

SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 483 PUBLISHED ON 16 MARCH 2025

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 8 to 15 March 2025 and documents cases of human rights violations that occurred in Burundi.

During this period, one (1) person was murdered in Ruyigi province.

The report also mentions the case of one (1) person who was seriously injured in the province of Rumonge.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Sunday, February 2, 2025, during the day, Banyamulenge refugees discovered the lifeless body of an unidentified man a few meters from the Nyankanda refugee camp, located in Butezi commune, Ruyigi province.

According to witnesses, the decomposing and decapitated body was lying in the mud near the wells where the Congolese refugees wash their clothes.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of an investigation to identify the victim and the perpetrators of this crime, with a view to punishing them in accordance with the law.

2. Infringement of the right to physical integrity

- On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the morning, as-yet-unidentified individuals violently beat and seriously injured a man named Désiré Ndikuriyo, 35, after accusing him of theft, on Rukinga hill, in the commune and province of Rumonge. According to residents of this locality, Désiré Ndikuriyo, a resident of the Swahili district, on 3rd Avenue in the city of Rumonge, was arrested on the night of Tuesday



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to Wednesday by unidentified individuals. The latter violently beat him before amputating his arm, then abandoning him, in agony, in a cassava field.

According to the same sources, local authorities have evacuated Désiré Ndikuriyo to the provincial hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators of this crime and bring them to justice.

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.