

## **SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 504 PUBLISHED ON 10 AUGUST 2025**

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 2 to 9 August 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, one (1) person was murdered by Imbonerakure in Burunga province.

The report also mentions the case of one (1) person who was kidnapped by agents of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) in the province of Bujumbura.

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

- On Monday, August 4, 2025, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified young girl was found hanging on a palm tree with the help of a rope braided from part of her loincloth in the locality of Kagoti, on the hill of Mutambara in the commune of Rumonge, in the province of Burunga.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's knees and feet touched the ground, which rules out any hypothesis of suicide that the perpetrators of the crime had clumsily wanted to suggest to distort the leads of a subsequent investigation.

SOS-torture Burundi calls for an immediate, impartial and thorough investigation to identify the victim and search for the perpetrators of the crime so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

### **2. Kidnapping**

- On Friday, August 8, 2025, in the afternoon, around 6:30 p.m., the head of the National Intelligence Service (SNR) at Melchior Ndandaye airport, Police Colonel Jean Claver Nduwayo, kidnapped Hadj Hakizimana, the head of an HGS Travel

Agency located at the "Chez Sion" market, in the city of Bujumbura, at the Intwari stadium and drove him to an unknown destination with a blindfold.

According to reliable sources, police colonel Jean Claver Nduwayo concocted to steal money and Hadj Hakizimana's VOX vehicle. He then called him to tell him that he needed him for a discussion near the Intwari stadium. Arriving at the agreed place around 6:30 p.m. with other people he was moving with, Hadj Hakizimana found his kidnapper who was already waiting for him. However, some few moment later, two plainclothes SNR agents disembarked from a white van with tinted windows of this service and handcuffed Hadj Hakizimana before taking him, blindfolded, aboard this vehicle to an unknown destination.

Suddenly, Hadj Hakizimana's companions immediately grabbed Jean Claver Nduwayo and prevented him from getting into his Probox vehicle and shouted for help. Subsequently, policemen intervened, arrested Jean Claver Nduwayo and took him to the Judicial Police cell in Bwiza. It was then that the kidnapper called his accomplices to ask them not to harm the person they had just kidnapped.

The same sources specify that the kidnappers brought Hadj Hakizimana back in a TI-type vehicle on Saturday, August 9, at around 4 a.m., and abandoned him at the place of his abduction, still blindfolded. They stole all the money he had on him, including the key of his vehicle.

Against all logic, police colonel Jean Claver Nduwayo was immediately released, but his Probox vehicle remained parked at the Judicial Police.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls on the competent authorities to arrest the perpetrators of the kidnapping of Hadj Hakizimana and to take the necessary measures to ensure his safety.



## SOS – Torture/Burundi

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

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.