



## SOS – Torture/Burundi

Monitoring sur les cas de torture, les arrestations arbitraires, les disparitions forcées et les exécutions sommaires au Burundi

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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 25 January to 1 February 2025 and documents cases of human rights violations that occurred in Burundi.

During this period, three (3) people were murdered in the province of Gitega and in the town hall of Bujumbura.

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

- On Saturday, January 25, 2025, during the day, the lifeless body of Pascal Minani, 73, was found hanging from a rope inside his house, on the hill of Bugega, in the commune of Buraza, in the province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, a ladder was next to the body. They believe that the septuagenarian would have been killed elsewhere and that his body would have been brought to his home to simulate suicide.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of Pascal Minani's murder so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

- On Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the morning, a lifeless body of a young man who has not been identified was found in Ward II of the Bwiza zone, Mukaza commune, in the city of Bujumbura, at a place commonly called "*Kubinyoni*", very close to the Ntakangwa River.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body had no injuries. They believe that this young man was killed elsewhere and that he was brought there to cover the tracks of a subsequent investigation.

The same sources said that the administrator of the commune of Mukaza had the body taken at 9 a.m. to a morgue of one of the hospitals in the north of the city of Bujumbura.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of the crime and punish them in accordance with the law.

- On Thursday, January 30, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body of a 20-year-old girl, known as Josiane Niyonkuru was found in a field in the Magarama district, in the commune and province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, Josiane Niyonkuru was raped and then brutally killed by strangulation.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for an impartial and thorough investigation to identify the perpetrator of the crime and punish him in accordance with the law.

SOS-Torture/Burundi was initiated with the aim of informing national and international opinion about the serious human rights violations underway in Burundi through monitoring reports, particularly on torture, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, sexual violence and summary executions.

This initiative to inform about the realities of the country followed the carnage of a hundred people killed during the day of December 11 and December 12, 2015 by police and soldiers under the pretext of pursuing rebels who had just attacked military camps located on the outskirts of the capital.

The affected areas are said to be protest areas of President Nkurunziza's third term, namely Musaga, Mutakura, Cibitoke, Nyakabiga, Jabe, the last two being located in the center of the Bujumbura City Hall.