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This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 9 to 16 August 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

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

1. Violation of the right to life

- On Sunday, August 10, 2025, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified man was discovered on the banks of the Mubarazi River at the foot of the Mwumba hill in the commune of Bugendana in the province of Gitega.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body had numerous facial wounds that show that she was murdered with clubs.

The same sources believe that the victim was killed elsewhere and his body transported to the place of his discovery to cover the tracks of a subsequent investigation, due to the fact that no trace of blood was found there.

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.



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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.