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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 16 to 23 November 2024 and deals with cases of human rights violations in Burundi.

During this period, at least one (1) person was murdered in the province of Cibitoke.

The report also mentions the case of one (1) young man from the Burundian diaspora in Sweden who was abducted by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in Bujumbura city.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On the night of Friday 22 November 2024, unidentified men shot at close range a man known as Phenias Nteziryayo on the hill of Mparambo 2 in the commune of Rugombo, Cibitoke province, less than a kilometre from the Rusizi river separating Burundi from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

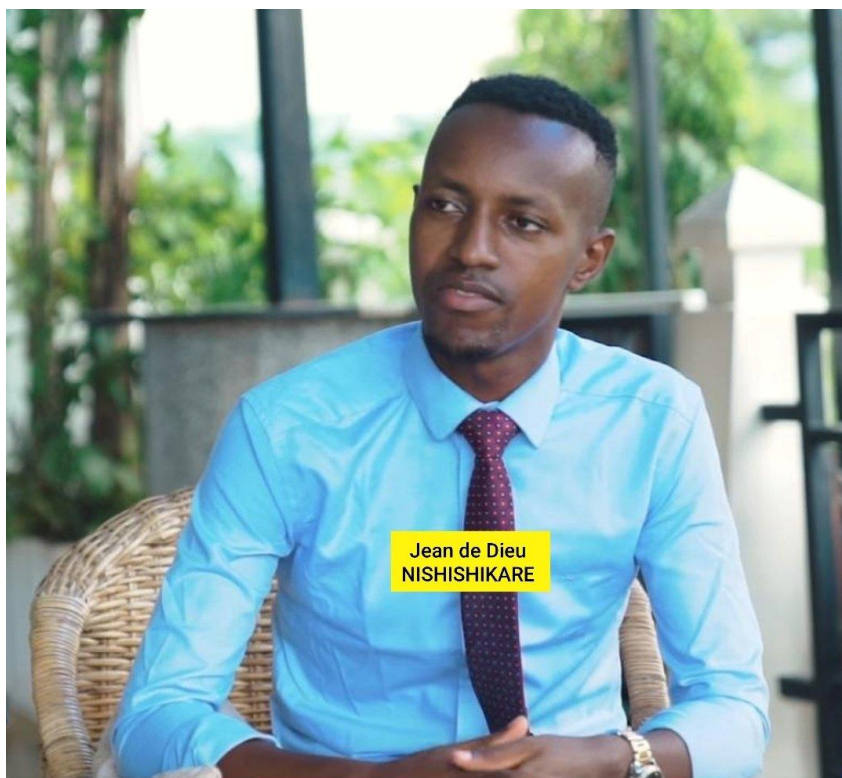
According to neighbours, the body of Phenias Nteziryayo, riddled with two bullets in the chest, was discovered the following morning. According to them, he was attacked as he was returning from the DRC with a quantity of fuel and loincloths.

Residents of the Mparambo 2 locality suspect the Imbonerakure of being responsible for this crime, given that they are the only ones to go out at night on armed patrols.

SOS-Torture Burundi is calling for a detailed, impartial and thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of the murder of Phénias Nteziryayo and punish them following the law.

2. Kidnapping or enforced disappearance

- On Tuesday 19 November 2024, agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) abducted Jean de Dieu Nishishikare (see photo below) near the Regina Mundi Cathedral in the Rohero II zone of Bujumbura and took him to an unknown destination.



According to members of his family, Jean de Dieu Nishishikare is a 26-year-old Burundian citizen living in Sweden since 2019 but with plans to carry out in Burundi. He had been back in his homeland for a few weeks to prepare for a concert by a Nigerian-born singer known as Rema.

The same sources said that on the day of his abduction, Jean de Dieu Nishishikare received a telephone call from a man nicknamed Big, asking him to meet him in the town centre, close to the Regina Mundi Cathedral. However, Jean de Dieu Nishishikare was apprehended by SNR agents just as he arrived at the agreed



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location and taken to an unknown destination. Jean de Dieu Nishishikare has been missing ever since, and his telephone has been switched off.

SOS-Torture Burundi urges the General Administration of the SNR to reveal the fate of Jean de Dieu Nishishikare as well as the place where he is being held.

SOS-Torture/Burundi was set up to inform 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 provide information on the realities of the country followed the carnage of around a hundred people killed on 11 December and 12 December 2015 by police and soldiers on the pretext of pursuing rebels who had just attacked military camps on the outskirts of the capital.

The areas affected are said to be those contesting President Nkurunziza's third term in office, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga and Jabe, the last two being located in the centre of Bujumbura city.

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