

## **SOS-TORTURE Burundi REPORT NO. 509 PUBLISHED ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2025**

This report by SOS-Torture Burundi covers the period from 6 to 13 September 2025. It documents cases of human rights violations committed on Burundian territory.

During this period, five (5) people were murdered in the provinces of Bujumbura and Buhumuza.

The report also mentions the case of two (2) people who were seriously injured with machetes by Imbonerakure in the province of Bujumbura as well as the case of a criminal fire in Buhumuza province as well as that of arson in the province of Buhumuza.

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

- On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, during the day, around noon, a lifeless body of an unidentified man was found in a gutter along Buconyori Avenue, in district 6 of the Ngagara zone, Ntahangwa commune, in the province of Bujumbura.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim's body was naked and wrapped in a bag, but there were no visible signs of violence. The victim was reportedly killed elsewhere and his body transported there to cover the tracks of a subsequent investigation.

SOS-torture Burundi calls for a thorough investigation to identify the perpetrators and circumstances of the crime so that they can be brought to justice and punished in accordance with the law.

- On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the night, around 11 p.m., three people from the same family, the head of the household, Gédéon Ngaruko, his wife and their grandson, perished in an explosion of a grenade thrown into their house

located on the hill of Karira, in the district of Gahogo, commune of Muyinga, in the province of Buhumuza.

According to testimonies from the inhabitants of Karira hill, the perpetrators and the motive for the crime have not yet been determined.

During the same night, the house of Jean Claude Bangayijunja located on Kaguhu hill, Bwasare zonz, in the same province of Buhumuza, was set on fire in his absence. The whole house and its belongings were completely burned.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of prompt, impartial and thorough investigations to identify the perpetrators of these crimes and punish them in accordance with the law.

- On Saturday, September 13, 2025, in the morning, a lifeless body of an unidentified child, aged 2, was discovered by farmers in an irrigation canal in village 5, Buringa zone, Mpanda commune, Bujumbura province.

According to these farmers in the fields of this locality, the body of the victim did not show any injuries.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of an immediate investigation to identify the victim and his parents and determine the circumstances of his death.

### 2. Violation of the right to physical integrity

- On Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the afternoon, two Imbonerakure<sup>1</sup> known as Ntakiruta alias Kayuki and Mani alias Gikoko seriously injured a 65-year-old mother, Immaculée Mukeshimana, and her 22-year-old daughter, Calinie Nzokira, with a machete on the hill of Bubondo in the zone and commune of Mugina, in the province of Bujumbura.

According to the testimony of the inhabitants of the Bubondo hill, Immaculée Mukeshimana and her daughter were in their field of nearly one hectare that they had recently acquired during a judicial division of a family landholding. But since the partition, Immaculée Mukeshimana had received death threats. Suddenly, they were just getting ready to cultivate their field when these Imbonerakure, armed with machetes, surprised them and began to cut them up like savages. Alerted by heartbreaking screams, local residents ran to help them and found them lying in a pool of blood. The victims were evacuated in critical condition to a local health facility for medical care.

The same sources specify that the attackers immediately fled after the commission of this double crime.

SOS-Torture Burundi calls for the opening of an immediate, impartial and thorough investigation to actively search for the perpetrators of the crime, bring them to justice and punish them in accordance with the law.

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the youth league affiliated to the ruling party, the National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNND-FDD).



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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.