

SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 498 PUBLISHED ON 29 JUNE 2025

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 21 to 28 June 2025 and documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

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

The report also reports the case of one (1) person who was seriously injured by police officers in Makamba province.

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Sunday, June 22, 2025, in the morning, the lifeless body of Antoine Sibomana alias Bujisho, a 32-year-old motorcycle taxi driver, was found behind the Kamaramagambo hospital, in the commune of Butihinda, Muyinga province.

According to eyewitnesses, Antoine Sibomana was strangled by as-yet-unidentified individuals, who intended to steal his motorcycle. She was found in a bar called "Bantu Boy", located on the hill of Kamaramagambo, where the victim would have spent the evening of the previous day consuming drinks in the company of other customers of this locality, until around 9 p.m.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of a thorough, impartial and thorough investigation in order to identify the perpetrators of this crime and bring them to justice in accordance with the law.

2. Violation of the right to physical integrity

- According to information gathered by SOS-Torture Burundi, on the night of Thursday, June 19, 2025, at around 8 p.m., two police officers named Lionel and Clovis, assigned to the Nyanza-Lac police station, violently beat and seriously injured Adrien Nshimirimana (see photo below), on the hill of Rubindi, commune of Nyanza-Lac, in the province of Makamba.



According to eyewitnesses, Adrien Nshimirimana was in a bar in the locality, sharing a glass of beer with a mason friend who had invited him there after receiving his salary. When it was time to pay the bill, the two officers noticed that the two men had a large sum of money and immediately developed a plan to rob them of it.

According to the same sources, as Adrien Nshimirimana and his friend were returning to their homes, they were ambushed by the two policemen. The latter managed to subdue Adrien Nshimirimana and violently beat him and demanded that he hand over all the money in his possession. His friend, meanwhile, was able to flee with his money.

The police then abandoned Adrien Nshimirimana, seriously injured, on the side of the Rumonge-Nyanza-Lac national road. He was evacuated by Rubindi residents to the hospital in Nyanza-Lac, while the two police officers remain at large, although the police station chief, nicknamed Yaba, was informed of the incident at the time of the incident.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for an immediate, impartial and rigorous investigation to arrest the perpetrators of this attack and bring them to justice.

In conclusion, the violations reported this week illustrate the persistence of violence, police abuses and impunity in Burundi. SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the authorities to carry out prompt and impartial investigations, bring the perpetrators to justice and ensure effective human rights protection. The organization reaffirms its commitment to documenting these abuses and defending the victims.

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.