person who was seriously injured in Bururi province.

1. Violations of the right to life

- On the evening of Sunday 16 April 2023, a man known as Samuel Rukundo was stabbed to death by his neighbour, Silas Rwemera, on the hill of Tura of the Giteranyi commune, in Muyinga province (north-east Burundi).

According to local sources, the criminal suspected the victim of having an intimate relationship with his wife. The same sources said that Samuel Rukundo tried to flee from his assailant and was murdered in his house where he had taken refuge.

SOS-Torture Burundi has learned that the perpetrator of the assassination has been apprehended by the police for a judicial investigation.

- In the afternoon of Tuesday 18 April 2023 at around 4 p.m., three decomposing lifeless bodies of unidentified men were discovered in a mass grave by soldiers in the Kibira nature reserve on the Myave hill, Ndora zone, Bukinyana commune, in Cibitoke province (north-west of Burundi).

According to local sources, the bodies, which were bathed in a pool of blood, were tied together and riddled with bullets.

The same sources said that the bodies, which are suspected to be those of Rwandan rebels of the National Liberation Forces (FLN), were buried on the spot the same day on the orders of the Bukinanyana communal administrator, Christian Nkurikiye.

- On Tuesday 18 April 2023, the lifeless body of Egide Nkuriyigoma, a cook at Bururi high school, was found on the Nanira sub-hill of Nyavyamo hill, in Bururi commune and province (southern Burundi).

According to local sources, Egide Nkuriyigoma was killed and then decapitated with machetes by unidentified individuals.

- On Tuesday 18 April 2023, a decomposing lifeless body of an unidentified man was discovered on the Rubanga sub-hill of Muzima hill, in Bururi commune and province (southern Burundi).

SOS-Torture Burundi denounces the increase in targeted killings in Bururi province and calls for a credible and independent investigation to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

2. Violation of the right to physical integrity

- According to information received by SOS-Torture Burundi, on the night of Friday 14 April 2023, Edouard Hatungimana, a watchman at the Nircade Hotel in the capital of Bururi province (southern Burundi), was seriously wounded with machetes by unidentified men who ambushed him as he was returning to his home at Kabuye hill in the centre of Bururi province.

According to local sources, Edouard Hatungimana, a retired member of the Burundian army, lost three fingers in the attack while trying to defend himself. The



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same sources said that the victim was evacuated to Bururi hospital for medical treatment.

SOS-Torture Burundi deploras the resurgence of crime in the urban centre of Bururi province and calls on administrative and police officials to take appropriate measures to curb this growing crime phenomenon in this locality.

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.